
Will of John Rooke 1678 (Consistory Court of Gloucester, Will 1678/10)

Summary

Testator:	John Rooke of Bledington, Glocs., yeoman
Executor:	wife Johane
Overseers:	friend Nathaniel Brookes of Burford gent. & brother Richard Rooke of Great Rissington yeoman
Date:	20 May 1677, proved 2 August 1678
Witnesses:	Anne Brookes Charles Brookes
Will:	- house & lands in Bledington to wife Johane for life, then to son Thomas if he pays - £200 to son John - £200 to daughter Johane - £100 to daughter Alice - £100 to son Richard - 5s apiece to children of daughter Baker - 5s apiece to son Thomas & daughter Lucy - 20s apiece to overseers
Total fortune:	- ca. £600, house & lands, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. I John Rucke alias Rooke of Bladington alias Bledington in the County of Gloucester yeoman being well in body and of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to almighty God yet knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do this one and twentieth day of May one thousand six hundred seventy & seven make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. Inprimus I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it came And as for my worldly goods wherewith it has pleased almighty God to endow me I give and devise as follows
3. First I give and bequeath to my loving wife Johane for and during the term of her natural life All that my messuage or tenement with the appurtenances lying and being in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid in the said County of Gloucester And all that my close of pasture ground to my said messuage or tenement adjoining containing by estimation one acre and a half And all those arable lands several closes meadows and pastures in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid commonly called or esteemed to be two yardlands to my said messuage or tenement belonging or appertaining An all that my several closes or parcel of meadow or pasture ground called Barrowshard in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid with four leys thereunto adjoining And all those my other arable lands meadow and pasture grounds in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid in the said County of Gloucester commonly called or known by the name of a Petty Farm and two berridalls And all other my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid
4. And after the decease of my said wife Johan I give all my said lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid to my son Thomas Rucke alias Rooke and his heirs Provided always and upon condition that he my said son Thomas Rucke alias Rooke his heirs and assigns or some of them shall and do within two years next after the decease of my said loving wife Johane well and truly pay or cause

5. to be paid to my son John Rucke alias Rooke the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of England
6. And to my daughter Johane Rucke alias Rooke the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of England
7. And to my daughter Alice Rucke alias Rooke the sum of one hundred pounds of like lawful money of England
8. And to my son Richard Rucke alias Rooke the sum of one hundred pounds of like lawful money of England
9. And in case my son Thomas Rucke alias Rooke his heirs or assigns shall not pay the said several legacies to my said sons and daughters so by me given as aforesaid at the time herein before mentioned for payment thereof Then my will is that my overseers of this my will hereafter named shall immediately after my said wife decease have whole & every all my said lands tenements and hereditaments Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid for the term of fifteen years to commence and begin from the day of the death of my said wife and shall or may let and set the same for the said term or any part thereof and have receive and take the rents issues and profits thereof & out of the same rents and profits thereof pay the said several legacies given unto my said sons and daughters as aforesaid And my will is that my said son John Rucke alias Rooke's legacy of two hundred pounds shall be first paid and after the payment thereof the other legacies given to my other children shall be paid to every one yearly a proportional part until the same shall be all paid And my will further is that the profits of my said lands which shall arise the two first years after my wife's decease shall go towards the payment of the said several legacies given by this my Will and not to the use of my said son Thomas Rucke alias Rooke And my will further is that if my said daughter Alice shall marry in the lifetime of my wife without her consent & good liking That then the legacy of one hundred pounds to her given as aforesaid shall go and be paid to my younger children now unmarried share and share alike and she my said daughter Alice shall have only five shillings in lieu thereof And in case any of my children die unmarried before his or her legacies be due or paid as aforesaid that then the legacy of him or her dying or so much thereof as shall be then unpaid shall go to my other children my son Thomas and my daughter Lucy only excepted
10. Item I give to every one of my daughter Baker's children that shall be living at the time of my decease five shillings
11. And to my son Thomas and to my daughter Lucy five shillings apiece and no more
12. Item my will is that such of my debts as shall be unpaid at the time of my decease and which the personal estate that I shall die possessed of shall not amount to satisfy shall be paid out of the rents issues and profits of my said lands tenements and hereditaments in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid before any legacy shall be paid or payable out of the same
13. And I make my said loving wife whole & sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament
14. And I make my loving friend Nathaniel Brookes of Burford in the County of Oxford gent. & my brother Richard Rooke of Great Rissington in the said County of Gloucester yeoman overseers of this my last Will and Testament & entreat them to take upon them the trust by me in them reposed and to pay any debts & legacies out of the rents issues and profits of

my said lands tenements and hereditaments to them devised for the term of fifteen years as aforesaid And I give to every one of my overseers twenty shillings And my will further is that whatsoever trouble or charges my said overseers shall undergo or disburse in the performance & execution of this my last Will shall be reimbursed & made good out of the rents and profits of my said lands tenements & hereditaments in Bladington alias Bledington aforesaid

15. In witness whereof I the said John Rucke alias Rooke have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written

John Rucke alias Rooke

Signed sealed published & declared by the said John Rucke alias Rooke to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us after the several ?anitudenits? were made & amended as now they are Anne Brookes Cha: Brooke

Probate Gloucester 2 August 1678