

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 12 December 1570 and proved 17 July 1572, of Anthony Penne, second husband of Julian Penn, from whom in 1590 Oxford rented rooms at her house on St Peter's Hill (see Lansdowne MS 68/113, ff. 252-4, 68/114, ff. 255-6, 68/115, f. 257). Michael, Clement and Baptist Hickes, mentioned in the will below, were Julian Penn's three sons by her first marriage to Robert Hickes (d.1557). For his will, in which Anthony Penne is described as a friend, see TNA PROB 11/40, ff. 72-3. Julian Penn's eldest son, Sir Michael Hickes (1543-1612) was in the service of Oxford's father-in-law, Lord Burghley, from about 1582 on, and was one of Lord Burghley's two principal secretaries for much of his career. The online *Dictionary of National Biography* describes Julian Penn as 'a prominent moneylender', and states that she died on 14 November 1592, with administration of her goods being granted to her son, Michael, on 22 December.

LM: Testamentum Anthonij Penne

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th day of December Anno domini 1570 and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc., I, Anthony Penne of London, esquire, being somewhat sick but in good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I commend my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, in whom and by whom and by the merits of whose blessed passion my whole trust is of clear remission and forgiveness of my sins, and my body to be buried in such place as it shall please Almighty God to ordain and appoint;

Item, I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right or conscience to any person or persons be well and truly contented and paid by my executrix hereunder named;

Item, I give, will and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife, Julian, all such goods and chattels, as well movable as unmovable, as I have or ought to have by any means within the realm of England, together with all such debts and sums of money as is due and owing to me by any person or persons whatsoever;

Item, I give to my brother, William Penne, a black gown, and to my sister Disley another black gown;

Item, I give to Michael Hickes and Clement Hickes, either of them a black gown, and to Baptist Hickes another black gown;

Item, I give to my son, Anthony Penne, a black gown;

Item, I give to fifty poor men fifty gowns at the discretion of my said wife, to bring my body to the church withal;

And I utterly revoke and annul all former wills, legacies, bequests, executors and overseers by me at any time made, named, willed or bequeathed before the making hereof, and I will that this my present testament & last will shall stand, remain and be as my very last will and testament, & none other nor otherwise;

And I make and ordain the said Julian, my wife, my sole & only executrix of this my present testament & last will;

In witness whereof to this my present testament & last will I, the said Anthony Penne, have set my seal and subscribed my name, given the day and years first above-written. By me, Anthony Penn. Witnesses to the sealing, subscribing & delivery of this present testament & last will as is abovesaid, we, George Walker, Doctor of Physic, & Paul Pope, scrivener.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum coram magistro curie prerogative cantuariensis commissario apud London xvijo die Iulij Anno domini 1572(?) Iuramento Radulfi Browne notarij publici procuratoris Iuliane relicte et executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominati Cui comissa fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum &c De bene &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurati

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Master of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Commissary, at London on the 17th day of July in the year of the Lord 1572 by the oath of Ralph Browne, notary public, proctor of Julian, relict and executrix named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods, etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc.]