

Will of George Foxcroft 1619 (Borthwick Institute, V35, F579)

Summary

Testator: George Foxcroft of Halifax, Yorkshire, yeoman
Executors: son John
Date: 22 May 1619, proved 2 March 1620
Witnesses: Daniell Foxcroft, Anthony Foxcroft
Will:
- £10 to building a chapel in Sowerby
- £10 to be lent to the poor of Sowerby, to be repaid each time
- £200 to daughter Sara the wife of Robert Key
- £200 to daughter Anna the wife of George Bentley
- £50 equally to Grace, Peter, Sara, Anna and Elizabeth the five children of daughter Sara
- £60 equally to George, Cirilie, Grace, John, Jeremy and Timothy the six children of daughter Anna
- £20 equally to unborn children being carried by daughters Sara and Anna
- rest to son John

In the name of God Amen

1. The two and twentieth day of May in the seventeenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the Faith et. And of Scotland the two and fiftieth and in the year of our lord God after the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred and nineteen
2. I George Foxcroft of Halifax in the County of York yeoman being weak and sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory praised be God do the day and year above said advisedly and with good deliberation make declare and publish this my last will and testament in writing containing herein my full will and mind in manner and form following that is to say
3. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God my most loving creator trusting and assuredly believing by the death and obedience of Jesus Christ my only saviour to have full and free remission of all my sins and life everlasting
4. And my body I commit to the earth from whence it came
5. And touching my goods and chattels my will and mind is that the true debts which I owe and my funeral expenses be first paid and discharged forth of my whole goods
6. Item I do give and bequeath towards the building of the chapel of Sowerbie in the parish of Halifax the sum of ten pounds to be paid by my executor hereafter named within the space of two months next after the said building shall be begun
7. Item I do give and bequeath to and for the use of the poor of the chapel of Sowerbie to wit within Sowerbie quarter Westfield quarter and Blackwood quarter the sum of ten pounds which I will shall be delivered at midsummer next after my decease by my executor to the hands of the minister churchwarden and sworn men of the said chapel for the time being by them and their successors for the time being to be lent yearly and from year to year to such and so many poor of and within the said chapelry and for such and so long time as by the said minister churchwarden and sworn men for the time being in their discretion

- shall be thought fit and convenient and nothing to be paid for the love of the said money save only that that person or persons to which the same shall be so lent shall enter bond with two sureties for the repayment of the same and shall pay for the making of the said bond
8. Item I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Sara the wife of Robert Key the sum of two hundred pounds
 9. Item I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna the wife of George Bentley the sum of two hundred pounds
 10. which several sums of two hundred pounds apiece I will shall be paid unto my said daughters within the space of two years next after my decease
 11. Item I do give and bequeath unto Grace, Peter, Sara, Anna and Elizabeth the five children of the said Sara my daughter wife of the said Robert Key the sum of fifty pounds amongst them to wit to each of them the sum of ten pounds
 12. Item I do give and bequeath unto George, Cirilie, Grace, John, Jeremy and Timothy the six children of the said Anna my daughter wife of the said George Bentley the sum of three score pounds amongst them to wit to each of them the sum of ten pounds
 13. Item because both my said daughters are now at the day of the date hereof by the blessing of God with child I do give and bequeath unto the said children now by the mercy of God to be born of my said daughters the sum of twenty pounds to wit to each of them the sum of ten pounds
 14. which several sums of ten pounds apiece I will shall be paid to my said grandchildren at their several ages of twenty one years or marriage And if it happen any of them to die before their said age or marriage my will and mind is that the legacy given to the child or children so dying shall be paid and delivered to the brothers and sisters then living of the said child so dying
 15. The residue and rest of all my goods chattels leases credits and debts I do give devise and bequeath unto John Foxcroft my son whom I ordain make and appoint sole and whole executor of this my last will and testament
 16. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written
 17. Sealed signed and published in the presence of us Daniell Foxcroft Anthony Foxcroft
- Proved 2 March 1619/20 by John Foxcroft