
Will of Elizabeth Staite 1723 (PRO/PCC PROB11/590 image 172)

Summary

Testator: Elizabeth Staite, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, Widow
Executor: well beloved friend Joshua Guy
Date: 27 February 1722, proved 3 March 1723?
Witnesses: Saml Minton, Wm Busby, Ned Busby
Will: - all estate to Joshua Guy, he to pay debts, funeral expenses, legacies
- £5 to friend and pastor John Thorley
- £5 to the wife of John Shortland
- £5 to John Shortland jnr
- £8 to Mary daughter of John Shortland
- 40s to Richard Shortland
- £10 to niece Margaret Berry of London
- £5 to her two daughter apiece
- £5 to Jane wife of William Savage
- 20s to William Righton, tailor
- 20s to Elizabeth Browne
- £5 to John Gibbs of London
- 40s to Eleanor wife of Anthony Blissard of Bledington
- £1 to Jonathan Keen
- £3 to his wife Elizabeth
- gold ring to beloved kinsman Thomas Blissard
- gold ring to Joanna wife of Nicholas Gray of Burmington
- Messuage in Chipping Norton to Thomas son of Edward Staite of Bledington if he pays her executor £135, otherwise Messuage to executor and £40 to Thomas Staite

Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. I Elizabeth Staite of Chipping Norton in the County of Oxon Widow being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament as followeth
2. I commit my Soul into the hands of God my Creator and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner hoping through the satisfaction and righteousness of Christ my Redeemer to be made partaker of eternal happiness
3. and as for such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to bless me I dispose thereof in manner following that is to say
4. Imprimis I do hereby revoke annul and make void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and as this my last Will and Testament do nominate constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved friend Joshua Guy of Chipping Norton aforesaid yeoman my sole Executor and hereby do will devise and bequeath unto him his heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever All my estate real and personal whatsoever or where so ever subject nevertheless to the payment satisfaction and discharging of all and singular my debts funeral charges and of the legacies and bequests hereinafter mentioned that is to say there out I devise may be expended in my Funeral charges such

- sum of money as my said Executor shall think proper not exceeding the sum of ten pounds
5. Item there out I do further direct will and bequeath unto my friend and good pastor Mr. John Thorley the sum of five pounds
 6. unto the wife of John Shortland the sum of five pounds
 7. unto John Shortland junior the sum of five pounds in full of all wages and demands whatsoever due to him from me
 8. unto Mary Shortland one of the daughters of the said John Shortland the sum of eight pounds in full of all wages and demands whatsoever due to her from me
 9. unto Richard Shortland the sum of forty shillings in full of all wages and demands whatsoever due to him from me
 10. unto my neice Margaret Berry of London widow the sum of tenn pounds
 11. and unto her two daughters the sum of five pounds apeice
 12. unto Jane wife of William Savage the sum of five pounds
 13. unto William Righton taylor the sum of twenty shillings
 14. unto Elizabeth Browne widow the sum of twenty shillings
 15. unto John Gibbs of London the sum of five pounds
 16. unto w of Anthony Blissard of Bledington forty shillings
 17. unto Jonathan Keen the sum of one pound
 18. unto Elizabeth his wife the sum of three pounds
 19. unto my beloved kinsman Thomas Blissard a gold ring of the full vallue of guinea
 20. and unto Joanna wife of Nicholas Gray of Burmington a gold ring of one guinea value
 21. All which said legacies and bequests I do hereby direct be paid and delivered within six months after my decease
 22. Item I give unto the said Margaret Berry my four gold rings and my wearing apparel which came from London being three gowns and four petticoats
 23. An the rest of my wearing apparel I will and direct be disposed among and given to my poor relations at the discretion of my said executor
 24. And lastly I do further will devise and bequeath unto Thomas Staite son of Edward Staite of Bledington in the County of Gloucester all that my messuage or tenement situate and being in the New Street in Chipping Norton aforesaid and commonly called or known by the name or sign of the George wherein I now dwell together with all rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining To hold to him his heirs and

assigns for ever provided Always nevertheless that in case the said Thomas Staite do not nor shall within the space of six months next after my decease pay to my said executor the sum of one hundred thirty and five pounds within three months after my decease That then and in such case the said devise of the said messuage to the said Thomas Staite shall be utterly void and in such case I do devise the same to the said Joshua Guy and his heirs And do devise to the said Thomas Staite the sum of forty pounds to be paid there out

25. In Witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Staite have to this my last Will and testament contained in two sheets of paper sett my Hand and Seale this Twenty Seventh day of February Anno Dom 1722 Kings Georgy Regis Uno

Sign Eliza Staite

Signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix as her last Will and testament in the presence of us and by us attested in presence of the said Testatrix
Saml Minton Wm Busby Ned Busby

Probatum ... Joshua Guy Executoris