
Will of Thomas Harris 1653 (TNA, PROB 11/229/464)

Summary

Testator: Thomas Harris of Lyneham, yeoman
Executrix: wife Anne
Overseer: nephew John Harris the younger
Date: 2 May 1653, proved 14 July 1653
Witnesses: John Holland John Hooper
Will:
- 5s to poor of Befield
- £5 to son John Harris
- £5 to son Thomas
- £30 to son Edward when 21
- £30 to son Richard when 21
- £40 to son Hugh when 21
- £40 to son James when 21
- £40 to daughter Susanna on marriage or when 21
- rest to wife Anne
Total fortune: - ca. £190 + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. The second day of May 1653 I Thomas Harris of Lyneham in the County of Oxford yeoman being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory (thanks be given to almighty God my creator of whom I steadfastly hope for salvation in and through the death and passion of his son Jesus Christ our only saviour and redeemer who shed his blood for all such true repentant sinners as forsake their sins and believe in him whereof I am one and rose again to make them righteous) do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following
2. First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty God my creator who have it me and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named And for my goods wherewith it has pleased God to endow me withal (my debts and funeral expenses first discharged) I will and devise them in manner following (that is to say)
3. I give and bequeath to the poor of Befield five shillings to be delivered to them within six months next after my decease
4. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Harris five pounds to be paid unto him within twelve months next after my decease
5. Item to my son Thomas Harris five pounds to be paid unto him within twelve months next after my decease
6. Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Harris thirty pounds to be paid unto him when he shall attain unto the age of one and twenty years
7. Item I give and bequeath to my son Richard Harris thirty pounds to be paid unto him when he shall attain unto the age of one and twenty years

8. Item I give and bequeath to my son Hugh Harris forty pounds to be paid unto him when he shall attain unto the age of one and twenty years
9. Item I give and bequeath to my son James Harris forty pounds to be paid unto him when he shall attain unto the age of one and twenty years
10. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Harris forty pounds to be paid unto her upon the day of her marriage (if she shall marry with the consent of her mother) or at her age of one and twenty years which shall first happen
11. Item I will that if any of my children do happen to depart this mortal life before they shall come to their several ages of being capable to receive their portions that the legacy of legacies given as afore said shall be equally divided amongst the survivors
12. Item the rest of my goods and chattels not herein bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my dear & loving wife Anne Harris whom I make and ordain my sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all other Wills by me heretofore made And this to be my last Will
13. Item I do appoint my nephew John Harris the younger overseer of this my Will entreating him to be aiding and assisting to my executrix and to see that this my Will be faithfully performed And I do give unto him five shillings
14. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Thomas Harris

Signed sealed and published in the presence of John Holland John Hooper

Probate Westminster 14 July 1653 oath of Anne Harris the relict and executrix