

Will of Elizabeth Baynham 13th Dec 1710

This will should be read in conjunction with several other pieces of evidence:

- *The notes by Sir William Betham regarding the estate of Rebecca Spierin (nee Carter) who died intestate in Ireland and whose will was proven at the Dublin Prerogative Court in 1680. He states that her next heir was Elizabeth Baynham.*
- *There is a marriage record for Elizabeth Spering and Isaac Baynham in May 1679 (St James', Paddington) and a burial record for an Izaac Baynham in Nov 1679 (St Andrew Undershaft).*
- *The Will below mentions the Pennington's and specifically Mary Pennington, wife of John Bramston, as well as their eldest daughter Sarah. This relationship between the Pennington's and the Spering's is fairly well delineated and a common ancestry back to George Spering and Elizabeth Hanbury can be established between Elizabeth Baynham and Mary Bramston (nee Pennington). This suggests that this Elizabeth Baynham is the same one described as the "next heir" of Rebecca Spering (nee Carter) in the 1680 grant above.*

However, nowhere in the will is there mention of any Spering's and specifically no mention of any connection with Ireland. It is possible that any lands she inherited were previously sold to her Spering relatives (were her siblings deceased already? Probably if she was the "next heir"). It is possible that further clues may lie in the wills of the other offspring of George Spering & Elizabeth Hanbury.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I **Elizabeth Baynham** of the parish of **St Botolph without Aldersgate**¹ London **widdow**² being somewhat indisposed in health of body but of perfect mind and memory doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and forme following, IMPRIMIS, I will that all my Debts Legacies and funeral expenses be duly paid and discharged out of my personall estate as farr as the same will extend save what I have hereinafter specifically devised and I devise that my body may be decently interred in the parish Church of **St Andrew=under=shaft** as **near my relacons [relations]** as possibly may be at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. Also I give and bequeath unto my **kinsman Thomas Pennington**³ the sume of one hundred pounds and my Executore. To **Elizabeth the wife of ffrancis Sherwood**⁴ the sume of Tenn pounds. To her **daughter ffrances** the sume of ffty pounds. To **Sarah Stowe(?)** ten pounds. To my **Goddaughter Mary Stowe**⁵ fifty pounds. To **Sarah Rice** five pounds. To **Sarah and John children of the said Sarah Rice**⁶ fferty shillings apiece, to **Mary Andrews**⁷ fferty shillings, To my servant Martha the wife of William ~"~"~ffrancis five pounds six turkey(?) xxx xxx and a feather bed, to the poor of the parish of Cripplegate Tenn pounds, To the poor of the parish of Aldersgate five pounds to be distributed by the Ministers and Churchwardens of the said respective parishes in such manner as they shall think fit, Allsoe I give and bequeath unto my **kinswoman Mary the wife of John Bramston of Chigwell**⁸ in

¹ About 1 mile from St Andrew Undershaft, near the Barbican tube station and the Museum of London.

² Elizabeth Spering married Isaac Baynham in St James, Paddington on 1st May 1679. He died in November 1679 and was buried in St Andrew Undershaft on 9th Nov 1679. He was originally of the parish of St Martins in the Fields. It is clear from her Will that she had no surviving children.

³ Thomas may have been an uncle to Mary Bramston nee Pennington (see below) and first cousin once removed to EB (hence the term kinsman rather than cousin). It appears he died in 1714 although his Will was written in 1679.

⁴ A Francis & Elizabeth Sherwood had a daughter Frances baptised on 14 Dec 1679 at St Sepulchre, London. They may also have been the parents of a son Francis born 14 Nov 1689, again at St Sepluchre, but he died 3 years later on 19 Sep 1692. They may also have had other children including Elizabeth 1681, Richard 1684, & Timothy 1686.

⁵ It's possible these were descendants of John Stow but I can find no family tree for him.

⁶ A James and Sarah Rice had a Sarah (1673) but no John. A John & Sarah Rice had a Sarah (1695) and a John (1699) – baptised in St Giles, Cripplegate, and St Martin Ongar & St Clement Eastcheap respectively. A John Rice was buried at St Sepulchre on 11 Nov 1702, and another one on 31 Dec 1703.

⁷ There is no further information on this woman.

⁸ Mary Pennington married John Bramston c1700-1703. She was the daughter of John Pennington of Chigwell (c1642-1702) and Sarah Abdy (c1648-1690). Despite errors in the Pennington pedigree, Mary appears to be

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the County of Essex Esq All that my mefsuage or tenement with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, scituate and being in **Leaden= Hall Street**⁹ in the said parish of St Andrew=under=shaft heretofore in the pofsefsion of one Jeremiah Elgar Luinendraper(?) and now ~~~~~ in the pofsefsion or occupacon of Goodred Dyer ~~~~~ To have and to hold the same with the ~~~~~ appurtenances unto my said kinswoman and to her heires and afsignes forever And my Will and meaning is that in case my said personall Estate shall not be sufficient to pay and discharge my said Debts mony Legacies and funeral expenses then and in such Case I doe hereby charge my said Mefsuages or Tenement with the payment of the residue thereof. Item, I give to **Elizabeth Lattimore**¹⁰ forty shillings per Anno (free from all taxes whatsoever) for and during the Term of her natural Life to be paid her by four quarterly payments that is to say, Christmas, Ladyday, Midsummer, and Michaelmas the first payment to begin and to be made on the first of the said daies of payment that shall happen next after my decease And I doe hereby also charge the said Mefsuage or Tenement with the paymt thereof. Alsoe, I give and bequeath unto my **kinswoman Elizabeth Pennington sister of my said kinswoman Mary Bramston**¹¹ All that my other Mefsaue or Tenement with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging scituate and being in **Leaden=hall= Street** aforesaid commonly called or known by the name or signe of the **Black=Spread=Eagle**¹² To hold the same with the Appurtenances unto my said **kinswoman Elizabeth Pennington** and to her heires and afsignes forever And I give and bequeath unto the said **Mary Bramston and Elizabeth Pennington** all my China Ware to be equally divided between them Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my **Goddaughter Sarah Bramston**¹³ my Jewell of Diamonds and Gold Watch All the rest and residue of my Estate both reall(?) and personall of what nature or kind so ever I doe hereby Give and bequeath unto my said **kinswoman Mary Bramston** whom I make my **sole Executrix** and I Doe hereby revoke all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament IN WITNESSE whereof I the said Elizabeth Baynham have hereunto sett my hand and seale this Thirteenth Day of December in the Ninth year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God of Great Brittain ffrance and Ireland Queen Defender of the ffaith at Annoqb Domini 1710.

