

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 16 May 1608 and proved 23 July 1608, of Richard Hanbury (buried 26 May 1608), esquire, father-in-law of William Combe (buried 5 October 1610), to whom he leaves a bequest in the will below. In 1602 William Combe and his nephew, John Combe (d. 10 July 1614), sold 102 acres of land to William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon (see SBTRO ER 27/1). For the will of William Combe see TNA PROB 11/117/573. For the will of John Combe see TNA PROB 11/126/415.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the Hanbury pedigree in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcestershire Made in the Year 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), Vol. XXVII, pp. 65-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01mundgoog#page/n85/mode/2up>

It should be noted that the pedigree appears to contain errors.

Testator's parents

According to the pedigree, *supra*, the testator was the son of John Hanbury, esquire, of Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire, by his first wife, Elizabeth Broade, the daughter of John Broade, esquire, of Elmley Lovett. See the History of Parliament entry for the testator at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hanbury-richard-1534-1608>

Testator's siblings

The testator mentions a brother, Philip Hanbury, and a 'sister Barnard' and three of her children (her son, Francis Barnard, a daughter married to Richard Morton, and a daughter married to George Savage); and two half-sisters, married respectively to Thomas Best and William Wilde.

For the Barnard family, see the pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, p. 144 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=0m1KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA144>

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

According to the History of Parliament and other sources, the testator married Alice Fisher (d. 5 September 1593), the daughter of Jasper Fisher (d. 28 February 1579), esquire, one of the Six Clerks in Chancery, by whom he had two daughters:

***Alice Hanbury**, who married William Combe (see above).

* **Elizabeth Hanbury** (d. 5 November 1634), who married a London goldsmith, Sir Edmund Wheeler, second son of Humphrey Wheeler, esquire, of Martin Hussingtree, Worcestershire. For the will of Sir Edmund Wheeler of Datchet, Buckinghamshire, proved 12 May 1635, see TNA PROB 11/168/101.

It should be noted, however, that no children are mentioned in the will of Jasper Fisher, and his heirs at law were two female cousins, 'Katherine Norwood, widow, and Anna Woulrytche wife of Richard Woulrytche'. See the will of Jasper Fisher, TNA PROB 11/61/541.

The monument to the testator and his wife at Datchet is said to contain two shields of arms, which might assist in the identification of the testator's wife. See:

'Parishes: Datchet', *A History of the County of Buckingham: Volume 3* (1925), pp. 249-255 at:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=42555>

See also the pedigree of Hanbury in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcestershire Made in the Year 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), Vol. XXVII, pp. 65-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01mundgoog#page/n81/mode/2up>

See also:

http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:John_Hanbury_%287%29

See also:

http://datchethistory.org.uk/Link%20Articles/manor_thomas_brinley.htm

[Richard] Budd had himself been clerk to Auditor Thomas Hanbury (brother of Richard) in the 1580s, and was related through his wife Rose to Richard Hanbury and the Wheeler family of Riding Court.

For the pedigree of Wheeler, see Phillimore, *supra*, pp. 144-5 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01mundgoog#page/n161/mode/2up>

TESTATOR'S OVERSEERS

The testator appoints two cousins, the King's auditor, Thomas Hanbury, and the London draper, John Hanbury, as overseers:

And I do ordain and appoint my well-beloved cousins and friends Mr Thomas Hanbury, the auditor, and John Hanbury, citizen and draper of London, overseers of this my will and testament.

And I give to each of them for their pains therein to be taken twenty pounds apiece in money.

And to the said Thomas Hanbury and his wife, to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of twelve pounds the said gowns and ring[s].

And to the said John Hanbury and his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of twelve pounds the same gowns and rings.

The testator's cousin, 'Thomas Hanbury the auditor', appears to be Thomas Hanbury (d.1611), for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/117/606, and the History of Parliament entry for his son, Thomas Hanbury (c.1572-1618) at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hanbury-thomas-1572-1618>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator also mentions an uncle, Thomas Hanbury; a William Hanbury whose relationship to the testator is not specified; a nephew, Philip Hanbury, and a niece, Philip's sister Rose, wife of Richard Budd, the King's auditor; a nephew, the London goldsmith John Hanbury, whom the testator appoints as his executor.

