

Will of Margaret Steyt 1657 (TNA, PROB 11/261/526)

Summary

Testator: Margaret Steyt, Bledington, Gloucestershire, Widow
 Executor: son William
 Overseers: William Lord and Thomas Andrewes
 Date: 10 January 1640/1, proved 16 February 1656/7
 Witnesses: Thomas Andrewes
 Will:

- son Thomas 20s, his son William £4, his daughter Marie 6s 8d
- son John 40s, his sons William 20s, James 6s 8d & Richard 6s 8d
- son Edward £17, his sons John 40s, Thomas 6s 8d & William 6s 8d
- son Alexander £3, his daughter Margarett £4, his sons Edward 6s 8d & Robert 6s 8d & William 10s, Thomas 6s 8d & Alexander 6s 8d
- daughter Marie £22, her sons Thomas Blisse 40s, Edward 3s 4d & John 3s 4d
- grandson John Powys, son of John Powys and daughter Elinor, 40s
- rest of godchildren 12d apiece
- son Thomas £20 he paid for mortgage of son John's house in Chipping Norton
- 5 daughters-in-law 6s 8d apiece
- daughter-in-law Joan, wife of son Alexander
- sister Joan
- son William rest

Text

1. In the Name of God Amen the tenth day of January Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and forty I Margerie Steyt of Bledington in the County of Gloucester widdow beinge weake in body but well and perfect in memorie (thanks be given to god) consideringe the frailty of mans life to be but as a shadowe, doe make and ordaine this my last will & Testament In manner & forme followinge
2. First I commend my soule into the handes of Allmightie god beleiving to have forgiveness for my sinnes by the death & passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer And to be made partaken of life everlastinge by his only meritte
3. And my body I bequeath to the earth to be buried in christian buriall in the churchyard of Bledington aforesaid
4. And as for my worldly goods which the Lord of his gracious goodnes hath lent mee I doe dispose in manner and forme followinge
5. Imprimis I give to the Church of Beldington five shillings
6. Item I give to the poore of the towne tenn shillings to be distributed at the discretion of my executor & overseers
7. Item I give to my sonne Thomas twenty Shillings and to William his sonne I give fower pounds and a brazen candlestick
8. And to Marie his daughter I give six shillings eight pence and a pewter platter

9. Item I give to my sonne John Fortie shillings my worst coverlett and a paire of hempten? sheetes
10. And to his sonne William tenn shillings
11. And to his other two sonnes James and Richard sixe shillings eight pence a peece
12. Item I give to Edward my sonne seaventeen pounds I give also to his sonne John? forty shillings a christeninge sheet and a pillow ? with a black ? ? middle of them both
13. Item I give to Alexander my sonne Three pounds
14. And to his daughter Margarett fower pounds a brasse pott a little diaper towell one fine sheet and ? of hempten sheetes
15. And to his two sonnes Edward and Robert six shillings eight pence apeece And to Edward a brazon bason
16. And to his sonne William tenn shillings
17. And to his daughter Margarett twenty shillings a ? sheete ? ? blankett
18. Also I give to his daughter Margerie a wainscott box my worst flock? bed and a feather pillow
19. Item I give to my daughter Marie two and twenty pounds my best coverlett my best flock bed and two bouldsters a feather pillow and a flock pillow curtain? sheete my best table cloth two towells one pillow ? ? a paire of fine sheets a paire of rough sheetes three table napkins a paire of blanketts and a wainscott chest and all my apparrell but what I have given before in this my will
20. Alsoe I give to Thomas Blisse the sonne of my daughter Marie forty shillings
21. Item I give to John Powys the sonne of John Powys and my daughter Elianor forty shillings
22. Item I give to the rest of my godchildren which have noe legacie by by this my will twelve? pence apeece
23. Alsoe I give to my sonne Thomas twenty pounds which hee hath already paid to redeeme a morgage for my sonne John his house in Chipping Norton conditionallie thst when and at such time as hee shall receive the money hee shall deliver the said morgage unto my Executor for the good of my sonne John his eldest sonne
24. Item I give to my five daughter in lawes six shillings eight pence apeece
25. Item I give to Joane the wife of Alexander my sonne my workinge day gowne my workinge day petticoate a kershew epaullett? a smock an apron a pair of stockings a pair of shoes
26. Item I give to my sister Joan a double kershew

27. Item my will is that these legacies which I have given and bequeathed shall be paid within one yeare next after my decease
28. Also my will is that such children as I have given legacies unto which shalbe under age at my decease It shall be lawful for their parents to give acquittance for them to my Executor for his dyscharge And withall to give security to my overseers to pay the sum unto such of their children as I have given it who by this my will when they shall come to the age of one and twenty yeares
29. And further my will is that the two and twenty pounds which I have given to my daughter Mary shall not come into the hands or custody of her husband but shall remaine in the hands of my Executor and overseers to be by them employed and sett forth for her use untill such time as her husband shall make her a Jointure in hand or goods sufficient for such a porcon which shee ? had and is to have
30. Item I doe ordaine and make William my sonne my Executor of all the rest of my goods unbequeathed my legacies performed and my funeral expences discharged
31. Also I doe request William Lord and Thomas Andrewes to be my Overseers
32. And I doe give them for their painestakeinge herein 12d apeece
33. Also I give to the two youngest sonnes of Edward my sonne Thomas and William 6s 8d apeece
34. I give to the two youngest sonnes of Alexander my sonne Thomas and Alexander six shillings eight pence
35. Alsoe I give to the two youngest sonnes of my daughter Mary Edward and John 3s 4d apeece

The marke of Margarett Steyt

Witness hereunto Thomas Andrewes

The sixteenth day of February in ye yeare of our Lord 1656 Issued forth Letters of Administration to William Steyt the Executor of the last will and testament of Wm Steyte deced the sonne and sole Executor of the last will and testament of Margt Steyt late of Bledington in the County of Gloucester alsoe deced To Alster? ? accordinge to the tenor and effect of the said will for ? ? William Steyt ? ? before he took upon him ye execucon of the said will according to the tenor and effect of the said will ? the said Wm Steyt beinge first sworne by ? well and truly to Administer the same