

**Will of Thomas Steyt 1626** (GLRO)

## Summary

Testator: Thomas Steyt, Bledington, Gloucestershire, Husbandman  
Executors: wife Margaret, son William  
Overseers: Ellis Greyhurst, Thomas ?, Thomas Andrake?, John Guy & Richard Baker  
Date: 27 May 1625, proved May 1626  
Witnesses: Ellis Greyhurst, Richard Baker  
Will: - son Thomas 20s, his 2 children 1 sheep apiece  
- son Edward £5  
- son John 20s  
- son Ellis [Alexander] 20s  
- daughter Mary £15 and 3 sheep  
- daughter Elinor £15 and 2 sheep  
- rest to wife Margaret and son William, executors

## Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. the seven and twentieth day of May Anno Dom 1625 I Thomas Steyt of Bledington in the County of Gloucestershire husbandman being weak in body but well & perfect in memory (praise be given to God) considering the frailty of man's life to be but as a shadow, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following
2. First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker believing to have forgiveness for my sins by the death & passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour aforesaid
3. And as for my worldly goods which the Lord of his gracious goodness has lent me I do dispose in manner & form following
4. Imprimis I give to the Church of Bledington 2s
5. Item I give to the poor of the parish of Bledington five shillings to be distributed at the discretion of my executors & Overseers
6. Item I give to Thomas Steyt my son twenty shillings and to his two children every one a sheep
7. Item I give to Edward Steyt my son five pounds
8. Item I give to John Steyt my son 20s
9. Item I geve to Ellis Steyt my son 20s
10. Item I give to my two daughters fifteen pounds apiece to be paid within one year next after my decease & the same to be set forth to their use at the discretion of my Overseers until they come to their age of one & twenty years or be married
11. Item I give to Mary my daughter three sheep which she hath in her mark already
12. Item I give to Elinor my daughter two sheep

13. Item my will is that all these legacies which I have given away to be paid within one year after my decease
14. Item I do ordain & make Margarett my wife and William my son my full & whole executors of all the rest of my goods un-bequeathed my debts paid my legacies performed and my funeral ended
15. And if it shall happen that at any time after my decease that Margarett my wife or William my son whom I have made my executors shall be disposed to sell, give or carry away that parte or portion of goods which I bequeathed unto them Then my will is that the Lease which I gave of certain years to come or the third parte of the messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell shall remain unto the other of them that shall there stay dwell & inhabit unto the end & expiration thereof
16. Also I do ordain & make Ellis Greyhurst Thomas ? Thomas Andrake? John Guy & Richard Baker Overseers of this my last will & Testament
17. And I do give them for their painstaking herein 12d apiece
18. In witness whereof I have put to my hand the day & year first above written
19. witnesses hereunto

Ellis Greyhurst  
The marke of Richard X Baker

The mark of Thomas TS Steyt

#### Codicil

Be it known unto all men by these presents that whereas I Thomas Steyt of Bledington made my last will & Testament in writing bearing date the day above written that now for as much as I am en<sup>d</sup>ed to bequeath some other certain things which is not in the same last will contained And for & concerning all other things in the said last will mentioned I do by this present Codicil confirm & ratify the said last will

Imprimis I give & bequeath to Elinor my daughter one brass pot which is called the white pot the best coverlet two pair of sheets two platters the best brass candlestick a towel & a boardrest and a chafing dish

Item I give to Marie my daughter one brass pot which was my fathers, the best coverlet but one, two pair of sheets, two platters the pewter candlestick and the implements of husbandry thereto belonging

Also my will is that if William my son shall hereafter happen to marry & so got from this tenement wherein I now dwell That then he shall take his mother with him if she be so pleased And my will is that this Codicil be adjudged & taken to be parcel of my last will & to be of force by the right of a Codicil or by any other right in the best manner that may be

In witness whereof I have caused this present Codicil to be written the 20th day of Julie 1625

Aprobatum ... May AD 1626