The testator also mentions his son-in-law Edmund Wheeler's brother, John Wheeler, and John's daughter, Alice Wheeler.

LM: T{estamentum} Richardi Hanburie

[f. 95v] In the name of God, Amen. The sixteenth day of May Anno Domini one thousand six hundred & eight and in the years of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., viz., of England, France and Ireland the sixth and of Scotland the one and fortieth, I, Richard Hanbury of Datchet in the county of Buckingham, esquire, being in perfect mind

and memory and weak in body (laud and praise be to God therefore), do make and ordain this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I do give and commend my soul unto Almighty God, my Creator and Maker, and to Jesus Christ, his only Son, my Saviour and Redeemer, and to the Holy Spirit of God, my Comforter, being three persons and one God, most assuredly believing that through the death and passion of my only Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, I have and shall have free and clear remission and forgiveness of all my sins, and after this transitory life ended, I do [f. 96r] constantly believe by him and through him to have life everlasting in the kingdom of heaven, which never shall have end;

And I do commend my body to the earth from whence it came, and to be buried in decent manner, and laid by my late wife in the parish church of Datchet aforesaid at the discretion of my executors hereunder named in this my last will and testament;

First I do devise and bequeath unto Hanbury Wheeler, my grandchild, the son of Elizabeth Wheeler, my daughter, all my copyhold lands and tenements in Wraysbury, Langley Marsh and Datchet in the county of Buckinghamshire and Kinver in the county of Worcester with th' appurtenances, to have and to hold the same copyhold lands with th' appurtenances unto the said Hanbury Wheeler and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue of his body lawfully begotten, I will and bequeath the same unto Richard Wheeler, his brother, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue of his body lawfully begotten, I will and bequeath the same copyhold lands with th' appurtenances unto William Wheeler, his brother, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue I will and bequeath [+the?] same copyhold lands with th' appurtenances unto John Wheeler, one other of their brothers, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue I will and bequeath the same copyhold lands with their appurtenances unto their sisters, Alice Wheeler, Elizabeth Wheeler, Beatrice Wheeler, Anne Wheeler, Mary Wheeler and Susan Wheeler, and to the heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue males to the right heirs of me forever;

And whereas I, the said Richard Hanbury, have by my deed indented bearing date the twentieth day of March in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred and five had and made between me of the one party, and Thomas Hanbury, esquire, and John Hanbury, citizen and draper of London of the other party, amongst other things devised, limited and declared from and after my decease unto Hanbury Wheeler for term of his

natural life, one of the sons of Elizabeth Wheeler, my daughter, all my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in the parish of St Giles without Cripplegate, London, and in the several parishes of Langley Marsh and Datchet in the county of Buckingham, and in the town or parish of Stoke Poges in the said county of Buckingham, and in the parish of Facknam alias Feckenham in the county of Worcester, and the parish of Sutton Coldfield in the county of Warwick, and from and after his decease to the heirs males of his body begotten or to be begotten, and for want of such issue with divers remainders over to the brethren and sisters of the said Hanbury Wheeler and the heirs males of their bodies, as by the same deed at large appeareth;

And whereas in the same-mentioned deed it is provided, concluded and agreed by and between me and the said Thomas and John Hanbury, parties to the same deed, that if I, the said Richard Hanbury, should at any time during my life be minded or disposed to alter, change, revoke or determine all or any of the said uses in the said deed indented limited and expressed touching all or any of the messuages, lands or hereditaments or any part or parcel thereof in the same deed mentioned, that then I, upon payment or tender of five shillings to the said Thomas & John Hanbury or to any other to their use or uses at or within the hall of my mansion house called Reading Court [=Riding Court?], might by my last will and testament or by any other writing by me sealed, subscribed and published in the presence of two witnesses alter, change or determine the uses and limitations of all or any the said messuages, lands, tenements or hereditaments or of any part thereof, and thereby to limit new uses, as by the same deed more at [f. 96v] large likewise appeareth;

And whereas I am now minded, purposed and fully resolved to alter, revoke, change and determine the use and uses, limitation and limitations in the same deed indented limited, expressed and declared touching and concerning all those messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in the parish of St Giles without Cripplegate, London, limited & declared as aforesaid from and after my decease to the said Hanbury Wheeler for life and the heirs males of his body;

