
Will of Alice Rooke 1627 (TNA, PROB 11/152/504)

Summary

Testator: Alice Rooke of Bledington, Glocs., widow
Executors: **son** Rowland Checker & **daughter** Lucy Rooke
Overseers: John Vilmore and Richard Howford
Date: 20 October 1626, proved 23 October 1627
Witnesses: Tho: Cooke clerk, John Vilmore
Will:
- 20s to repair of church of Bledington
- 1 quarter of mill corn to the poor of Bledington
- one cow to Thomas Rooke
- £5 & furniture and tools to John Rooke
- £5 & kettle to Richard Rooke
- £20 & furniture to Alice Checker
- £20 & kettle to Alice Rooke
- £5, pot & 3 platters to Elizabeth Checker
- £5 & 3 platters to Dorothy Checker
- £5 & 3 platters to Ann Checker
- money from sale of 15 beasts equally to John Rooke, Richard Rooke
Elizabeth Checker, Dorothy Checker & Anne Checker
- 1 quarter of mill corn to Anne Farrant
- 26s 8d equally divided to her children
- 1 quarter of barley & ½ quarter of pulse to John Norris
- 5s to carter Thomas Trinder
- 10s to Edward Hathaway
- 2s each to other servants
- farm lease to **daughter** Lucy Rooke
- rest to executors
- owed by various persons £48
Total fortune: - ca. £70, lease on farm, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. The twentieth day of October Anno Domini 1626 I Alice Roocke of Bledington in the diocese of Gloucester widow being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance thanks be given to God for it 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 the earth to be buried in Christian burial And as for the worldly goods which the Lord of his great mercy has lent me I do dispose as follows
3. Item I give and bequeath towards the repair of the church of Bledington 20s
4. Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of Bledington one quarter of mill corn
5. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Roocke one black cow which was of the breed of the cow which I bought of John Mander

6. Item I give and bequeath to John Rooke five pounds one table board in the hall with the frame, form, benches and wainscot in the said hall one bed and bedstead which I do now lie upon with the appurtenances to the same bed belonging all the Tallardes in and about the house with the horse mangers standing and beaf housings in the stable and cow house
7. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Rooke five pounds and the biggest brass kettle
8. Item I give and bequeath to Alice Checker twenty pounds five pounds thereof to be part of that money which Mr. George Witney does owe unto me two pair of sheets two boards cloths one featherbed in the cellar one bedstead in the same cellar or else my executors to buy her one as good as that is one pair of blankets
9. Item I give and bequeath to Alice Rooke twenty pounds five pounds thereof to be another part of that money which Mr. George Witney does owe unto me and the biggest brass kettle saving one
10. Item I give and bequeath Elizabeth Checker five pounds the middlemost brass pot and three platters
11. Item I give and bequeath to Dorothy Checker five pounds and three of the best platters
12. Item I give and bequeath to Anne Checker five pounds and three the next best platters
13. Item I give and bequeath to John Rooke Richard Rooke Elizabeth Checker Dorothy Checker and Anne Checker fifteen beasts between them the beasts to be kept upon the living one half year after my decease and to be sold by my executors and overseers and the money to be equally divided amongst the five children last named and to be put forth by my executors and overseers for the best benefit of the said children until they shall come to the age of one and twenty years or be married which shall first happen And my will is that if any of my **son** Rowland Checker's daughters shall depart this life before she or they shall come to the age of one and twenty years and not married that then the part of her or them so departed to remain to the other of his children then living to be equally divided amongst them And likewise if any of my **daughter** Lucy Rooke her children shall depart this life before they shall come to the age aforesaid and not married that then the part of him or them so departed to remain to the other of her children then living to be equally divided amongst them (the heir excepted)
14. Item I give to Anne Farrant one quarter of mill corn And that corn which I am to have of Thomas Newman of Kingham and to her four children 26s 8d to be equally divided between them
15. Item I give and bequeath to John Norris one quarter of barley and half a quarter of pulse
16. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Trinder my carter if he do continue with me until my decease five shillings
17. Item I give and bequeath to Edward Hathaway? ten shillings
18. Item I give and bequeath to every one of my other servants which shall be with me at the time of my decease two shillings apiece

19. And further my will is that my **daughter** Lucy Roocke her executors and assigns shall have the farm lease of Bledington after the end of the dead? year wholly to herself for the term of years yet to come and unexpired And that neither my **son** Rowland Checker nor his executors nor assigns shall have any thing to do therewith but ony for the time of the dead years
20. All the rest of my goods and chattels movable and unmovable unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my **son** Rowland Checker and to my **daughter** Lucy Roocke whom I do make my sole executors of this my last Will and Testament my debts paid my legacies performed and my funeral discharged
21. And I do appoint John Villmore and Richard Houlford my overseers and they to have for their pains taken herein two shillings apiece
22. Debts owing to the testatrix Inprimus Mr George Witney thirty pounds Item Thomas Hawkins senior fourteen pounds Item Phillipp Barnett thirty shillings Item William Hadland thirty shillings Item William Hunt ten shillings Item John Vilmore ten shillings

Witnesses at the making hereof Tho: Cooke clerk John Vilmore

(Alice Rooke)

Probate 23 October 1627 Roland Checker Lucia Roocke children & executors