**1677 Will of Nicholas Dearnelly of Manchester**TMG id#: 13424

*Notes: Initial capitals have been removed except for names and the obvious start of a sentence. Punctuation has been removed as it is inconsistent. Layout of lines of text as in the original.*

In the name of God Amen the twenty sixth day of December in the

yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy seven I **Nicholas Dearnelly**

of Manchester in the County of Lancaster Cloath-maker beinge weake in body

but of sould and perfect memory praysed be God for the same considering the fryltye

of nature and certainty of death and the uncertayntye of the time and to prevent

all contentions amongst relations and other persons that may be concerned about

my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me doe make constitute

and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following

that is to say

I comitt my soule into the hands of Almighty God trusting in the alone merits

of Jesus Christ my saviour to have admission into the kingdom of heaven And my body

to be Christian burial in such decent manner as shall seeme good to my executor

hereafter named.

And touching my worldly goods after debts and ffunerall expenses discharged I

dispose of give and bequeath them as followoweth

Impris I give and bequeath unto **my lovinge & deare wife** the

sum of ffourty pounds over and above the two hundred and

threescore pounds contracted to be given at marriage which is in lieu

of all thirds and joyntures and in full of all that can or might

accrue unto her upon any account whatsoever

Item I give unto my esteemed friend **Mr Henry Newcome** of Manchester

the summe of five pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto my loveinge friend **Mr Henry Finch** of

Manchester the summe of five pounds

Item I give and bequeath to my good friend **Mr Robt Eaton** of Manchester

the summe of five pounds

Item I give and bequeathUnto my loving friend **Mr Robt Constantine**

of Oldham the summe of five pounds

Item I give and bequeath to my loving friend **Mr Henry Pendlebury**

of Houlcome the summe of five pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Mr Jeremy Scholes** of Salford the summe

of five pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Mr Edward Richardson** of Manchester the

summe of five pounds

Item I give unto **Samuel Dearnelly** five pounds p(er) annum duringe his life

to be payd out of a hundred pounds w(hi)ch hundred pounds I order and impower

my executor to lay out or dispose of to that end And if the sayd **Samuel**

dye before the hundred pounds be payd and leave noe children I give the

sayd hundred pounds to pious and religious poore according to the discretion

of my executor

Item I give unto the **other three children** of my brother **William Dearnelly**

the sum of ten pounds apiece or soe many of them as shall be livinge

after my decease

Item I give unto my brother **Roger Dearnelly** the summe of ten pounds And to

**Joshua Dearnelly** son of my brother **Edward Dearnelly** ten pounds And to

the **other three children** of my brother **Edward Dearnelly** ten pounds apiece

or so many of them as shall be alive after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto **John Ffinch** son of **Henry Ffinch** the summe

of twenty pounds And unto my brotherinlaw **Samuel Jackson** of Oldham

ten pounds And to my cosen **Martha Tetlow** that sometimes lived with me

ten pounds

Item I give to the ffree schole of Glossop in Derbishyre the sum

of thirty pounds to be disposed by the churchwardens of that parish from time

to time for the sayd use And to the use of the free schole of Motterham

in Cheshyre the sum of thirty pounds to be disposed by (the) church wardens

of that parish from time to time to the sayd use

Item it is my will and I doe hereby constitute ordayne and appoint my

loveinge friend **Mr Henry Ffinch** of Manchester Clearke executor of this

my last will and testament unto whom I give and bequeath the

remainder of my estate to be at his dispose excepting ten pounds to

the poore of Manchester and five pounds to the poore of Salford In

testimony whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare

above written

**Nicholas Dearnely**

his **ND** marke

Sealed signed and declared

to be the last will and

testament of **Nicholas**

**Dearnelly** in p(re)sence of

**Jonathan Bridoake**

**John Jackson**

**John Andrew**

*Inventory not yet transcribed (total of more than £900 pounds).*

***Relatives named in the will***

**My lovinge & deare wife** known to be **Elizabeth Scholes/Scoales** born Salford

**Samuel Dearnelly** son of brother **William**, with three unnamed siblings

**Roger Dearnelly**  brother

**Joshua Dearnelly** son of brother **Edward**, with three unnamed siblings

**Samuel Jackson** brother-in-law, brother of Nicholas’ first wife Mary Jackson.

**Martha Tetlow** cousin

***Other beneficiaries, principally dissenting ministers (and some ejected in The Great Ejection 1662)***

**Henry Newcome** is probably Henry Newcome 1627-1695

**Henry Finch** is probably Henry Finch 1633-1704, ‘ejected minister’.

**John Finch** son of Henry above.

**Robert Eaton**

**Robert Constantine** was a minister in Oldham, ejected 1662.

**Henry Pendlebury** (1626-1695)

**Jeremy Scholes of Salford** nephew of Nicholas’s wife **Elizabeth**. Jeremy’s son Nathaniel was a dissenter.

**Edward Richardson** 1617 – 1677, ‘ejected minister’

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