And that now the said messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments may remain and be from and after my decease first unto William Wheeler, brother of the said Hanbury Wheeler, for term of his natural life and the heirs males of his body with remainders over as hereafter is expressed, I have therefore according to the power to myself reserved in the said deed indented lawfully tendered to John Foster, clerk, to the use of the said Thomas Hanbury and John Hanbury in the hall of my said dwelling-house the said sum of five shillings of lawful English money upon the tenth day of the month of September last past according to the purport of the said proviso, and do thereupon by this my last will and testament revoke, alter, change and determine the use & uses, limitation and limitations in and of the said messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in the said parish of St Giles without Cripplegate, London, limited as aforesaid to the said Hanbury Wheeler for life and the heirs males of his body, and for the advancement and preferment of the said William Wheeler, the third son of my daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, I do by this my last will and testament devise, limit, express & declare that the said messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in the said(?)parish of St Giles without Cripplegate,

London, shall from and after my decease remain, come and be unto the said William Wheeler for term of his natural life without impeachment of waste, chargeable with the moiety of one annuity or yearly charge of fifty pounds limited by the same deed indented to Elizabeth Wheeler, my daughter, for term of her natural life to be issuing and going out of the said lands and premises in St Giles without Cripplegate and out of divers lands, tenements and hereditaments limited by the same deed to the said Hanbury Wheeler;

And from and after the decease of the said William Wheeler, to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for want of such issue to John Wheeler, the fourth son of my daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of his natural life without impeachment of waste, and from and after his decease to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for want of such issue to the said Hanbury Wheeler, the second son of my daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of his natural life without impeachment of waste, and from and after his decease to the use and behoof of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for want of such issue to Richard Wheeler, the brother of the said Hanbury and William, the eldest son of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of his natural life without impeachment of waste, and from and after his decease to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the fifth-begotten son of my said daughter Wheeler for term of his natural life without impeachment [+of?] waste, and from and after his decease to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the sixth-begotten son of my daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for [f. 91r] term of his natural life without impeachment of waste, and from and after his decease to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the seventh-begotten son of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of his natural life without impeachment of waste, and from and after his decease to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue to Alice Wheeler, the eldest daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life without impeachment of waste, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to Elizabeth Wheeler, the second daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life without impeachment of waste, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to Beatrice Wheeler, the third-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life without impeachment of waste, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for default of such issue to Anne Wheeler, the fourth-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her life without impeachment of waste, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to Mary Wheeler, the fifth-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her life without impeachment of waste, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to Susan Wheeler, the sixth-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life without impeachment of waste, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the seventh-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the eight[h]-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the ninth-begotten daughter of my said daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, for term of her natural life, and after her decease to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue to the right heirs of me forever;

And as touching the disposition of my goods and chattels which it hath pleased God in his mercy to bestow on me in this world, I will and bequeath the same in manner and form following, that is to say:

First I will and ordain that all such debts & duties as I of right do owe unto any person or persons according as they shall grow due shall be truly satisfied and paid or provided to be truly satisfied and paid by my executors hereunder named;

And after my debts paid or provided to be paid and my funeral discharged, I will that out of my goods, chattels and debts there shall be paid by my executors here-within named the sum of one thousand pounds of good English money which I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Wheeler for her portion of my goods, so that her husband nor herself nor any other for them or in either of their names do trouble, vex or sue my executors or either of them for any further portion over and above the sum of five thousand pounds which her husband and herself have had out of my estate and goods since the time of

their marriage, which money for the consideration and condition aforesaid I do forgive and release unto him freely;

And yet my mind and will is that if my said son Wheeler or his wife shall at any time after my decease molest, vex, sue or trouble my executors or either of them by law or otherwise for a larger or greater portion of my goods than I have intended or appointed to them here in this my last will and testament, that then my executors shall and lawfully may detain the same [f. 91v] thousand pounds before bequeathed and appointed to my said daughter, and then my will is that my executors shall bestow the same thousand pounds in form following, that is to say, two hundred and fifty pounds thereof to poor maids' marriages of my kindred and others at their discretions, and two hundred and fifty pounds to the poor of Christ's Hospital in London, and two hundred and fifty pounds to St Bartholomew's Hospital, and the other two hundred and fifty pounds to St Thomas' Hospital in Southwark;

