

Will of George Rolle 1553 (PRO, ref. PROB 11/36 Image 29)

Summary

Testator: George Rolle, Stevenstone, Devon
 Executrix: wife Margery
 Date: 11 November 1555 (6th year of the reign of Edward the 6th, that is, 1552),
 proved 9 February 1553
 Witnesses: John Prydiaux, Edmund Yeo
 Will:

- 500 marks to daughters Jackett?, Besse and Mary paid out of income from manors and property in Devon, Somerset and Cornwall
- wardship and marriage of Margaret Marrye, to pay £19 to her parents Edmond and Margaret
- rest to wife Margery
- 2 tenements in Wandsworth to daughter Mary, if she dies to daughter Elizabeth
- to William Sheldon esq., John Tawe? gent. and John Prydiaux gent. executors of obligation to brother-in-law Sir John Pakington of Hampton Lovett to pay them £100 per year for their lives or any male heirs

Text

In the Name of the father son and tholy ghost

1. and in the 11th day of November in the year of our lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and five And in the 6th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and of the church of England and Ireland in earth the Supreme head I George Rolle of Stebynston in the County off Devon whole and perfect of memory and body God be thanked at his present make my devise Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say
2. I bequeath my soul to the holy Trinity and all the holy company of in heaven my wretched body to be buried in such place as my body shall depart this miserable life as shall please Margery my wife to dispose it
3. which Margery my wife I make my sole executrix
4. And further I give and bequeath to Jackett Rolle Besse Rolle and Mary Rolle my daughters five hundred marks of lawful current money of England that is to say to every off them five hundred marks to be ? levied ? and taken by my trusty ? and ? John Wychalf Geffrey Tuthyll? Rychard Staveley and John Thybe? or five of them unto of all my manners lands tenements and other herditaments whatsoever they be in the counties of Devon Somerset and Cornwall
5. And that those that shall ? doe yearly account to my said wife or her assigns during her life ? in the year that is to say within one month next after the feast of Saint Michael and those that shall so mean to have yearly for their pains and labors for every of them 20?
6. I give grant and bequeath to George Roll my son the wardship and marriage of Margaret Marrye daughter and sole heir to Edmond Marrye of the parish of Saint Mary Wyke? in the County of Cornwall in as large and ample manner as I have here of the gift and grant of the said Edi during their lives 19£ yearly and quarterly to be paid by even payments to be divided that is to say at every quarter 4£ 15s to them both and to the longest liver of

them And that George Rolle shall find surety to my wife that he and his wife Margery surely pay yearly the said annuity and discharge my executors

7. And if it shall for time the ? and profit of the said manors lands tenements or other the hereditaments to be behind and unpaid in part or in all when it ought to be paid That then it shall be lawful to the said John Wychalf Geoffrey Rychard Stavely and John Thorne and to any of them to enter and to distrain and the distresses so therein taken to have have ? and vary and the same withhold unto the said rents? with th? of the same if any such be be satisfied contented and so from time to time at all times?until the said fine of five hundred marks be fully contented and paid
8. Provided that if any of the said three daughters die before they shall accomplish the age of 21 years or be married That then the part and portion of them so dieing shall wholly remain and ? to the over-livers or livers of them
9. The residue of all my goods not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Margery my said wife whom I have made my sole executrix
10. In Witness and per me Johem Prydiaux per me Edmundus Yeo
11. Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Rolle my ? two tenements with their appurtenances in Wandsworth which shall remain in her mothers keeping until she be married
12. And if she die before she be married Then I will and bequeath the said lands unto Elizabeth Rolle my daughter and her heirs
13. Item I will and bequeath unto Mary Roll my daughter a bason and ? graved with her mothers arms which remain in her mothers keeping ? executrix to her father George Roll Esquire deceased per me Johem Prydiaux and per me Edmund Yeo
14. **And Further** where as my late brother in law John Pakington knight by the name of John Pakynton of Hampton Lovett in the County of Worcester esquire by his writing obligatory being dated the 20th day of February in the 28th year of the reign of our late dowager Lord King Henry the eight stood and became bound to me the said George Roll and to Harvy Jarvis Citizen and merchant Taylor of London and other now deceased upon condition that he the said Sir John Pakington before the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist then next ensuing the date of the said other obligation by his deed sufficient in the law make or cause to be made to Edmond Knightly Sergeant at Law and to the said Robert Cheseman George Rolle and to John Bulfynche Nicholas Slythborne and Thomas Cabrot Clerk a sufficient and lawful estate in fee simple of and in manors lands tenements rents reversions and such forth with their appurtenances set lying and being in the Shires of Worcester Herford Stafford Salop and Middlesex in any of them to the clear yearly value of one hundred and twenty pounds over and above all charges and reprises whereof the manor of Claverley Corbet with the appurtenances in the county of Worcester should be parcel To have and hold the said manors lands tenements rents reversions and ? to the said Edmond Robert George John Nicholas and Thomas their heirs and assigns for ever upon rendering that the said Edmond Robert George John Nicholas and Thomas before the feast of the Nativity of our lord God then next ensuing should by their deed indented make sufficient and lawful estate of and in the said manors lands tenements and other the premises to the said John Pakington and Anne for term of life of the said Anne and to the heirs male of the body of the said Sir John Pakington lawfully begotten with remainder

and to such person and persons as should be named and appointed by the said Sir John Pakington is by the endorsement of the said obligation more plainly applies

15. My Will and intent is that William Sheldon of the County of Worcester esquire John Tawe? gentleman and John Prydiaux gentleman shall be my only executors for the said writing obligatory duly willing and charging them and every of them for the said obligation such? if they do observe perform fulfill and keep the confidence and trust that I have put in them for the said obligation such that they and every of them be ordered and governed in all and every slight which shall be attempted upon the said obligation and for the recovery of the debt retained on the same obligation by my dear and well beloved sister in law Dame Anne Pakington widow for whose remedy security and advantage the said obligation was first made

Probatum... London 9th day February 1553/4 John Tawe, William Sheldon and John Prydiaux