

Will of John Rooke 1581 (TNA, PROB 11/64/30)

Summary

Testator:	Thomas Rooke of Evenlode, Glocs., yeoman
Executor:	wife Agnes
Overseers:	John Tydmarsh clerk curate of Brodewell, brother Thomas Rocke, Thomas Fletcher, Anthony Greynehill, William Freeman of Brodewell
Date:	31 July 1581, proved 26 January 1582
Witnesses:	Barnarde Powes, Anthony Greynehill, John Tidmarsh
Will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3s 4d to repair the church of Evenlode - 3s 4d to neediest poor of Evenlode - 3s 4d to neediest poor of Stow on the Wold - 3s 4d to neediest poor of Morton Henmarsh - 3s 4d to neediest poor of Blockley - 3s 4d to neediest poor of Chipping Norton - 3s 4d to repair the highway of Evenlode - property in Ludstone to son Thomas, he to pay rent of 5s 8d yearly - 10s and a sheep apiece to the 2 daughters of son Thomas - 40s to daughter Johan, wife of Thomas Newman of Kingham - right to sow one quarter of barley yearly at Ludstone to son-in-law Thomas Newman, as long as wife Johan lives - 40s to John, eldest son of Thomas Newman and Johan, when 14 - 40s to Anne, eldest daughter of Thomas Newman and Johan, when 14 - 20s to daughter Anne, wife of William Johnsons of Oddington - 40s and a sheep to Richard, eldest son of William Johnsons and Anne, when 14 - 20s and a sheep to Elinor, daughter of William Johnsons and Anne - a quarter of barley yearly to daughter Anne Johnsons from son Edward - 4d apiece to every godchild - 12d apiece to every servant living with him at his decease - one sheep apiece to Anne & Mary Elkes, daughters of sister - property on lease in North Brooke & Nether Stratford to son Edward - rest of property on lease in North Brooke & Nether Stratford to wife Agnes - lease of Ludstone to son Edward - implements & furniture to son Edward & wife Agnes - rest equally between son Edward & wife Agnes
Total fortune:	- ca. £13, leases on properties, livestock & crops, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. The last day of July in the year of our lord God one thousand five hundred four score and one I John Rocke of Evenlode in the County of Worcester yeoman of perfect mind and remembrance (thanks be to God) do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. Inprimus I bequeath my soul into the hands of God perfectly believing to have forgiveness of my sins by the passion of our saviour Jesus Christ And my body to be buried in Christian mens burial
3. Item I give to the repair of the church of Evenlode aforesaid three shillings four pence

4. Item to the neediest poor of Evenlode three shillings four pence
5. Item to the neediest of Stow in the Wold three shillings four pence
6. Item to the neediest in Morton Henmarsh three shillings four pence
7. Item to the neediest in Blockley three shillings four pence
8. Item to the neediest in Chipping Norton three shillings four pence
9. Item to the repair of the highways of Evenlode 3s 4d
10. Item that whereas my son Thomas Rocke has lands of me in Ludstone to the forests? I give unto the same Thomas the said forests? He paying to my son Edward yearly towards the rent thereof five shillings eight pence
11. Item I bequeath to the said Thomas Rocke his 2 daughters ten shillings apiece and one sheep apiece or four shillings in money for every sheep
12. Item I give to Johan Newman my daughter wife of Thomas Newman of Kingham forty shillings
13. Item my will is that the said Thomas Newman shall yearly sow to his own use one quarter of barley at Ludstone during the term of my lease concerning Ludstone (if my daughter his now wife live so long)
14. Item I give to John Newman eldest son of the said Thomas and Johan Newman forty shillings to be paid to him at the age of fourteen years
15. Item to Anne Newman their eldest daughter forty shillings to be paid to her at the age of fourteen years
16. Item I bequeath to Anne Johnsons my daughter wife of William Johnsons of Oddington twenty shillings
17. Item to Richard Johnsons their eldest son forty shillings and one sheep or four shillings to be paid and delivered at the age of fourteen years
18. Item I give to Elinor Johnsons their daughter twenty shillings and one sheep or four shillings in money
19. Item I give to the said Anne Johnsons my daughter yearly one quarter of barley to be delivered to her yearly by Edward my son during my lease of Ludstone
20. Item to every of my godchildren 4d apiece
21. Item I give to every of my servants as shall dwell with me at the time of my decease 12d apiece
22. Item I give to Anne Elkes and Mary Elke my sister's children one sheep apiece worth four shillings

23. Item I give to Edward my son one house called Mometaynes Place with a yardland and the appurtenances thereto belonging one close called Yearne Barrow with a piece of meadow lying in the east part of North Brooke belonging to the same And one close called Frogmore Close and three ? pasture lying in Longborough field and eight poles of meadow ground lying in Nether Stratford joining unto the acre belonging to the said house and one piece of meadow lying in the Ra? Meadow The said Edward to have all this during the term of the lease of the said house
24. All the residue in the same lease demised I give unto Agnes Rock my wife (that is to say) one close called Bolter's Close with a piece of meadow ground lying in the west part of North Brooke containing twelve poles And one other close called Shorte Close with one piece of meadow lying in the south part of Nether Stratford
25. Item I give to the said Edward my son my lease of Ludstone with all profits and appurtenances thereto belonging And the said Edward to fulfil my will concerning that is issuing out of Ludstone as well by this my last Will as also in the lease specified And also paying unto my wife yearly three quarters of barley and one quarter of wheat during the said lease
26. Item my will is that my wife shall have free ingress egress and regress for herself and her assigns to brew, bake and make malt in the kitchen set lying and being in the tenement called Mometaynes Place so long as she live and the lease so long continue
27. Item I give to the same Edward my best iron bound long cart And my wife the second iron bound long cart And then the said Edward to have the third pair of iron bound wheels with a don?ge crib and a pair of drafts And my wife the other don?ge crib and a pair of drafts
28. Item I give to the same Edward the cistern standing in the kitchen and the querne mill and a salting trough but my wife to have an equal occupation with him
29. Item I give to the same Edward one leaf? which I have of Mr. Croker of Evenlode and an iron bar two iron wedges and one mattock
30. Item all the rest of my goods and chattels movable and immovable not given nor bequeathed by these presents (my debts legacies and funeral expenses being paid) by the said Edward and the said Agnes my wife And excepting the crops that shall be growing at the time of my decease wherein my will is that my son Edward shall have all the crop that belongs to Mometaynes Place and to Ludstone And my wife to have that that belongs to her free land without dividing I will that they be divided into two equal parts by my overseers And I give the one part thereof to Edward my son and the other part to Agnes my wife
31. Which Agnes I make my sole executrix to see my debts and legacies paid & performed and my body honestly brought to the earth at hers and my son's charge as above said
32. And I desire John Tydmarsh clerk curate of Brodewell, my brother Thomas Rocke, Thomas Fletcher, Anthony Greynehill, and William Freeman of Brodewell to be overseers of this my last Will and Testament And I give to either of them for their pains to be taken herein five shillings And this I wish all well to do in Christ Jesus

33. In witness whereof I have caused this my last Will and Testament to be written and read the day and year first above written in the presence of these witnesses subscribed viz. Barnarde Powes, Anthony Greynehill, John Tidmarsh

(John Rooke)

Probate London 26 January 1581 Agnes widow & executrix