And also I do then likewise revoke the forgiving and releasing of the said sum of five thousand pounds, and my mind and will is that my executors therewith shall pay to my said son Wheeler and my said daughter, his wife, such portion as they or either of them shall recover by law for a further portion out of the same five thousand pounds, and the residue of the same five thousand pounds I will shall be distributed equally amongst my said daughter's children;

Item, I will and bequeath unto the poor of Christ's Hospital within the city of London threescore six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence of good English money;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the prisoners within the Counter in Wood Street, London, thirty pounds, and to the prisoners in the Counter in the Poultry, London, thirty pounds, and to the prisoners in Ludgate, London, twenty pounds, and to the prisoners in Newgate twenty pounds, and to the prisoners in the King's Bench in Southwark ten pounds, and to the prisoners in the Marshalsea in Southwark ten pounds, and to the prisoners in the White Lion in Southwark five pounds, and to the prisoners in the Counter in Southwark five pounds, and to St Thomas' Hospital in Southwark ten pounds, and to St. Bartholomew's Hospital ten pounds, to be paid within one year next after my decease;

Item, I do will and bequeath unto the poor of St Giles without Cripplegate, London, thirty pounds, and to the poor of the parish of St Michael in Wood Street, London, ten pounds, and to the poor of St Foster's, London, ten pounds, within one year next after my decease;

And to the poor of the parish of Datchet in the county of Buckingham ten pounds, to be a stock forever for to buy and provide wood to be bought yearly beforehand in the summertime for the poor there by the collectors for the poor of the same parish for the time being, and to be safely laid up in the yard or backside or in some other safe and convenient place of the tenement wherein John Nashe doth now dwell in Datchet aforesaid, and to deliver the same to the poor in wintertime as they shall need, the said poor paying for the same as they shall fetch it without any gain, so always that the stock

be not diminished, but delivered from time to time to the new collectors at the time of their election without covin or fraud to be employed in like manner forever;

And to the parish of Elmley Lovett in the county of Worcester five pounds to be employed about the mending of highways within the same parish;

Item, I will and bequeath unto the parishioners of the parish of Feckenham in the county of Worcester threescore six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of good English money towards the erecting and building of a free school within the same parish, so that they do build a free school there within four years next after my decease;

Item, I do will and bequeath unto the Wardens & Commonalty of the Mystery of the Goldsmiths within the city of London one hundred pounds in money to be paid them within two years next after my decease by my executors hereunder named, to be by them employed and lent to five poor workmen, being freemen of the same Mystery, to each of them twenty pounds apiece to be by them used to their best advantage for four years after the delivery thereof and then to be repaid again to the said Wardens and Commonalty, and presently after to be delivered to five other like workmen [f. 92r] for like time, and so long to continue and be ordered from time to time in like manner forever, the said Corporation giving to my executors assurance under their common seal for the employment thereof as aforesaid;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto the said Wardens and Commonalty twenty pounds in money to be bestowed in and upon a dinner amongst the same fellowship, and a cup of silver and gilt to the value of twenty pounds in money;

Item, I will and bequeath to my son-in-law, Mr William Combe, twenty pounds in money, a mourning gown, and a ring of gold to the value of eight pounds, the cloth and ring in regard he shall be aiding and assisting to my executors in fulfilling of this my will;

Item, I do give & bequeath to my son-in-law, Edmund Wheeler, and to my daughter, his wife, to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence the gowns and rings;

Item, I do will and bequeath unto Richard Wheeler, Hanbury Wheeler and William Wheeler, the sons of my daughter Wheeler, five hundred pounds in money apiece, and to John Wheeler, my daughter Wheeler's fourth son, eight hundred pounds of good English money to be paid him at his full age of one and twenty years, and to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of six pounds for each gown and ring;

