

Will of Alexander JACKSON goldsmith

In the name of God Amen. I **Alexander Jackson**¹ of the parish of St. Andrew Holborn² in the County of Middlesex citizen and Goldsmith of London being weak and infirm in body but of perfect mind and memory praise the Almighty God for the same and considering the frailties this life and the uncertainty of the time when or as soon as it may pleased the Lord to take me out of this world, I do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say, first and principally I command my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator being confidently assured by and through the only merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain free pardon and remission of all my transgressions in this life, and a crown of glory in the kingdom's of [?] amongst the elect. My body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried and near unto my **late deceased wife**³ in the late parish church of St. John

¹ Alexander JACKSON, a goldsmith of London.

- He died 1670, buried St John Zachary [in Aldersgate sec. of London].
- His father was Robert JACKSON of Stone, Staffordshire, a Presbyterian Elder of 5th Classis of London Province.
- **SOURCE:** [British History Online](#):
ALEXANDER JACKSON: Co Co Aldersgate Within, 1652, 1660 St John Zachary, 1624-64, ChW, 1637, St Andrew Holborn, 1667 (1) GOLD, appr, 1605, to John West, fr, 1615 (2) d 1670, bur ? St John Zachary (3) Will PCC 177 Penn, 19 Dec 1670 f Robert Jackson of Stone, Staff (4) Goldsmith, 1643, Assay Master of the Mint, 1624, Deputy Assayer of GOLD, 1626 (5) City property (£100 p a) (3) **Presbyterian Elder** of 5th Classis of London Province (6) Da Sarah mar Lawrence DYER (7)
(1) McMurray, pp 422a, 438b, will (2) Will, GOLD, Appr Reg, I, f 165, Index of Appr (3) Will (4) GOLD, Appr Reg, I, f 165 (5) Heal, London Goldsmiths, p 181, McMurray, p 456, GOLD, Index of Appr (6) Sion College, MS Acc L40 2/E17 (7) Will, Boyd 25284

² St. Andrew Holburn. SOURCE: [Wiki St. Andrew](#).

- **NOTE:** this was the same parish where the marriage of Lodowick JACKSON (1634-1700) was recorded in 1662.
- Lodowick JACKSON was one of the [Jacksons of Canterbury & Nantwich England and Co. Cork, Ireland](#).

³ Sarah DRAX

- She was the daughter of William DRAX (d. 1622) of Coventry, Co. Warwick. SOURCE: [The history of the island of Antigua, one of the Leeward Caribbees in the West Indies, from the first settlement in 1635 to the present time](#). NOTE: Two of her brothers – William DRAX and James DRAX were involved with trade in Barbados. James DRAX was fined £80,000 by the Royalists in 1650. On January 6, 1657, James DRAX was knighted by Cromwell.
- She was a sister of William DRAX or DRAKES. He was buried at Bishopsgate Ward, St. Helens, London in December 1669. **SOURCE:** *The following year the manor was discharged from sequestration, forfeited by Mildmay, and bought from the Treason Trustees by John Warre of London. In 1657 it was, apparently, again sold by the Treason Trustees to William Drax, a London merchant, and his brother-in-law Alexander*

Zachary⁴ in London, if it may conveniently be done, if not I leave it to the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and for that [?] estate which it hath pleased God of his mercy to bestow upon me I give and dispose of the same as follow with, that is to say, I give unto **my brother John Jackson⁵ of Staffordshire⁶** 20 pounds, and I give unto [his] son **Robert⁷** [?]

JACKSON, a London goldsmith. They alleged in a Chancery suit in 1657 that they had lent Francis Mildmay £1,200, and that their purchase of the estate was their only way of recovering the money. Nevertheless, Mildmay seems to have recovered the estate next year, for he is then found mortgaging Ambrosden manor to Sir James Drax of London. Mildmay's financial embarrassments evidently continued to be serious, for according to the evidence given by Drax in a Chancery suit Mildmay had borrowed £3,300 from him on the security of the manor and advowson of Ambrosden. It was alleged that after conveyance of the property Mildmay refused to 'set forth and discharge the same estate . . . or to declare the annual value of the manor', contrary to his agreement. His case is typical of the Roman Catholic gentry at this date. SOURCE: 'Parishes: Ambrosden', A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 5: Bullingdon hundred (1957), pp. 15-30. [British History on Line](#).

⁴ The parish church of St Zachary, built in the year 1,000 AD in the City of London, Gresham Street was destroyed in the Great Fire of London, in 1666 and was never rebuilt. The site belongs to the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths which maintains the gardens for the benefit and enjoyment of Londoners. SOURCE: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/costilondra/sets/72157624706176151/>

- In 1638, a Thomas JACKSON of this Parish paid £20 and Alexander JACKSON paid £16. SOURCE: 'Inhabitants of London in 1638: St. John Zacharies', *The inhabitants of London in 1638* (1931), pp. 79-80. SOURCE: [British History on Line](#).

