
Will of John Harris 1613 (FindMyPast, Oxford Archdeaconry, 196.47; 30/1/63)

Summary

Testator: John Harris of Leffield, yeoman
Executrix: wife Anne
Overseers: brother Alexander Harries of Charlbury, Edward Rawlins of Leffield
Date: 23 March 1612, proved 9 June 1613
Witnesses: Alice Robertes, Thomas Harries
Will:
- tenement called Lowberies to son John
- Tenement of James Cove, his wife Anne's father, or £120 to son Thomas
- 100 marks to daughter Elizabeth at 18
- 100 marks to daughter Eode (Edith) at 18
- £3 to poor of Leffield
- rest to wife Anne to raise children
Total fortune: - ca. £125, 2 houses, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. The 23rd day of March in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of God of England France and Ireland King defender of the faith the tenth and of Scotland the six and fortieth and in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred and twelve I John Harris the elder of Leffield in the parish and County aforesaid yeoman being sick in body but whole of mind and in good and perfect remembrance and memory thanks be to almighty God do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz
2. First I commit my soul unto almighty God my maker and only saviour and redeemer hoping by his mercy to obtain and enjoy everlasting life and felicity And my body to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Shipton aforesaid after the manner of Christian burial at the discretion of my overseers
3. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Harris the lease of a tenement known and called by the name of Lowberies situated lying and being in the town of Leffield in the parish and county aforesaid to be unto him delivered by my executrix at the age of one and twenty years
4. Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Harris if the law permit a tenement lately in the tenure use and occupation of James Cove of Leffield in the parish and county aforesaid being the father of Anne Cove my wife together with two closes the one being that whereon the house stands the other thereto adjoining commonly called fifteen lands in defect? of the premises I will and ordain my son John Harris to pay unto my son Thomas when it shall please God he comes to the age of one and twenty years the full and whole sum of six score pounds of good and lawful current English money
5. Item to my daughter Elizabeth I give and bequeath one hundred marks of good and lawful English money to be paid unto her at the age of eighteen years by my executrix
6. Item to my daughter Eode I give and bequeath one hundred marks of good and lawful English money to be unto her paid at the age of eighteen years by my executrix

7. But if it please God that either of my said children do die before they come to the ages before specified my will is that the stock of him her or them deceased be equally by my overseers divided amongst them that remain alive
8. Item I give and bequeath to the poor people of Leffield aforesaid in the parish and county aforesaid the sum of three pounds of good and current English money to remain as a stock unto them forever to be delivered by my executrix into the hands of sufficient men to the use of the said poor people within the space of one whole year after my decease
9. The rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable (my debts being paid and funeral expenses performed) I wholly give and bequeath to Anne my wife towards the bringing up of my children during their non-ages in good education and nurture
10. And to the end that this my last Will and Testament my be better performed I appoint & entreat to be overseers ? my brother Alexander Harries of Charlbury in the County of Oxford and Edward Rawlins of Leffield in the County aforesaid
11. Lastly I make and ordain Anne my wife of this my last Will and Testament sole and only executrix
12. And to the said Alexander Harries and Edward Rawlins for their pains in this behalf I give and bequeath to each of them a sheep
13. And I utterly revoke and annul all former Testaments Wills legacies bequests executors or overseers by and in and wise before this time named willed or bequeathed
14. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal that day year and month first above written

Johannis Harries

Memo that those words interlined to be leg? before then sealing thereof were seen and allowed by me John Harries

Signed and sealed in the sight and presence of Alice Robertes Thomas Harries (mark of)

Probate Oxford 9 June 1613