And to their sister, Alice Wheeler, now wife to John Peters, two hundred pounds, and to their sisters Elizabeth Wheeler, Beatrice Wheeler, Anne Wheeler, Mary Wheeler and Susan Wheeler, to each of them five hundred pounds apiece in money to be paid them and every of them at their several days of marriage or eighteen years of age, so that none of them do contract themselves nor marry without the consent of their parents;

And my will is that if any of the children aforesaid shall depart this life before he or she shall receive the legacies hereinbefore to them given, then I will that the portion and legacy given to the deceased shall be equally divided unto such of them as shall be then living and unmarried;

And I give to each of the same daughters and to the said John Peters a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of six pounds each gown and ring;

Item, I do give unto all and every the children which my said daughter shall have and bear after those that are above-named in this my will five hundred pounds apiece in money, being not above the number of three, to be paid them & every of them at their several days of marriage or eighteen years of age, so that none of them do contract themselves or marry without the consent of their parents;

And if any of them shall depart this life before they shall receive their portions or legacies herein given, then I will the portion of the deceased shall be equally divided to the survivors of them;

Item, I will and ordain that my executors hereunder named, after the portions shall come into their hands in money before given and bequeathed to my said daughter Wheeler's children, shall give and pay yearly to the said children towards their better maintenance and bringing up six pounds thirteen shillings four pence for every hundred pounds for the mean occupying of the same until the said children shall receive their legacies as aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my nephew, Philip Hanbury, one hundred pounds to be paid him within one year next after my decease, and a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of seven pounds the said gown and ring;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the children of Rose Hanbury, sister to the said Philip, now wife to Richard Budd, twenty pounds to be divided amongst them, and to her and her husband to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of three pounds ten shillings each gown and ring;

Item, I will and [f. 92v] give unto the children of Elizabeth Cole, now the wife of John Cole, twenty pounds in money to be divided amongst them, and to him and his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of three pounds ten shillings for each gown and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto the children of Thomas Best which he hath or shall have by my half-sister, his wife, twenty pounds in money to be equally divided amongst them within two years next after my decease, and to the said Thomas Best and his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of three pounds ten shillings for each gown and ring;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto the children of William Wilde which he hath or shall have by my half-sister, his wife, ten pounds in money equally to be divided amongst them within two years next after my decease, and to the said William Wilde and his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of three pounds ten shillings for each gown and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath to Philip Batt twenty pounds in money to be paid him within one year next after my decease, and to his father and mother to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of three pounds ten shillings for each gown and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto the children of my cousin, Francis Barnard, son to my sister Barnard, fifty pounds in money to be distributed amongst them within two years next after my decease, and to him and to his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of six pounds for each gown and ring;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the children of Richard Mourton [=Morton?] which he hath by my sister Barnard's daughter twenty pounds to be paid and equally divided amongst them within two years next after my decease, and to the said Richard Mourton & his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of five pounds each gown and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto Alice Wheeler, daughter to my cousin, John Wheeler, brother to my son Wheeler, ten pounds in money to be paid her within one year next after my decease, and to the said John Wheeler and his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of five pounds the said cloth and rings;

Item, I give and bequeath unto every of my godchildren twenty shillings apiece which shall require the same, not exceeding the number of forty;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Bartholomew Petigall, my clerk, thirty pounds in money to be paid within one year next after my decease, and a mourning gown or cloak and a ring of gold to the value of five pounds the cloth and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto Edmund Clarke, my clerk, thirty pounds in money to be paid him within one year next after my decease, and a mourning gown or cloak and a ring of gold to the value of five pounds the cloth and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto William Glasborowe, my clerk, thirty pounds in money to be paid him within one year next after my decease, and a mourning gown or cloak and a gold ring to the value of five pounds the cloth and ring;

Item, I will & bequeath unto my clerk, Philip Field in Worcestershire, thirty pounds in money to be paid him within one year next after my decease, and a mourning gown or cloak and a ring of gold to the value of five pounds the cloth and ring;

Item, I give to every other of my menservants to the number of four which shall serve me at the time of my decease five pounds apiece to be paid them within two months next after my decease, and to every of them a mourning cloak or coat to the value of forty shillings apiece;

And to every of my maidservants to the number of four five pounds apiece in money to be paid within one month next after my decease, and to each of them [f. 93r] a mourning gown or cassock to the value of forty shillings apiece;

