

## Will of Elizabeth Speringe 1641

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The will of Elizabeth Spering (nee Hanbury) wife of George Speringe I. It was written in 1641, 3 years before she died, and at that stage only 3 of her 13 children were still living, namely George, Sarah Ventris, and Mary Ingpen - all the rest had died.

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*London, England, Wills and Probate, 1507-1858 about Elizabeth Speringe*

*Name: Elizabeth Speringe*

*Probate Date: 6 May 1644*

*Parish: London*

### **Excerpt from Will (original below):**

In the name of God amen, the thirteenth day of December Anno Dni 1641 and in the seaventeenth year of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles ... I Elizabeth Speringe of London **widdow** & being (praise be God) in reasonable good health of body and of good and perfect minde and memory but being very aged ...

I give and bequeath to my **three owne children that are now living**, namely, my sonne **George** Speringe and my daughters **Sarah** Ventris and **Mary** Ingpen all my shifts(?), table lynnens and other lynnens equally to be divided amongst them part and part like.

Item I give to **Anne Wilkinson** the daughter of my late deceased daughter **Suzan ?Winshall** the sum of fforty shillings of lawfull English money

And the rest & reasidue of all and singular my goods chattles ?erasod plate ??? Goldstufte credits and debts (after the debts by ?medoing shall paie my funerall discharges and the Legaices in this my Will reformed) I wholly give and bequeath the same to my said sonne George Speringe whom I make ordayne and appoint of this my Last Will and Testament Sole Executor.

And for and concerning those my **two freehould Messuages** or Tenemte with thappurtences situate and being in the parish of St Andrew Undershaft in London now in the sewall? occupacons of Abraham Dullen? & Abraham Pomfrett? merchants or their severall assignes I will that the same shall after my decease goe to my said sonne George Spering & the heires of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of ? ?? right?? of the said George forever according and I hast? by my deed indented of the date ?? sealed and ?printed the same

And I hereby revoke and disanull all former Testaments and Wills by me made and will that this only shall ?stand and be for ?? my last Will and testamt and none other.

In witnes ...

John Burnford

James Morley?

Robert Vxxxx?

John Merick?

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Proven July 1644?

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of December Anno Dni 1641. and in the seventeenth years of the reign of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith etc. Elizabeth Springe of London widdow being (praised be God) in reasonable good health of body and of good and perfect minde and memory but being very aged and not knowing how soon it may please God to call me and to thend, I may so fetter my worldly estate that I may the better prepare my selfe for death, doe therefore make and declare this my present Testament containing therein my last Will in manner and forme following, that is to say, first and principally and before all earthly things I comend my soule to Allmighty God my maker, and to Jesus Christ his only sonne my only Saviour and Redeemer by whose precious death painfull passion & glorious resurrection I faithfully trust and stedfastly believe to be saved, and to have eternall life and by none other meane. And my body I comend to the earth from whence it came to be buried in decent Christianlike manner as my Executor shall thinke fitting. And for and concerning all my goods chattels and personall estate in what so ever form doth or shall consist I wholly give and dispose the same as followeth, that is to say, I give and bequeath to my three owne children that are now living, namely, my Sonne George Springe and my daughter Sarah Woutrix and Mary Inghen all my Chertie, table Exmen and other Exmen what so ever equally to be divided amongst them part and part like, Item I give to Anne Wiltshire my daughter of my late deceased daughter Susan Wiltshire all the sum of forty shillings of Lawfull English mony And the rest & residue of all and singular my goods Chattels Estates plate & substance Goldstuffs readitts and debts (after the debts by me owing shall be paid, my funerall charges discharged, and the Legacies in this my Will performed) I wholly give and bequeath the same to my said Sonne George Springe whom I make ordayne and appoint of this my last Will and Testament my Executor, And for and concerning those my two freehold Messuages or tenements with the appurtenances situate and being in the parish of St. Andrew Underhaft in London now in the stewardship of Oliver Cromwell & Oliver Cromwell's mortuaries or their severall assignes I will that the same shall after my decease goe to my said Sonne George Springe & the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of such issue to the right heirs of the said George forever according as I have by my deed & indenture of the date first set forth and byminded the same, And I hereby revoke and disannull all former Testaments and Wills by me made, and will that this only shall stand and be for ever as my last Will and Testament, and none other In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and year first above written.

By me Elizabeth Springe

Sealed & delivred & published by the said Elizabeth Springe for & as her last Will & Testament on the day of the date above written in presence of us  
 John Barford Robert Carver Henry Darnley  
 James Morley and John Morick

Witnessed and published in the presence of the undersigned Clergy and Laymen the day and year first above written  
 Thomas Gifford  
 Thomas Gifford  
 Thomas Gifford