

Will: Dorcas Vincent (nee Charke), Widow of London, 1650

Below is my best effort at transcribing the Will of Dorcus Vincent (nee Charke) widow of London; written 15 Sept 1649, and recorded 19 Jan 1650. I acquired a digital copy from the National Archives at Kew in August 2015: PROB 11/211/104. The underlined portions represent text I could not interpret, or text where I question my interpretation. I was greatly aided by my mother, Blanche Aubin Clarkson Hutchison, in transcribing this Will. Bracketed text represents an unresolved difference in our interpretation. Paragraphs have been added. Hopefully, the reader can get a general idea of the intention of the Will. Links to further information on Dorcas Charke Vincent are found below, following the closing of the Will. Pam Garrett

Will of Dorcas Vincent, Widow of London, 19 January 1650; PROB 11/211/104

Thy Will O my God be done The fifteenth of September one thousand six hundred forty nyne. I Dorcas Vincent of London widdow on judging the weakness of my body and lifes uncertainty of the time of my dissolution do make and ordayne this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following

first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and redeemer trusting and relying wholly on his all sufficient Mercies and in submission for the pardon and remission of all my sins of body original and actual.

My bodi I enjoyn may be decently buried by my dead husband and children in Ironmonger Lane I will that what debts I shall owe at my decease with funeral charges will be finally paid as soon as may be from my Estate If it is proving smaller by reason of the great hope that passes by sea in two ships, withsoever the greatest part of it payd. And what so may not be proofed out of the lands I not knowing whose or whether I see any prize, will come home or not

The small legacies I give must be conditional if those I so choose in whosoever be ___ forms ___

Item My first I give four pounds that come in to my Grandchild Rebekah Kinle the only [Rebekah Kisle Choosley] child of my sonne Daniell Vincent to be bestowed in a pound of plate

Item I give to my Grandchild Mirabella Vincent in regard to _____ engagement fifty pounds

Item I give to my Grandchild Edward Skinner __ pounds And to his brother Thomas Skinner __ pounds To my Grandchild James [Isaac] Skinner __ pounds

Item I give to the four children of my Daughter Flessher the twenty pounds her father gave me if any due to her subscriber

Item I give to my brother Charke to my brother and sister Jackson and to cozen S___ [Spursho] forty shillings a piece for rings And I give good friend Mr Goodwind [Goodwine] for a Ring or booke forty shillings

Row(land) Fordyce lease of my house in Ironmonger Lane which is all ordained to me ___

Item I give to my sonn Isaiah four pounds a year during the time of my lease in which is about two [five] and twenty years if he lives so long

Item I give to my daughter Skinner in regards of ___ she having no other income twenty pounds a year and if she dye before her brother Isaiah [Thomas] my will is that five pounds of her twenty pounds be added to make his twenty pounds a year to be paid him by five pounds a quarter as the Rent not in a lease way because I know that to be the ___ for him this being yearly paid

Item I give my _____ to my Daughter Goss and to my Daughter Fletcher who have purchased at Fossing Place Finale I make my daughter Goss my Solo Executrix and my good friends and ___ Mr Fears and Mr Joaroman [Aune Groberger, Mr Foans, and Mr Isardman] my Auditors And I give and I give them (each) forty shillings a year for being a _____

That this is my own and only will if having memory The pains I have taken to proscribe it out myself is sufficient testimony if any question should be of any being Where I have discharged my confidence in sweat hand done And now good wife now in comfort I wait till the appointed time of my change shall come Dorcas Vincent by me Dorcas Vincent

witnesses William Coddington, Tho Hamond [Thomas Broward], James Marksham [Hanna Markoham]

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