Item, I give & bequeath unto John Randall, my servant, if he shall serve me at the time of my decease, twenty pounds in money to be paid him within one whole year next after my decease, and a mourning cloak and a ring of gold of three pounds the cloak and ring;

Item, I do give & bequeath unto four score poor men and women, to every of them a gown of twenty-six shillings eight pence apiece, and six shillings & eight pence apiece in money;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto my sister Barnard twenty pounds in money, a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of seven pounds the gown and ring, and I do forgive and remit unto her four score pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of debt owing unto me by her husband deceased;

Item, I will and bequeath unto the children of George Savage, my sister Barnard's other daughter's children, ten pounds in money to be paid and equally divided amongst them within one year next after my decease, and to George Savage and his wife to each of them a mourning gown & a ring of gold to the value of five pounds each gown and ring;

Item, I do will & bequeath unto my brother, Philip Hanbury, forty pounds in money to be paid him within one year next after my decease, and to him and to his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of six pounds for each gown and ring, and I do forgive him all such sums of money which he doth owe unto me being to the value of three hundred marks;

Item, I do will and bequeath unto Benjamin Owtred of Eton in the county of Buckingham a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of five pounds the gown and ring;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto Edward Fladgate and to his wife and children ten pounds in money;

Item, I do give and bequeath to Alice Barton and her children five pounds in money;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Jane Nash and her children ten pounds in money;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto my cousin Bottomley his wife ten pounds in money for a gown and ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto Mr Justice Williams twenty pounds in money for and in respect that he shall be an aid unto my executors and to see that my will be truly performed by them, and a mourning cloth and a ring of gold to the value of ten pounds the said cloth and ring;

And I will and bequeath and my mind and will is that all the gowns, cloaks and coats and all the rings of gold here in this my last will and testament bequeathed or money for the same shall be given and delivered by my executors hereunder named at or before the day of my funeral at their discretion;

Item, I will and bequeath and my mind and will is that if any of the parties abovesaid unto whom I have given any legacy in money, except my daughter Wheeler's children, shall happen to decease before the time that the money so to them bequeathed shall be due to be paid to them according to the limitation of the times aforesaid, that then the part and parts of them so deceased I will shall be by my executors truly given and distributed unto poor maids' marriages of my kindred by such reasonable portions and to such other poor maids as my executors shall think well of by equal portions;

And my will is that the money before by me given and bequeathed to the prisoners in Ludgate and the Counters and other prisons shall be towards the releasing of such prisoners as do lie there for small debts, and to be distributed according as my executors shall seem most meet;

Item, I will and my mind is that the moneys which is forborne in my ironworks and iron occupying in Wales and elsewhere shall be continued by my executors after my decease in the same sort as now it is in my lifetime for and during so long time as there shall be any competent and sufficient gain made thereby, in which occupying there is forborne to the value of five thousand pounds, and that the gain rising by the said occupying shall be distributed the one moiety thereof to and amongst my daughter Wheeler's children and the other moiety to and amongst the children of my uncle, Thomas Hanbury, and William Hanbury and other the kindred of the Hanburys as shall be in greatest need and want, to the poor and other charitable uses at the discretion of my executors, together with the advice of Mr Justice Williams and my son-in-law, Mr William Combe;

And further my will is that if there shall not be [f. 93v] found sufficient money to defray all payments of debts, legacies and funeral as they shall grow due by my will without the present converting of the said stock forborne in the said ironworks and iron occupying, then my will is that my executors shall bring into money the abovesaid stock used in the said ironworks and iron occupying, and shall therewith make payment of my debts, legacies and funeral according as it is prescribed them by my will;

Item, my mind and will is for and concerning my leases in and about the city of London which I hold of the Company of the Goldsmiths and of the Company of the Fishmongers in London and of Mr Gresham, that the rents thereof from time to time coming and growing shall be towards the satisfaction of my debts and legacies until my said executors shall make sale of the said leases;

And I will & my mind is for and concerning my leases which I have of the farm of Reading Court in the parish of Datchet in the county of Buckingham that my executors shall occupy and use the same farm one whole year next after my decease towards the payment of my debts & legacies and to and for the turning of my stock into money which shall be thereupon found at my decease towards the payment of debts and legacies;

