

Will of William Cardinall of Egmanton, Nottinghamshire, 1598

[Opens with a very long, religious preamble.]

- To wife, Julian: household goods, furniture, clothing, for her natural life, in or about my house in Great Bromley, Essex
- After Julian's death, the whole interest of the household stuff and furniture at Great Bromley to my daughter, Dame Anne Higham, or if she has died, to her children who are alive at the time of Julian's death.
- To Bridget Mason, my wife's daughter: a silver bowl on the day of her marriage, as long as she marries to her mother's liking.
- To my brother Charles Cardinall: my signet ring
- To John Ashbie, "my man": £10
- To the poor of Great Bromley: £10
- To my servants: 40 shillings each, except to Richard Bishoppe, who is to be "kept" by my wife.
- Rest and residue to my wife Julian.
- Lease of £30 a year for 21 years from Michaelmas 1587 to John Baker of Frating for my farm called Moverons – an annuity of £15 each to my grandsons William and Edmund Higham.
- To my brother Charles Cardinall: the inheritance of Moverons, and to Charles' male heirs. If Charles has no male heirs, to my grandson John Higham.
- To my brother, Charles Cardinall: my farm called Coldhall in Great Bromley. Charles has already has a £10 yearly rent charge coming out of my manor of Great Bromley, granted to him shortly after our father's death. As Julian is given the manor of Great Bromley, she is to receive an annuity of £10, to compensate for Charles' rent charge.
- Other parcels of land called Moverons, not included in John Baker's lease nor in the conveyance made between me and Sir John Higham, but leased to Henry Munt of Great Bromley for 21 years from 1590, with a yearly rent of £10, bequeathed to my dearly beloved friend Mr. Edmund Chapman, Doctor of Divinity, Pastor of Dedham, my native town where I was born, for his natural life or while pastor of Dedham.
 - On his death, or his leaving Dedham, the land to go to the governors of Dedham Grammar School, to maintain two poor scholars born in Dedham or Great Bromley, at St. John's, University of Cambridge. My brother Charles and his male heirs (or if he has none, my cousin William Cardinall of East Bergholt and his male heirs) to choose the scholars.

Supervisors: Mr. Justice Clinche, Mr. Dr. Bennett, Mr. Cutberd Pepper of Gray's Inn

Witnesses: Nicholas, Thomas & George Stringer

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