**Will of Sarah Darnelly**

In the name of God Amen This Sixth day

of July Anno Domini One thousand Six hundred Seventy Seaven And in the nine and

twentieth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of

God King of England Scotland Ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith etc I **Sarah**

**Darnelly** of Tottenham in the County of Middlesex widow being at present in health of body

and of sound and perfect mind and memory (praised bee God) both mindfull of my mortality

and desirous to make my last Will and Testament and to settle and dispose of such

Temporall Substance and Estate as God of his goodnesse hath lent mee in this World

(Revoakeing and makeing void all former and other Wills and Codicills whatsoever by

mee att any time heretofore made) doe make declare and publish this my only last Will

and Testament in manner and forme following ffirst and Principally above all other things

I Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator assuredly beleiving

by and through the only merritts of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to have

remission of all my sinns and to enjoy Eternall life And my Body I Committ to the earth

from where it came decently to bee buried in the Parish Church of Great St Hellens

within Bishopsgate London as neare unto the Body of my late deare and loveing husband

**Richard Darnelly** as conveniently may bee And my Will and desire is that **Doctor Richard**

**Martin** Minister of Gods word doe preach my funeral sermon and that hee shall have

forty shillings for his paines therein to bee taken and that those who doe attend att my ffunerall

shall have rings given unto every one of them of seaven shillings value (excepting such unto

whom I have in this my Will given Rings of a greater value And as Touching the disposition

of all my Worldly substance and estate I give and devise and dispose of the same as followeth

ffirst I give and bequeath to the Poore of the Parish of London in the County of Middx

twenty shillings Item I give and bequeath to the poore of the Parish of Tottenham where I

now dwell five pounds to bee distributed amongst them att the direction of my Executors hereafter

named Item I give and bequeath the summe of fifteene pounds of lawfull money of England

to bee distributed to and amongst such poore Unconformist Ministers and to their Widdowes whome my

my Executors hereafter named shall deeme fitting to partake thereof Item I give and

bequeath to and amongst the poore of and belonging to **Mr Abrahms** Church att Chester

in the County of Hertford the summe of forty shillings to bee distributed amongst the same

poore as **Mr Abraham** in his discretion shall seeme fitting Item I give and bequeath unto my

loveing Brother **John Nicholls** the summe of forty pounds and tenn pounds to buy him mourning

and also a Ring of twenty shillings value And I give to his wife the summe of tenn pounds

to buy her mourning And I give unto **Mary Nicholls John Nicholls** and **Sarah Nicholls**

children of my said brother **John Nicholls** to each one of them forty shillings a peece to buy

each of them a peece of plate in Remembrance of mee Item I give and bequeath to my

loveing sister **Elizabeth Davis** a ring of twenty shillings value for a Remembrance Item

I give and bequeath to my loveing sonne in law **Thomas Fermin** and to his wife five pounds

a peece to buy them mourning And I give to **Giles** sonne of the said **Thomas Fermin** a Ring

of tenn shillings value Item I give and bequeath to my loveing brother **Randolph Nicholls** a ring

of twenty shillings value and to every one of his six children twenty shillings apiece Item I

give and bequeath unto my Grandchild **Edward Bringhurst** sonne of **Edward Bringhurst**

deceased the summe of two hundred pounds to bee paid unto him att his age of one and twenty

yeares And I give and bequeath unto **Sarah Bringhurst** one other of the Children of the

said **Edward Bringhurst** deceased the like summe of two hundred pounds to bee paid unto

her att her age of one and twenty yeares or day of her marriage which first shall happen

Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing sister **Elizabeth Booth** twenty shillings for a

Ring and I give to her five daughters viz **Elizabeth Mary Sarah Hannah** and

**Judith** to each one of them twenty shillings apiece Item I give and bequesth to my loveing

Brother **John Baker** a Ring of tenn shillings value and to my sister **Mary** his Wife

a Ring of twenty shillings value Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing Sister

**Martha Nicholls** a Ring of twenty shillings value Item I give and bequeath unto my

Loveing Brother **Ffrances Warham** (?) a Ring of twenty shillings value Item I give and

Bequeath unto **Deborah Rutton** wife of **Isaac Rutton** a ring of tenn shillings value

Item I give to **Elizabeth Vaughan** daughter of **Edward Vaughan** twenty shillings

for a Ring Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing friend **Mr Bragg**

tenn shillings and I give to **Mr Yates** tenn shillings for a Remembrance Item I

give to **Mr Jackson** Minister of Tottenham aforesaid a Ring of twenty shillings

value and to his Wife a ring of tenn shillings value Item I give to **Mr Edmund**

**Calamy** a Ring of tenn shillings value I give unto **Robert Reynolds** a ring of tenne

shillings value And I give to **Sarah King** of Tottenham aforesaid tenn shillings And I doe

by this my last Will and Testament pardon forgive and release unto my sonne **Daniel**

**Darnelly** the summe or debt of One thousand pounds which hee oweth unto mee upon a Judgmt

Recovered against him att my Write in his Majesties Court of Kings Bench att

Westminster and all and every other Judgement and Judgements entered into by my said

sonne unto mee for any other summe or summes of money in any other Court or Courts

whatsoever and all other debts dues and demands whatsoever which hee oweth unto mee And

I will order and appoint that satisfaction upon Record bee acknowledged for the said

Judgement and Judgements according to law Item I give and bequeath unto my said

sonne **Daniel Darnelly** (over and besides the said debt and money to him Released

and forgiven and as aforesaid) the summe of One hundred pounds of lawfull money of

England To bee paid unto him within six months after my death (if my said sonne **Daniel**

Shall bee then living) And that if my said sonne **Daniel** shall happen to die before such time