And after the same year ended, my mind and will is that my daughter, Elizabeth Wheeler, and Edmund Wheeler, her now husband, shall have, occupy and use the same during the term of threescore years if they or either of them do so long live;

And after the decease of my said daughter Wheeler and her said husband, that the said Richard Wheeler, their son, shall have, occupy and use the said farm twenty years then next ensuing if he shall so long live;

And after his decease or end of twenty years, which shall first happen, my mind and will is that Hanbury Wheeler, his brother shall have, occupy and use the same farm twenty years if he shall so long live;

And after the decease of the said Hanbury or end of the said twenty years, which shall first happen, my mind and will is that William Wheeler, his brother, shall have, occupy and use the same farm twenty years if he shall so long live;

And after the decease of the said William or end of the said twenty years, which shall first happen, my mind and will is that John Wheeler, his brother, shall have, occupy and use the same farm twenty years if he shall so long live;

And after the decease of the said John or end of the said twenty years, which shall first happen, my mind and will is that Alice Wheeler, Elizabeth Wheeler, Beatrice Wheeler, Anne Wheeler, Mary Wheeler and Susan Wheeler, the daughters of my said daughter Wheeler, shall have, occupy and use the said farm twenty years if they or any of them shall so long live;

And after the[ir] decease or end of the said twenty years, which shall first happen, I will the residue of the term of years in the same leases then to come and unexpired unto the said Richard Wheeler if he shall be then living;

And if he be then dead, then to the said Hanbury Wheeler if he be then living;

And if he be then dead, then to the said William Wheeler if he be then living;

And if he be then dead, then to the said John Wheeler if he be then living;

And if he be then dead, then to the said Alice Wheeler, Elizabeth Wheeler, Beatrice Wheeler, Anne Wheeler, Mary Wheeler and Susan Wheeler or to such of them as shall be

then living during all the residue of years which shall be then to come of and in the same leases;

Provided always and my will and mind is that the conveyances and leases of the farm aforesaid after my decease shall be delivered, remain and be kept in the Goldsmiths' Hall in London to and for the behoof and use of all the parties aforesaid in this my last will according to the limitation thereof unto the end and determination of the same leases;

Item, I will and my mind is that if at any time hereafter I shall add anything to this my last will and testament, or alter anything herein contained and declare the same under mine own handwriting, and shall annex the same hereunto this my will, then the same shall be of the same force as the residue of this my will is, and to be performed in like manner;

The residue of all my goods, chattels, ready money, debts and other things whatsoever, after my debts paid, my funeral expenses discharged and my legacies here in this my [f. 94r] will given truly paid and fulfilled, I do wholly give and bequeath to the poor and other charitable uses to be distributed at the discretion of my executors;

And I do ordain and appoint executors of this my last will and testament Sir James Pemberton, knight, alderman of London, and John Hanbury, my nephew, citizen and goldsmith of London;

And I do give & bequeath to the said Sir James Pemberton one hundred pounds of good English money for and in respect of his pains in the execution of this my will and testament, and mourning cloth for himself and my Lady, his wife, and each of them a gold ring to the value of fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence for the said cloth and rings;

And I give and bequeath unto John Hanbury two hundred pounds of good English money for and in respect of his pains in the execution of this my last will and testament, and mourning cloth and a ring of gold to the value of seven pounds the said cloth and ring;

And I do ordain and appoint my well-beloved cousins and friends Mr Thomas Hanbury, the auditor, and John Hanbury, citizen and draper of London, overseers of this my will and testament;

And I give to each of them for their pains therein to be taken twenty pounds apiece in money;

And to the said Thomas Hanbury and his wife, to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of twelve pounds the said gowns and ring[s];

And to the said John Hanbury and his wife to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold to the value of twelve pounds the same gowns and rings;

Item, I do give unto Anne Hunt, sometimes servant to my daughter Wheeler, five pounds in money;

Item, I will and bequeath to Mr Foster, vicar of Datchet, and to the preacher at my funeral, to each of them a mourning gown and a ring of gold of five pounds for each gown and ring;

To the clerk of the church, forty shillings, and to Matthew Skilman, five pounds. By me, Richard Hanbury.

