

my said wife a weekly porcion of twelve pence apeece to the poor of the said Company of Goldsmiths of the said Citty, by the discrecion of the wardens and assistants of the said Company for the tyme being or the greater number of them, and especiallie to such poore men of my name, kindred, or countrymen, as are or shall be free of the said Companie.”

“And for the better declaration of what partes are here meant or intended to be divided as aforesaid I doe hereby declare that the one halfe of the waterworks are divided into 36 partes or shares, 13 of which partes & shares are to myself belonging & are in the name of myself or other feoffees in trust to my use & the profitts by me received, & therefore my meaning is that the 6 severall partes or shares hereby devised are 6 of the partes & shares of my said 13 partes and no other.”

House and land at Bushhills in Edmonton, Middlesex, to his wife for life, and after her decease to younger son Simon and his heirs.

“My said wife to have the keeping and wearing of the great jewell which was given unto me by the Lord Mayor of the Citty of London and the Aldermen of the same, and she to leave the same after her decease to such of my sonnes as she shall think most worthy to wear and enjoy the same.” To brother Robert Bateman £20 for a ring, to Peter Hind and wife £20 between them, desiring said Peter Hind “to continue his care in the workes I have placed him in.” To Mr. William Lewyn the yearly sum of £20 out of the rents and profits of the waterworks, during his life, “to the end that he shall doe his best endeavour for the advancement of the said waterworks.” To men servants £5 each. To “boy in the kitchen” and Elizabeth the maidservant each 40s. Wife, Dame Elizabeth Middleton, “full and sole executrix”—nephew Sir Thomas Middleton Knight, brother Bateman, and nephews Roger and Richard Middleton, overseers. To said nephew Sir Thomas Middleton £20, nephew Timothy Middleton £10, Mr. William Lewis £50, nephew John Chambers and his wife £5 each for a ring, Robert Berners esq £5 for a ring, nephew Richard Middleton and his wife each £5 for a ring.

(Signed) HUGH MIDDLETON.

Witnesses, Roger Myddleton, Robert Barners, Will. Lewyn, Matthew Hobman, Wm. Jones, Wm. Grace, Richard Dryhurst.

Proved by executrix 21 Dec., 1631, before Sir Henry Marten, LL.D.