

Susannah Balchen's Will

Notes on the Will of Susannah Balchen

Prepared on the 10th day of October 1722;

Susannah Balchen, widow, of the parish of St Mary Whitechapel, London

Executors, sons John and Henry Balchen

Bequeaths to

Son Richard Balchen (already has his fortune)

His three daughters, Susannah, Elizabeth and Mary Balchen

His son William Balchen

My two sons, John and Henry Balchen

Transcript of the Will of Susannah Balchen, Widow, 1722

In the Name of God Amen

I Susannah Balchen of the Parish of St. Mary Whitechappel London, Widow, being of perfect mind and memory and calling unto mind and only considering the uncertainty of humane life make this my last Will and Testament. ffirst and principally, I commit my Soul into the hands of my blessed Maker trusting in his mercies and in the merits of my dear Redeemer for the Remission of all my Sins. My body I comit to the Earth to be decently but privately buried at the discretion of my Executors. As to my Temporal Estate, I bequeath and dispose of it in the following manner. Imprimus, To my Son Richard (having already had his fortune) I bequeath the Sume of ten pounds. Item, I bequeath unto his three Daughters, viz.,Susannah, Elizabeth and Mary Balchen the Sume of ten pounds to each of them and likewise to his Son William Balchen I bequeath the Sume of twenty Pounds, the residue and remainder of my Estate, Lands, Tenements, hereditaments with my Goods, Chattels, Plate, Bonds, Arrears of rent withall other properties of what kind soever to me appertaining. I give and bequeath to my two Sons John and Henry to be between them equally divided whom I constitute and appoint the joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly revoake, disallow and disa?. All former bequests, Wills and Legacies by me heretofor in any wise left or made, declaring, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty two. Susannah Balchen Signed, sealed, published and declared by the within named Testatrix Susannah Balchen to ne her last Will and Testament in Presence of us who Subscribe d our names in Presence of the said Testatrix. John Clare, Judith Clare, John ffinch.

This Will was Proved at London before the Worshipfull Stephen Cottrell, Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull John Bettsworth, Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, lawfully constituted. By the Oath of Henry Balchen, one of the Executors named in the said Will To whom Administration was granted of

all and Singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the deceased, He being first Sworn well and faithfully to administer the Power reserved of making the like grant to John Balchen the other Executor named in the Said Will when he shall apply for the same.

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[On the twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and thirty eight.]

The original is below:

sworne for the purpose aforesaid in the manner of aforesaid being
first sworn by Commissioners well and duly to administer the same.

In the Name of God Amen *Susanna Balchen*

In last will and testament of the parish of St. Mary Whitechapel London
I being of perfect mind and memory god calling unto mind and
duly considering the uncertainty of humane life make this my last will

and testament first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of
my blessed Saviour trusting in his merits and in the merits of my
dear Redeemer for the remission of all my sins my body I commit to
the earth to be decently but privately buried at the discretion of my
Executors as to my temporal Estate I bequeath and dispose of it in
the following manner I bequeath to my son Richard having already
had his share I bequeath the sum of ten pounds Item I bequeath
unto his three Daughters vizt Susanna Elizabeth and Mary Balchen
the sum of ten pounds to each of them and likewise to his son
William Balchen I bequeath the sum of twenty pounds the
residue and remainder of my Estate Lands Tenements hereafter
with my Goods Chattels plate Bonds Areas of rent with all other
properties of what kind soever to me appertaining I give and bequeath
to my two sons John and Henry to be betwixen them equally
divided when I constitute and appoint the joint Executors of this my
last will and testament and for hereby utterly revoke dissolve and
disannull all former bequests wills and legacies by me heretofore in
any wise left or made regarding ratifying and confirming this and
no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty
two *Susanna Balchen* signed sealed published and declared by the
woman named Susanna Balchen to be her last will and
testament in presence of us the undersigned in presence of
the said Testatrix *John Lane, Judith Lane, John Green*

Orig: 100

This Will

was proved at London before the Reverend
Stephen Cottrell Esq. of Laws and Surrogate of the Right
Reverend John Wettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper
Commissionary of the prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully
constituted by the Earl of Arundel Balchen one of the Executors
named in the said will to whom Administration was granted of
all and singular the Goods Rightfully and Credits of the deceased
being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same power
reserved of making the like grant to John Balchen the other
Executor named in the said will when he shall apply for the same

On the twentieth day
of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven
hundred and forty eight

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