
Will of Cordell Meye 1627 (TNA, PROB 11/152/56)

Summary

Testator: Cordell Meye, widow
Executors: Stephen Meye, Grace Meye, Theodora Meye
Date: 26 May 1627, proved 8 June 1627
Witnesses: Ja. Sedgwicke Henry Horne Christopher Browne
Will: - son Henry Meye a bible of 20 pence
- son John Meye £100 debt
- daughter Margaret Fawcett 40s for a ring
- daughter Margery Browne £5
- daughter Cordell Meye £10
- daughter Mary Meye £10
- daughter Sturgis £10
- daughter Deborah Horne £10
- daughter Grace Meye £100 left by her father £20 left by her grandmother and £80 more
- daughter Sarah Meye £100 left by her father and £100 more
- daughter Theodora Meye £100 left by her father and £100 more
- cousin Mrs Thiphosa Clarke widow
- son Stephen Meye personal possessions
- daughter Elizabeth Sedgwick £10 of £20 owed by her husband
- rest divided between daughters Grace Sara and Theodora

Text (modern spelling)

In the name of God amen

1. The six and twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred twenty seven I Cordell Meye of South Lynn in the County of Norfolk Widow sick in body but of sound and perfect memory (thanks be given to almighty God) revoking all former wills and testaments by me made do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. Imprimus I commend my soul into the hands of my almighty Creator being fully assured through the righteousness of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ that all my sins are forgiven me and that when he shall come in his glory to judge the quick and the dead I shall rise with him in glory unto everlasting life
3. And for my body if I die in Lynn my desire is to be buried in the parish church of South Lynn by my husband
4. Item I give towards the repairs of the said church of South Lynn forty shillings
5. Item I give to the poor of the same parish forty shillings
6. Item I give to him that shall preach at my burial twenty shillings
7. Item I give to my son Henry Meye a bible of 20 pence
8. Item I give to my son John Meye one hundred pound bond I have of his provided he discharge his brother Stephen Mey of the bond of one hundred and fifty pounds they stand jointly bound unto me and twenty shillings beside to make him a seal ring

9. Item I give to my daughter Margaret Fawcett forty shillings to make her a ring
10. Item I give to my daughter Margery Browne five pounds of that forty pounds her husband owes me And my will is that he or she shall ? to my executors all such implements of household stuff and other goods as I bought of George Stedman and likewise such goods of my own as I lent them according to an Inventory thereof made or else they shall take no benefit of this my legacy but be ? to my executors their ?
11. Item I give unto Cordell Meye my daughter ten pounds to be paid her within twelve months after my decease and also ten pounds more to be set out presently after my decease of all my moveable goods
12. Item I give to Mary Meye my daughter ten pounds to be paid her within twelve months after my decease
13. Item I give to my daughter Sturgis my best Tuff taffety gown kirtle and bodice belonging thereunto and also ten pounds to be likewise paid her within twelve months after my decease
14. Item I give to my daughter Deborah Horne ten pounds to be likewise paid her within twelve months after my decease
15. Item I give to my daughter Grace Meye one hundred pounds her father gave her in his will and twenty pounds her grandmother gave her and four score more to make up her portion two hundred pounds Provided that she discharge her brother Stephen Meye of the forty pounds due to her within six months after my decease by the last will and testament of her father nor shall make claim to any bonds or securities taken in her name And my will is that she shall receive the interest of the said portion as it shall grow due for and towards her maintenance And her said portion to be paid her within one whole year next after my decease
16. Item I give to my daughter Sarah Meye the hundred pounds her father gave her which is in her brother Henry his hands and I give her more one hundred pounds as a gift from myself And also it is my will that she shall be paid the forty pounds which her father gave her by his will to be paid unto her by her brother Stephen Meye within six months next after my decease and that the use of the said moneys shall be hereby paid unto her towards her maintenance until she shall attain unto the age of 22 years or she be married
17. And my earnest desire is that my worthy good friend Sr Thomas Hoogan to be pleased to take into his tuition and government and to have the disposing of her said portion giving unto her fit education and maintenance according to her quality and portion
18. Item I give to my daughter Theodora Meye one hundred pounds her father gave her in his will and one other hundred pounds more to augment her portion provided always that upon the payment of the said two hundred pounds to her or ? for her use she shall fully discharge my son Stephen Meye of the forty pounds given her by her father his will to be paid by the said Stephen within six months after my decease
19. And I do heartily desire my loving cousin Mrs Thiphosa Clarke widow to take her into her tuition and the bringing of her up until she attain to her age of 22 years or be married my executors allowing her the use of the said two hundred pounds for her maintenance provided always that is any of my three daughters Grace Sara & Theodora Meye last mentioned shall

- depart this life before they shall come to full age or be married that then the portion of them or her that shall survive shall be equally divided between them
20. Item my will and mind is that my son Stephen Meye shall have my best bedstead with the bed one pair of blankets my best coverlet and two pillows belonging thereunto four pair of sheets two fine two coarse and also all the implements of household stuff and other things of my own which are now in the possession of my son Browne
 21. Item which was before omitted I give to Elizabeth Sedgwick my daughter ten pounds of the twenty pounds her husband owe me
 22. All the residue of my goods and chattels household stuff plate jewels and apparel unbequeathed my debts and legacies paid and funeral charges deducted shall be equally divided between my said three daughters Grace Sara and Theodora
 23. Item my will is that if it shall happen that any of the debts owing me which I now account good shall prove otherwise Then my will and meaning is that my three daughters abovenamed shall equally bear the loss (if any there happen to be) amongst them and shall answer my executors all such necessary costs and charges as shall be expended about the execution of this my will
 24. And for the true performance of this my last will and testament I do constitute and ordain my loving son Stephen Meye together with Grace Meye and Theodora Mey two of my daughters executors of this my last will and testament
 25. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written by me Cordell Meye sealed and delivered in the presence of us Ja. Sedgwick Henry Horne Christopher Browne

Probatum 8 June 1627 Stephen May ... Grace Maye and Theodore Meye