

Will of George Rolle (PRO, ref. PROB 11/36 Image 139)

Summary

Testator: George Rolle -1553, Stevenstone, Devon
 Executrix: wife Margery
 Date: 11 November 1552 (6th year of the reign of Edward the 6th), proved 11 June 1556?
 Witnesses: Johem Wychalf, Galfred? Totthyll, William Grymstay?, Edm 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
 - annuity to wife Margaret to be paid by son George and his wife Margaret

Text

In the Name of the father sonne and the holye gost and ? in the 11th day of November in the yere of our lorde god a thousand fyve hundered fyfty and two And in the 6th yere of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and in ? of the church of England and Ireland the Supreme head I George Rolle of Stevynston in the County of Devon hole and perfect of memory and bodie at this present make my Devise Will and Testament in manner and forme followyng that is to say I bequeath my soule to the holly Trinitie and to all the holy company of seynts ? my wretched body to be buryed in suche place as my body shall departe this miserable life as shall please Margery my wiffe to dispose yt

whiche Margery my wyffe I make my sole executrix

And Further I give and bequeath to Jackett? Rolle Besse Rolle and Mary Rolle my daughters Six hundred markes of lawful currant money of England that is to say to every off them two hundred marks to be ? levyed ? and taken by my trustees ? and ? John Wychalf Geffrey Tuthyll? Rychard Staveley and John Thorne or two of them unto of all my Manors landes teneme[n]ts and other herditaments whatsoever they be in the Counties of Devon Somerset and Cornwall

And that those that shall ? doe yerely accompte to my said wyf and her assignes during her lyf ones in the yere that is to say within one month next after the feast of Saint Michael Tharchangell and those that shall so mean to have yerely for theyr paynes and labours for every of them twentie shillings

Item I gyve grant and bequeathe to George Roll my sonne the Wardshipp and mariage of Margaret Marye daughter and sole heyre to Edmond Marye of Saint Mary Wike in the County of Cornwall in as large and ample manner as I have her of the gyfte and grannt of the said Edmund Marrye holdyng and paying yerely to the said Edmond Marye and Margery hys wiefe during their lives Nyneteen pounds yerely and quarterly to be paid by even payments to be divided that is to say at every quarter 4£ 15s to them bothe and to the longest lyver of them And yf it shall for time the fruit and profit of any of the said manors landes tenements and other the hereditaments to be behynde and unpaide in parte or in all when yt ought to be paide That then it shalbe lawfull to the said John Wychalf Geffrey Richard Stavelly and John Thorne and to every of them theyr Executors and assigns into all the said Manors Landes and tenements and into every parte and parcess therof to enter and to distrayn? and the distresses so thereof taken to have dryve and cary away and the same wytholde untill the said Rents and the ?rages of the same yf my ? be satisfied contentyd And so from tyme to tyme at all tymes unto the said Some of Six hundred marks be fully contentyd and paide

Provided that yf any of the said three daughters dye before they shall accomplyshe the age of 21 yeres or be maried that then the parte and portion of them so dyeing shall holy remayne and come to the overlyvers or lyvers of them

The Residue of all my goodes not given nor bequeathed I gyve and bequeathe to Margery my said wief whom I have made my sole Executrix

Memorandum that George Rolle shall fynd suretie to my Wief that he and his Wief Margaret shall paye yerely the said Annuitie and discharge myn Executryi per me Johem Wychalf per me Galfred? Totthyll & me William Grymstay? per me Edm Yeo

Probatum... London 11th day June 1556?