

Will of Margaret Starlinge of Dedham, widow, 1586

(Note: I have rendered this in modern spelling where the meaning is clear – where it is not, the original spelling remains. Please see the original will).

- To the poor of Dedham: 20 shillings
- To Doctor Chapman: 40 shillings
- To Master Parker (Pker): 20 shillings
- To Mistress Chapman: as much stannell? As will make her a barynge cloath (baring cloth?)
- To my sister James Starling: 5 shillings
- To the Widow Welson (Melson?): 5 shillings
- To John Hubbarde, my son: my best bed, my best cupboard, 6 of the best cushions (quyshyans), my best brass pot, my best silver salt, my silver bowl, and £20-worth of goods, all the corn in the house (rye at 3 shillings a bushel, and malt at 18 pence a bushel)
- To my son Thomas Thurstone: all the land I bought in Hollonde (Great Holland?), £10 which is in his own hands already, one brass pot next the best
- To my son Edmund Thurstone: £10 which is in my son Thomas' possession, all my possessions at Colbyns Hall.
- To my son-in-law Arkesden: £5 which he already has
- To my daughter Bennett, his wife: 40 shillings
- To his daughter Bennett Arkesden: 40 shillings
- To Ann Arkesden: 40 shillings
- To the child she (Bennett?) is pregnant with: 40 shillings
- To Bennett my daughter: my best had, my best cloak, my best gown, my best kyrtle, my best petticoat, half my wearing linen
- To my daughter, Mercy Thurston: £20 in Thomas Thurston's possession to be paid when she reaches 18, he to pay 40 shillings annually for her maintenance; the bed in my own chamber and mantel on it; my little silver salt; my glass footed with silver with covers; my best gold ring' six silver spoons; my bearing sheet with other linen folded up with it; half my wearing linen; all to be given her when she reaches 18 or marries, whichever is first.
- To Thomas Hearde, my daughter's son: 6 silver spoons worth 40 shillings when he marries
- To Elizabeth Hearde, my daughter's daughter: ditto.
- To Susan Tendring, my brother's daughter: 40 shillings towards her upbringing
- To Priscilla Tendring: one pair of cobirons with latten heads and fire shovel and tongs
- To Bridget Starling: my spruce chest and one piece of gold worth 20 shillings
- To Mary Starling: one gold ring which was my sister Starling's, and one key clogge set in silver

- To Ralph Starling: one gold ring with death's head upon it
- To Mary Tendring: one double duckett
- To my sister Oldam (abbreviation?): one angel
- To Elizabeth Starling: one gold ring
- To my sister Isad?: 20 shillings (referring to Elizabeth Starling?)
- To Mary Woodnett: one silver spoon worth 10 shillings
- To Edward Wilkinson and Margaret Wilkinson: one silver spoon each worth 6 shillings
- To Richard Coop (abbreviated from Cooper?), my godson: 6 shillings
- To my brother Valentine Tendring: 40 shillings
- To Joane Roase, my maid: 10 shillings
- To Mary, my maid: 2 shillings
- To Barrell's wife: my cloak
- To Winterflood's wife (Wynterflude): one other black cloak
- Rest & residue to be divided equally between my children: John, Thomas, Edmund, Bennett and Mercy

Executor: my son, John Hubbard

Witnesses: Richard Winterflood x, (can't make out the others)

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Note: it says proved 1585 on the will, but the date she wrote it was in the 28th year of Elizabeth I's reign, which makes it 1585/6, and Margaret was buried in Dedham on 18th April 1586.