

The Will of Margaret Fox.¹

I, Margarett Fox, of Swarthmore, in the County of Lancaster, Widdow, being in the eighty fourth yeare of my age, yett, blessed bee God, in a good measure of health, and of a sound and perfect memory, Doe make this my last will and testament in the manner and forme following :—

First Item. I doe give unto my son in law, Daniel Abraham, of Swarthmore aforesaide, and Joseph Goade, of Beakeliffe in the aforesaid County of Lancaster, yeoman, Tenn pounds for the Poore of the people called Quakers, belonging to Swarthmore Meettinge, to bee kept by the said Meettinge as A Stocke, and the Intrest of it yearly to help to mentaine Such poore of the people called Quakers as shall bee in want, belonging to Swarthmore Meettinge Aforesaide.

Item. I doe give to my grand children, Nathanaell Rous,² Bethiah English, Ann Rous, Nathanaell Meade, Margery Lower, Loveday Lower, Richard Lower, Mary Lower, Bridgett Lower, and John Abraham, Each two guinnies.

Item. I doe give to my grand children, Charles Fell,³ Issabell Graues, and Margarett Manwaring, Each one guinnie.

¹ The two documents here reproduced are accompanied by a copy, in Latin and English, of the Administration Bond which was then, apparently, necessary in cases of executorship as it now is in the case of administrations. All three documents are "Extracted from the Principal Registry of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice in the Archdeaconry Court of Richmond," and are in the possession of Emma Clarke Abraham, of Grassendale Park, Liverpool.

² Nathaniel Rous and Ann Rous were children of John and Margaret Rous, of Kingston-on-Thames.

Bethiah English, daughter of John and Margaret Rous, was the wife of David English, of Pontefract.

Nathaniel Meade was the only son of William and Sarah Meade, of Essex.

Margery, Loveday, Richard, Mary, and Bridget Lower were children of Thomas and Mary Lower, of Marsh Grange, in Furness.

John Abraham was only surviving child of Daniel and Rachel Abraham, of Swarthmore.

³ Charles Fell was the only son of George Fell, the eldest child and only son of Judge Fell.

Isabell Graves was only daughter of George Fell, and wife of James Graves.

Margaret Manwaring is, presumably, Margaret, daughter of John and Margaret Rous. She "is not alluded to, after attaining woman-

All the remainder and residue of my worldly estate whatsoever I doe give unto my deare and loueing daughter, Rachell Abraham, wife of Daniell Abraham aforesaide, who hath lived with mee many yeares in my old age, and hath dilligently and dutifully demeaned her selfe to me with a great deale of care & tenderness. And I doe make my said daughter, Rachell Abraham, sole executrix of this my last will and testament, Hereby revokeing all other wills and testaments whatsoever formerly made by mee.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the sixth day of April, Anno Domin one thousand six hundred ninety and eight.

MARGARETT FOX
M.F.

her mark.⁴

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Margarett Fox to be her last will and testament in the presence of us.

HENRY PHILLIPS.
WM. DAVIS.
WILLIAM MEADE.
SARAH MEADE.

Proved at Richmond, Yorks.,
3rd Oct., 1702.

An Inventory of the goods and chattels, rights and creditts of Margarett Fox, late of Swarthmoor hall in the County of Lancaster, Widdow, deced, taken and apprized by Joseph Sharpe, of Hollowintre, Yeom̄, Wm Fisher, of Worstone, Mercer, Barnard Benson, of Swarthmoor, husbandman, and Thomas Hodgshon, Junior, the second day of October, Ano Dmj 1702:—

hood, in any of the family letters extant. But it is evident from her father's Will that she had been a source of trouble to her parents. . . . There is no information as to the mode in which this daughter so much displeased her parents, but not being mentioned about the time of her father's death in any of her mother's or grandmother's letters from or to Kingston suggests the idea that she did not reside there, and that she had probably married contrary to the wishes of her family." (Webb's *Fells*, pp. 388-391.) Margaret Rous was a scholar at Christopher Taylor's school at Waltham Abbey.

The last three legatees were probably non-Friends, and therefore did not appeal to the grandmother's heart as did the earlier named grandchildren.

⁴ It is believed that Margaret Fox was almost, if not entirely, blind in the later years of her life. This would account for her "mark" here, for the number of letters purporting to be from her, but written in various handwritings, and for the many letters addressed to one or other of the daughters instead of directly to their mother.

	£	s.	d.
First her wearing apparell and purse	040	00	00
Plate	030	00	00
Her books	010	00	00
Her credits	249	00	00
Household Goods	171	03	08
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	Total	500	03 08
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JOSEPH SHARP	} Apprizos.
WM FISHER	
BERNARD BENSON	
THOMAS HODGSHON	

William Keynell, of Dorsetshire.

Quarterly Meeting at Dorchester, 25th 4th mo., 1690 :—
 And be it noted that since our last Quarterly Meeting it has pleased the Lord to remove from us by death our honest, worthy Friend, Wm. Keynell, of the Isle of Purbeck, who received a gift of the ministry several years before his decease, and faithfully laboured therein according to the ability which God gave him, he being the only minister which was then had in the county, and was well beloved by his friends. And as a manifestation of his love to them in the Truth, he gave, by will, a considerable estate of land¹ for the use and benefit of poor Friends of this county, with £10 in money, who, with us, have cause to remember him for his charitable gift to them. And we doubt not that he laid down his head in peace with the Lord, whom he loved according to his measure.²

¹ Known as the Ailwood Estate and consisting of farm house and thirty-three acres of land, situate in the parish of Loders, in the Isle of Purbeck. See *Trusts and Trust Properties vested in Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meeting and its subordinate Meetings*, 1870, pp. 55, 56.

² William Keynell (Kennell) is described as a mariner, of Ailwood. His wife, Elizabeth, and he were both buried at Poole.