⁵ John JACKSON Staffordshire.

- In the [1716 February 17](#) will of Samuel JACKSON, Pewterer, there was also a reference to a "cousin" John JACKSON of Staffordshire – by then deceased

⁶ **Staffordshire JACKSONs** - I need to do more work on them. Not only were they of a similar social class as Alexander JACKSON's family, but also seem to be related.

- [1680 September 1](#) This is the will of Thomas JACKSON, pewterer of London. He was a Colonel awarded lands in Co. Meath, Ireland in 1652. He was also a relation of Rev. Daniel JACKSON of Santry, Dublin.
- [1716 February 17](#) This Samuel JACKSON was made a Warden in the Pewterers' Guild 1673, and then a Master in various years from 1684. SEE: [Chats on old Pewter](#). H.J.L.J. Massé, M.A. New York. 1911. The will was fascinating for me because there were more than a hundred people named in the list of beneficiaries. He was a son of the Thomas JACKSON whose will is posted above (1680).
- [JACKSONs of Derbyshire, Berkshire, America & Dublin](#) This line of JACKSONs begins with a William JACKSON b. abt 1500 in Sapperton, Derbyshire, England. The Santry family tree has been merged into this tree. I have bolded some of the names in the family tree to help other follow their connections to other lines of JACKSONs.
 - In abt 1600, **Thomas JACKSON**, a pewterer in London was born.
 - In 1604, Rev. **John JACKSON** was born. His family continued on living where he had settled at Twyford, Berkshire.

pounds, and I give unto my son in law **Lawrence Dyer**⁸, pewterer the sum of 400 pounds, item I give unto my four grandchildren **John Dyer**⁹ **Alexander Dyer**¹⁰ **Lawrence Dyer**¹¹ and **Sarah Dyer**¹² children of my late daughter **Sarah**¹³ deceased five and 20 pounds apiece to be paid unto them at the accomplishment of their several and respective years of one and 20 years or upon the day of marriage of the said Sarah for her part what shall first happen. And if in case any of my said for grandchildren shall happen to die and depart this mortal life before the accomplishment of their said several and that he respective ages and times aforesaid then I give the part and share of their portion for dying unto the survivors or survivor of them equally share and share alike; item I give and bequeath unto my son **Abraham Jackson**¹⁴ all and [?] my messuages houses and tenements with their and [?] of their appurtenances and the gardens yards and grounds to them and [?] of them belonging situate in being in the Charterhouse yard and Charterhouse land in the County of Middlesex together with all and several my leases and leases by which I hold the same to have and to hold the said messages houses tenements yards gardens grounds and all other [?] [?] in Charterhouse yard and Charterhouse land aforesaid with all and [?] [?] issues profits thereof which are 100 pounds or per and am clear over and above the quit rent Erie at and all my rights titled interest property benefit [?] and demand of in and to the same unto my said son **Abraham Jackson** his executors administrators or assigns for all the remainder of the said lease or leases sold upon this condition that my said son **Abraham Jackson** his executors or assigns shall pay out of the rents and profits thereof unto my son **Isaac Jackson**¹⁵ 20 pounds a

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- Rev John JACKSON's grandson was **Samuel JACKSON**, a merchant who died in Philadelphia.
 - One of Rev John JACKSON's sons was the Rev **Daniel JACKSON** of Santry, Dublin, Ireland, whose descendants continued on in Ireland.

⁷ Robert JACKSON, seemingly a nephew of Testator, son of John JACKSON of Staffordshire.

⁸ Lawrence DYER, Pewterer.

- SOURCE: *The Rulers of London 1660-1689: A biographical record of the Aldermen and Common Councilment of the City of London* (1966), pp. 56-63. SOURCE: [British History on Line](#).
DYER, Lawrence Dakins - Dyer'Co Co Cripplegate Within, 1675-80, Dep, 1680-90 (1) St Lawrence Jewry, ChW, 1670, 1691 (2) PEW, W, 1669, M, 1675 (3) b Kingham, Oxon, d 1691 (4) Will PCC 208 Vere pr, 18 Dec 1691 mar (A) Sarah, da of **Alexander JACKSON**, (B) Elizabeth ? Moorhouse (5) Pewterer (6) City property, land Kent, Oxon (4) Whig ("naught", 1682) (6)
 (1) Dep, 1680 VBk, St Lawrence Jewry (2) VBk, St Lawrence Jewry, will (3) Boyd 26284 (4) Will (5) Boyd 26284, **will of Alexander JACKSON** (6) SP/29/418/199

⁹ John DYER, child of Lawrence DYER and Sarah JACKSON

¹⁰ Alexander DYER, child of Lawrence DYER and Sarah JACKSON

¹¹ Lawrence DYER, child of Lawrence DYER and Sarah JACKSON

¹² Sarah DYER, child of Lawrence DYER and Sarah JACKSON

¹³ Sarah DYER née JACKSON, daughter of Alexander JACKSON, Testator.

