

Will of Anne Harris 1643 (TNA, PROB 10/640/6 folio 10)

Summary

Testator: Anne Harris of Leffield, widow
Executor: son Thomas
Overseers: Edward Rawlins, & Robert Foster of Langly
Date: 11 April 1643, proved 23 October 1643
Witnesses: Will: Webber sen., James Greene, Anne Payne
Will:
- 6s 6d to church of Shipton
- 40s to poor of Leaffield
- 5s to eldest son John
- £5, clothes etc. to daughter Edith Haselwood
- £4 a year, furnishings etc. to daughter Elizabeth Pearce
- £10 each to John, Thomas, Edward & Richard children of son Thomas when 21
- rest to son Thomas
Total fortune: - ca. £50, + rest

Text (modern spelling)

In the name of God Amen

1. I Anne Harris the elder of Leaffield in the County of Oxford widow sick & weak in body but of good & perfect memory (God be thanked) do make this my last Will and Testament in form following
2. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of my creator hoping for salvation by the mere merits of my saviour Jesus Christ, my body to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executors & executor named And concerning my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I thus dispose of it
3. First I give unto the parish church of Shipton two shillings & sixpence
4. Item I give to the poor of Leffield where I dwell forty shillings both there to be paid within one year after my decease
5. Item I give unto my eldest son John Harris five shillings to be paid within one year next after my decease
6. Item I give unto my daughter Edith Haselwood five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Also I give unto her my best gown my best new coverall six pairs of sheets two tablecloths one dozen napkins two pillow bears my best brass pan to be all delivered within one year next after my decease
7. Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Pearce the full sum of four pounds of lawful money to be paid her yearly during her natural life by my executor for her better livelihood on the four usual quarter days in the year by equal portions Item I give more unto her my said daughter Pearce my best standing bedstead my one featherbed one flock bed two feather bolsters two coverlets one pair of blankets all the rest of my apparel whatsoever not before bequeathed Item I give to my said daughter Pearce my brown yearling heifer my biggest kettle four pewter platters and my best chest to be all delivered unto her within one year next after my decease

8. Item I give unto my son Thomas Harris his four children John Thomas Edward & Richard ten pounds apiece to be paid them at their several ages of twenty and one years
9. Item I give unto my said daughter Pearce six pair of sheets two tablecloths & two pillow bears to be delivered her in one year as aforesaid
10. All the rest of my good chattels & estate herein not before given or bequeathed I give and bequeath unto Thomas Harris my younger son whom I do hereby make the full and sole executor of this my last Will & Testament
11. And I desire my two friends Edward Rawlins & Robert Foster of Langly to be overseers of this my last Will
12. In witness whereof I have hereto set my mark this eleventh day of April 1643 and in the nineteenth year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King defender of the faith

Anne Harris her mark

Published in the presence of us Will: Webber sen. James Greene his mark Anne Payne her mark

Probate Oxford 23 October 1643