Then I will and appointe that the said summe or legacy of One hundred and twenty

pounds shall fall and come and arrive unto my Grandchild **Sarah Darnelly** daughter of

my said sonne **Daniel Darnelly** to bee paid unto her att her age of one and twenty

yeares or day of her marriage which first shall happen And I give and bequeath unto

my said sonne **Daniel** and to **Elizabeth** his wife five pounds apiece for mourning

Item I further give and devise unto my said sonne **Daniel Darnelly** for and dureing the terme

Terme of his naturall life one Annuity or yearly summe of twenty pounds of lawfull money

of England to bee issueing and goeing our of my houses and Tenements in White Chapell

in the County of Middlesex And to bee paid to my said sonne **Daniel** quarterly by even

and equall portions for his better livelihood and maintenance the first quarterly payment

to beginne and to bee made att such quarterly ffeast day as shall happen next after my

death Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandchild **Sarah Darnelly** daughter of my

said sonne **Daniel Darnelly** the summe of one hundred pounds of lawfully money of

England to bee paid unto her att her age of one and twenty yeares or day of her

marriage which first shall happen And in Case shee shall happen to die before

such her age or marriage Then I will and appointe the said summe or legacy of one

hundred pounds shall fall and come to and amongst my owne Children and the rest of

my Grandchildren and the Survivors and Survivor of them equally. Item all the rest

residue and whole Remainder of all my goods househould stuffe plate moneys debts and

all other my personall Estate whatsoever the debts to mee oweing funeral expenses and

legacyes being paid and discharged I give devise and bequeath in this manner that is to say

one equall third parte thereof (the whole in three parts to bee divided) I give and bequeath

unto my daughter **Mary Bringhurst** of London widow and to such Child and Children

of my said daughter as shee shall have att the time of my death equally between them

and the Survivors and Survivor of them one other equall third parte thereof I give and

leave unto my sonne **Richard Darnelly** his Executors Administrators and Assignes

to his and their owne use and benefit And the other Remaining third parte of the

said Remainder of my whole Estate I give and leave unto my Grandchild **Thomas**

**Firmin** sonne of the said **Thomas Firmin** to his owne proper use and benefit to

bee paid and delivered unto my said Grandchild att his age of one and twenty yeares

And if my said Grandchild shall happen to die in his minority Then I will and appointe

the parte and portion of my said Grandchild shall come and arrive unto and amongst all

my owne Children equally betweene them share and share like And I doe make ordaine

and constitute my said sonne **Richard Darnelly** and my said brother **John Nicholls** full

and joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament intreating them to see the

same performed according to my true meaning herein before declared And overseer of

this my Will I name and intreat my loveing brother **Peter Gelsthropp** intreating

him to bee aiding and assisting unto my said Executors in the Execution and performance

of this my Will And I give unto my said Overseer the summe of five pounds for

mourning and alsoe a Ring of twenty shillings value And my Will and desire is that

my said Executors doe putt forth and employ the Portions of my said Grandchildren for

their most and best advantage And that in the disposing and putting our of the same portions

the whole losse charge and advantage thereof shall bee borne and undergone by my said

Grandchildren respectively according to their respective Interests and not by my Executors

in any wise And my Will and desire is that my said Executors shall out of the profits

of my said Grandchild **Thomas Firmins** Portion yearly pay and allowe for his education

and maintenance dureing his minority (if need shall require) the summe of twenty pounds

per Annum In Witness whereof I the said **Sarah Darnelly** have to this my last

Will and Testament conteined in theise five sheets of paper and this peece of a sheet

to every sheete thereof subscribed my name and put my seale Dated the day and

yeare first above Written Item I give to my cosen Mary **Nichols** now living with mee

the summe of five pounds and I give to my servant **Mary Ffarrell** fifty shillings for

mourning **Sarah Darnelly** Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by the

said **Sarah Darnelly** the day of the Date hereof in the presence of us **Godfrey**

**Shuttlewood Sarah Townrow Thomas Hawkins Geo Townrowe** Notary

Memorandum That theise severall words and severall interlineings vize five pounds

and fifteen pounds and theise words viz forty shillings apiece to buy each of them a peece

of plate in Remembrance of mee and these words two and two in the second sheete and theise

theise words vize Twenty and these words vize one hundred and one hundred in the fourth

sheete of this my Will and severall other interlineings were soe done and interlined by the

Order and appointment of the said **Sarah Darnelly** and before the ensealling delivering and

publishing thereof **Sarah Darnelly** Witnesse **Geo Townrow** Not. pred.

**Relatives of Sarah named in the will**

*Note that references to siblings are sometimes to siblings-in-law; correct relationships are given where known.*

Late husband: Richard Darnelly

Brothers: John Nicholls, with children Mary, John and Sarah

Randolph Nicholls

Sisters: Elizabeth Booth, with children Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Hannah and Judith

Martha Nicholls

Mary Baker, wife of John Baker

Brother-in-law: Peter Gelsthropp (Gelsthorpe) (wife may have been Judith Nicholls)

Frances Warham (wife unknown)

Sister-in-law: Elizabeth Davis, nee Darnelly

Children: Daniel, with wife Elizabeth and daughter Sarah

Richard

Mary, widow of Edward Bringhurst, with children Edward and Sarah

Sarah, late wife of Thomas Firmin, with child Thomas Firmin

(Thomas Firmin remarried and had child Giles)

Sarah also left a number of small bequests to various churches, friends and preachers. The names include Edmund Calamy a well-known non-conformist.

More on Sarah’s son-in-law Thomas Firmin (1632-1697): "*In 1660 Mr Firmin married a citizen’s daughter with five hundred pounds as a portion....*" from *The Life of Thomas Firmin Citizen* of London by Joseph Cornish published 1780 and available online at archive.org

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