¹⁴ Abraham JACKSON, goldsmith

- [1685 August 4](#) The will of Abraham Jackson was proved in 1700. He was a London goldsmith.

¹⁵ Isaac JACKSON. He may not have been a goldsmith. He may have been a merchant trading in silk.

year during the remainder of the said lease if free the said Isaac shall so long live. All the rest and residue of my goods chattels money debts and all other my estate whatsoever my debts legacies and funeral charges being throughout first paid and are so deducted I give unto my two sons Abraham Jackson and Isaac Jackson to be divided between them equal share and share alike. And I do make and ordain my said two sons **Abraham Jackson Isaac Jackson** joined executors of this my last will and testament. In witness where of either said Alexander Jackson revoking all former wills by me made [?] to this my last will and testament confryned in one sheet of paper set my hand and seale this fifth day of April 1667 in the 19th year of the reign of King Charles II over England [?] **Alex Jackson**. Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Alexander Jackson** as and for his last will and testament in the presence of **Barth Pickering**¹⁶ -- servant **Dan Joslin**¹⁷ his servant.

NOTE: I would expect that he is associated with this line of JACKSONS – although sometimes this source is more fanciful than one might wish:

[*Visitation of London, 1568 : with additional pedigrees, 1569-90, the arms of the city companies and a London subsidy roll, 1589*](#)

G.10. f. 57

F.I. 183 [JACKSON] 62b

H.S. 40

ARMS : Gules, a fesse argent between **three jackdaws** proper with a crescent or for difference in chief.¹

William Jackson of Smythall² in the Cownte of Yorke gent married and had yssue Charles Jackson sonne and heire John Jackson second Sonne. John Jackson seconde Sonne to William aforesaid married and had yssue Thomas

Thomas Jackson Sonne and heire of John married the doughter of [blank] and had yssue Thomas

Thomas Jackson Sonne and heire of Thomas married [blank] the doughter of [blank] and had yssue Francés

Francés Jackson of London gentleman Citesen and **goldsmyth** of the same Citie married [blank] the doughter of [blank] and by her hathe³—.

¹ In G.10 the birds look like **magpies**; they are painted black with white breasts and bellies. There is no difference mark.

² " Smythall " in G.10.

³ F.I has no arms and gives the pedigree as follows: " Wyllm. Jakson of Smythall had ysewe Charles Jakson John Jakson Charles Jakson had ysowe Wyllm Jakson wyche Wyllm. had yshew Charles Jakson nowe owner of Smythall John Jakson had yshewe Thomas Jakson and Thomas had yshewe Francis Jakson."

Follow the birds

Jackson (Chester Herald, temp. Henry VIII.). Vert on a fesse or, **three magpies** ppr. **Jackson** (West Chester). Ar. on a fesse gu. a greyhound courant betw. two pheons or, in chief a goats head couped of the second, a

Jackson (London ; **Francis Jackson**, citizen of London, Visit. 1568, great grandson of **John**

¹⁶ Bartholomew PICKERING

¹⁷ Daniel JOSLIN

Jackson, the second son of **William Jackson**, Esq., of Sugthall, co. York). Gu. a fess ar. betw. three jackdaws ppr.

Descendants of Robert Jackson

1 Robert Jackson

..... 2 Alexander Jackson d: 1670 in of Parish of St. Andrew Holburn, London Occupation: Goldsmith, London

..... +Sarah DRAX d: Bef. 05 Apr 1667 in of Parish of St. Zachary, London

..... 3 Abraham Jackson d: Abt. 1700 Occupation: Goldsmith, London

..... 3 Isaac Jackson d: Bet. 1667 - 1685

..... 4 Abraham Jackson d: Aft. 03 Sep 1700

..... 4 Mary Jackson d: Aft. 03 Sep 1700

..... 3 Sarah Jackson d: Bef. 05 Apr 1667

..... +Lawrence Dyer

..... 4 John Dyer b: Bef. 1667 d: Aft. 1670

..... 4 Alexander Dyer b: Bef. 1667 d: Aft. 1670

..... 4 Lawrence Dyer b: Bef. 1667

..... 4 Sarah Dyer b: Bef. 1667

..... 2 John Jackson b: in of Staffordshire

..... 3 Robert Jackson b: in of Staffordshire