

Will of Joane Rooke 1647 (TNA, PROB 11/201/77)

Summary

Testator: Joane Rooke of Bledington, Glocs., widow
 Executor: grandson Edmund Widdowes
 Overseers: William Stayt, William Guy
 Date: 2 January 1644, proved 1 July 1647
 Witnesses: William Baker, William Guy
 Will:

- 5s to church of Bledington
- 20s to poor of Bledington
- 5s to daughter Joane Guy widow
- furniture & implements to William son of daughter Joane Guy
- 10s to daughter Anne Widdowes of Brookend
- £25 to Anne daughter of daughter Anne Widdowes when 21
- £20 apiece to Marie, John, Thomas, Elizabeth & George children of daughter Anne Widdowes when 21
- 5s apiece to children of son-in-law Humphrey Rooke of Evenlode
- 10s apiece to Thomas & Elizabeth children of son-in-law Nicholas Gibbs of Donnington
- 6s 8d apiece to Anne, Rebecca & William children of Richard Baker of Stow
- 20s to Joane daughter of brother Thomas Baker of Stow
- 12d apiece to servants of daughters Anne Widdowes & Joane Guy
- 12d apiece to godchildren
- 40s to poor distributed at funeral
- rest to daughter Joane Guy for life, then to her son William Guy

 Total fortune: - ca. £140, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. The second day of Januray in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred fourty and four I Joane Rooke of Bledington in the County of Gloucester widow do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. Wherein first and principally I bequeath my soul to almighty God my maker and to Jesus Christ my redeemer And my body I commit to Christian burial not doubting of a joyful resurrection And touching my worldly goods I dispose as follows
3. Inprimus I give and bequeath to the church of Bledington five shillings
4. Item to the poor of Bledington twenty shillings
5. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Joane Guy widow five shillings
6. Item I give and bequeath to William Guy son of the said Joane Guy my bed with that thereto belongs my cupboard and my cistern and wheat stoddill
7. And as concerning all the rest of my household goods which here I have my will is that it remain to the use of Joane Guy first and afterward to William Guy son of the said Joane Guy excepting those things which I shall and do now bequeath in this my last Will and Testament

8. Item I give to my daughter Anne Widdowes of Brookend widow ten shillings
9. Item I give to my daughter Anne Widdowes daughter of my daughter Anne Widdowes twenty and five pounds
10. Item I give unto Marie, John, Thomas, Elizabeth and George Widdowes children of my daughter Anne Widdowes of Brookend twenty pounds apiece
11. Item I give to the children of Humphrey Rooke of Evenlode my son-in-law five shillings apiece
12. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Gibbs and Elizabeth Gibbs children of my son-in-law Nicholas Gibbs of Donnington ten shillings apiece
13. Item I give and bequeath to the three children of Richard Baker of Stowe Anne, Rebecca and William six shillings eight pence apiece
14. Item I give to Joane Baker daughter of my brother Thomas Baker of Stowe twenty shillings
15. Item my will is that whereas the greatest part of the money which I have herein bequeathed is contained in bonds – that if my executor cannot by order of law or otherwise obtain the said moneys That then those said people unto whom I have bequeathed the same shall abate out of every one's several portion according to the sum to them bequeathed or else take bonds for payment and give my executor a discharge for their whole legacies given by this my last Will
16. Item I give unto the servants of my daughter Anne Widdowes and of my daughter Joane Guy twelve pence apiece viz. such as shall inhabit with them at the time of my death
17. And to my godchildren twelve pence apiece
18. Item I would have bestowed at my funeral forty shillings amongst poor people Item my will is that there be given to a preacher to pray at my funeral five shillings
19. Item my will is that those legacies which I have bequeathed to the children of my daughter Anne Widdowes shall be paid at such time as they shall accomplish the sage of one and twenty years And if it shall happen that either of them die before they come to the age aforesaid That then his or her portion so departed shall be equally divided amongst them that remain alive
20. Item I do make and ordain my kinsman Edmund Widdowes of Brookend son of my daughter Anne Widdowes my whole executor of this my last Will and Testament
21. And I entreat my neighbour William Steyt and my kinsman William Guy of Bledington to be my overseers And I do give them for their pains twelve pence apiece

Witnesses hereunto William Baker William Guy

Joane Rooke

Probate London 1 July 1647 Edmund Widdowes executor