Signed, Sealed, published and Declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said Elizabeth Baynham the Testatrix in the presence of us who severally subscribed our names hereunder as wittnefses in the presence of the said Testatrix

Richard Gillingham
Joseph Smith
Sam^{ll} Turner

the great great grand-daughter of George Spering I and Elizabeth Hanbury, and therefore first cousin twice removed of EB. However, due to generational age differences, EB was only 30 years older than MP and thus would have been more or less the same age as MP's parents (both of whom had passed away by the time of her will in 1710).

⁹ The Spering's owned property here, as detailed in the Wills of George Spering II and ... but is this the same property?

¹⁰ There was an Elizabeth Lattimore baptised 19 Apr 1668, and another on 2 Jul 1676, both in St Sepulchre, and both to a Richard & Elizabeth Lattimore ... so that's 3 altogether. What their relationship is to EB is unclear.

¹¹ There is no record in any of the Pedigrees (Foster, Berry, etc) of an Elizabeth being sister to Mary Pennington, wife of John Bramston.

¹² Possibly a tavern situated on Leadenhall St [near Lime St](#). [Printing](#) may have happened there, but there were several establishments by the same name.

¹³ Sarah was one of 3 daughters born to John & Mary Bramston (nee Pennington). She was born about 1705, and died unmarried on 24th May 1729 (see Berry's Essex Pedigrees).

In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Baynham of the parish of St. Botolph, without Aldergate London widow being somewhat indisposed in health of body but of perfect mind and memory doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and forms following, I Mprimiti, I will that all my Debts Legacies and sundrall Expenses be duly paid and discharged out of my personall Estate as farra as the same will extend save what I have herein after specifically devised and I desire that my body may be decently Interred in the parish Church of St. Andrew under-shaft as near my Abstacous as possibly may be at the discrecion of my Executrix hereafter named Altho I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Thomas Pennington the sume of One hundred pounds and my Executrix To Elizabeth the wife of Francis Sherwood the sume of Tenn pounds To her Daughter Frances the sume of fifty pounds To my Goddaughter or Mary Stone fifty pounds To Sarah Rice five pounds To Sarah and John Children of the said Sarah Rice forty Shillings a peece To Mary Andrews forty Shillings To my broaut Martha the wife of William Francis five pounds To the poor of the parish of Cripple-gate Tenn pounds To the poor of the parish of Aldergate five pounds to be distributed by the Ministers and Churchwardens of the said respective parishes in such manner as they shall think fit, Altho I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Mary the wife of John Bramston of Crogwell in the County of Essex Esq All that my Mesuages or Tenement with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being in Sadon-hall Street in the said parish of St. Andrew under-shaft heretofore in the possession of one Jeremiah Elger Linindrapper and now ~~in the possession of one Jeremiah Elger~~ in the possession or occupation of Goddard Sparre an ~~in the possession of one Jeremiah Elger~~ To have and To hold the same with the appurtenances unto my said Kinswoman and to her heirs and assigns for ever And my will and meaning is that in case my said personall Estate shall not be sufficient to pay and discharge my said Debts money Legacies and sundrall Expenses then and in such case I doe hereby charge my said Mesuages or Tenement with the payment of the residue thereof, I Will I give to Elizabeth Lathmore forty Shillings per Ann (free from all Taxes whatsoover) for and during the term of her natural life to be paid her by four quarterly payments that is to say, Christmas day, Widsommer, and Michaelmas the first payment to begin and to be made on the first of the said daies of payment that shall happen next after my decease And I doe hereby also charge the said Mesuages or Tenement with the paymt thereof, Altho I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Elizabeth Pennington Sister of my said Kinswoman Mary Bramston All that my other Mesuages or Tenement with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being in Sadon-hall Street aforesaid commonly called or known by the name or signe of the Black-spread-Lay & To hold the same with the appurtenances unto my said Kinswoman Elizabeth Pennington and to her heirs and assigns for ever And I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Bramston and Elizabeth Pennington all my China Ware to be equally divided between them, All the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personall of what nature or kind soever I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my said Kinswoman Mary Bramston whom I make my sole Executrix and I doe hereby revoke all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Wittnesse whereof I this said Elizabeth Baynham have herunto sett my hand and seal this Thirtiooth Day of Decomber in the ninth yeare of the Reigns of our Soovraign Lady Anne by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Irelande Queen Defender of the faith & Annoq Domini. 1710.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said Elizabeth Baynham the Testatrix in the presence of us who severally subscribed our names herunto as witnesses in the presence of the said Testatrix

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Probatum Deo in Decavo die mensis Februarii Anno Domini 1711. annu. Conuli archidiaconi Willelmi Legum Doctoris et Juris Consulti Martini Bramstoni (sue) Johis Bramstoni ad. Equi. univ. et equi. de. sacre. co. jurate.