Item, I remit and release to my cousin, Francis Barnard, all such debts and duties as he doth owe unto me;

Item, I give to Mildred Beane, widow, fifteen pounds, and to John Beane, her son, twenty pounds, within two years to be paid then next after my decease;

Item, I give to Joan Mallery of Datchet forty shillings;

Item, I give to Richard Smith forty shillings;

Item, I give Elizabeth Morley ten pounds;

Item, I do give to my daughter Wheeler the golden bracelet which was her mother's, so always that she do give them to her daughter, Alice Peters, when she, my said daughter Wheeler, shall depart this world if her said daughter Peters shall be then living. Richard Hanbury.

Memorandum: That I, Richard Hanbury, esquire, being in perfect memory, have the sixteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred and eight in the presence of the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed openly published and declared that this roll of paper containing thirteen sheets of paper, unto every of which sheets my name I have subscribed, is my true last will and testament;

And I do hereby in the presence of the said persons renounce and revoke all former wills or testaments by me made whatsoever. Matthew Skilman; John Hanbury; Francis Barnard; per me Johannem Foster, clericum; William Glasbrooke; John Hanbury; Anne Hunt; Benjamin Owtred, publ{ico} notarie.

A codicil nuncupative for the better explanation of the testator his meaning touching the execution of his last will and testament already composed and set down in writing to the said will to be annexed as followeth:

Memorandum: That Richard Hanbury of Datchet in the county of Buckingham, esquire, the testator aforesaid, at the time of the publishing and acknowledging of his last will and testament or a little before or shortly after, upon [f. 94v] some speeches used by Sir James Pemberton, knight, touching the execution and performance of the will of the said Richard Hanbury, who was named one of the executors of his said will, the said Richard Hanbury, for the better explaining and setting down his meaning touching the executing and performing of his said will uttered and spake these words following or the like in effect, viz., Sir James, you shall not need to trouble yourself or once stir your foot out of your doors for any matter concerning my will, for my mind and will is John Hanbury, my nephew, who is my other executor named in my will, shall pay all and receive all and bear the charge and burden of all business, and you shall only take view of his account, if you please, which shall be brought home unto you, and whatsoever the said John Hanbury, my nephew, shall do about the execution of my will, my intent and mind is and so I desire that you should help to countenance him in it and to be an assistant unto him and further not to trouble yourself, for what charge and expenses shall grow and arise by any suit or controversy touching my will or the execution thereof shall be borne and taken out of my estate, and that my executors shall be at no charges therewith;

And said further that his mind and will was that the said John Hanbury, his nephew, should have the lease of his house wherein he dwelled in Cheapside, allowing therefore towards the payment of his legacies given in his will and the performance thereof the sum of three hundred pounds which he, the said Richard Hanbury, did pay for the same.

Probatum fuit testamentum Suprascriptum vna cum Codicillo annexo apud London Coram Mag^{ist}ro Edmundo Pope Legum Doctore Surr^{ogato} Venerabilis viri d^{omi}ni Ioh^{ann}is Bennett Militis legum etiam Doctoris Curie n^{ost}re(?) Prerogative Cant^{uariensis} Mag^{ist}ri Custodis siue Com^misarij l^{egi}time constituti vicesimo tertio die mens^{is} Iulij Anno Domini Mill^{es}imo Sexcentesimo octavo Iuramento Ioh^{ann}is Hanburie vnus executorum in h^{uius}mo^di testamento nominat^{orum} Cui com^missa fuit administracⁱo &c De bene et fidel^{ite}r administrand^o &c Iurat^o Reservata potestate similem Com^missionem faciendⁱ D^{omi}no Iacobo Pemberton Militⁱ alterⁱ executor^{um} in h^{uius}mo^di testamento nominat^{orum} Cum venerit eandem petitur^o admissur^o

[=The above-written will was proved, together with the codicil annexed, at London before Master Edmund Pope, Doctor of the Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Sir John Bennet, knight, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of our(?) Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the twenty-third day of the month of July in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred eighth by the oath of John Hanbury, one of the executors named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer etc., with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Sir James Pemberton, knight, another of the executors named in the same testament, when he shall have come to petition to be admitted the same.]