

Will of William Steyt 1655 (PRO/PCC PROB11/242 image 178)

Summary

Testator: William Steyt, Idbury, Oxfordshire, Yeoman
 Executor: nephew William, son of brother Thomas
 Overseers: neighbors Thomas Coirne? and John Simes
 Date: 26 October 1653, proved 13 March 1654/5
 Witnesses: Symeon Baylies and Richard Greene
 Will:

- sons of brother Edward: William £8, three others £4 apiece
- children of sister Mary: Anne £5, five others £3
- brother John £5, his 2 daughters 40s apiece, his sons James & Richard 20s apiece
- children of brother Alexander: two daughters £3 apiece, son William 40s, son Thomas £6 13s 4d to bind him apprentice, and £10 after that
- daughter of brother Thomas: Anne 40s
- two children of James Cooke 10s apiece
- son of John Powis and sister Elinor: John Powis 20s
- daughter of Thomas Andrewes: Joan Andrewes £5
- servant Simeon Baylies 20s, other 2 servants 5s apiece
- wife Anne her personal things, 1 cow, 2 sheep, and the bees
- brother Edward best clothes
- brother John 2nd best clothes
- old John Howford 3rd best clothes
- brother Thomas greatcoat
- Jonathan Pound son of Robert Pound 2s 6p
- Thomas Phillipps 12p
- Richard Hathaway the son of Richard Hathaway 12p
- Joane Gardner the daughter of John Gardner 12p
- William Fox the son of John Fox 12p
- William son of brother Thomas rest of possessions
- Joan wife of brother Alexander 4 bushels of millcorn

Text

1. In the Name of God Amen the six and twentieth day of October one thousand six hundred fiftie three I William Steyt of Idbury in the County of Oxford yeoman beinge weake in bodie but perfect memory (I praise god for it) considering the frayletie of mans life to be but as a shadow, doe ordaine and make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge
2. First I commend my Soule into the handes of Allmightie God beleiveing to have forgiveness of my sinnes by the death & passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer
3. and my body I bequeath to the Earth to be buryed in Christian buryall
4. And as for my worldly Goods which the Lord of his gracious goodnes hath lente mee I dispose of them as followeth
5. First I give to the poore of Idbury tenne shillings to be devided at the discretion of my Executor and overseers of the poore at the time beinge

6. Alsoe I give & bequeath to the Fower sonnes of my brother Edward Twentie Pounds (that is to say) to his sonne William Eight pounds And to the other Three fower pounds a peece
7. Alsoe I give & bequeath to the children of my Sister Mary Twentie poundes (that is to say) to her daughter Anne five poundes and to the other five Three poundes a peece
8. Alsoe I give to my Brother John Five poundes
9. Alsoe I give unto the two daughters of my brother John Fortie shillings a peece and to his Two sonnes James and Richard Twentie shillings a peece
10. Alsoe I give & bequeath to the two daughters of my Brother Alexander three poundes a peece
11. And to his sonne William Fortie shillings
12. Alsoe I give to Anne the daughter of my brother Thomas Fortie shillings
13. Alsoe I give to the Two children of James Cooke tenne shillings a peece
14. Alsoe I give and bequeath to Thomas Steyt the sonne of my brother Alexander six poundes thirteene shillings Fower pence to bind him Apprentice and tenne poundes more after his Apprenticeship is out
15. Alsoe I give to John Powis the sonne of John Powis and of my Sister Elinor Twentie shillings
16. Alsoe I give to Joane Andrewes the daughter of Thomas Andrewes Five poundes
17. Alsoe I give to his daughter Alice twentie shillings
18. Alsoe I give to Simeon Baylies Servant tenne shillings and to the other two Servants fyve shillings a peece
19. Alsoe I give to Anne my loveing wife All her Apparrell that now she hath and all her househould stuffe she brought with her to mee (that is to say) All her linnen soollen beddinge brasse and pewter and all thinges else which she hath in an Inventory (except the Table board and frame form in the Hall) Alsoe I give unto her one Cowe and two sheepe and the Bees in the Garden
20. Alsoe I give to my brother Edward my best suite of Apparrell as Hatt Coate Doublet hose a paire of stockings and a paire of shoes
21. Alsoe I give to my brother John my second suite of Apparrell as Coate Doublet hose a paire of stockings and a Shirte
22. Alsoe I give unto ould John Howford my Third suite of Apparrell
23. Alsoe I give to my brother Thomas one of my Greate Coates
24. Alsoe I give to Jonathan Pound the sonne of Robert Pound two shillings six pence
25. Also I give to Thomas Phillipps twelve pence

26. and to Richard Hathaway the sone of Richard Hathaway twelve pence
27. and to Joane Gardner the daughter of John Gardner twelve pence
28. and to William Fox the sonne of John Fox twelve pence
29. Alsoe my will is that those Legacies which I have given and bequeathed to my kindred which are under age to give a discharge to my Executor at the time of my death My will is that the sonnes shall have their Legacies at the age of one and twentie yeares and the daughters at the age of Eighteen yeares
30. And my will is that the rest of the Legacies which I have given the tyme not named shall be payed within one yeare next after my decease
31. Alsoe I do ordaine and make William Steite my kinsman the sonne of my brother Thomas my full and whole Executor of all the rest of my goodes unbequeathed my debts payed my Legacies performed and my funerall expences discharged
32. Also I doe give to Joane Steyte the wife of my brother Alexander Fower bushells of Millcorne
33. Alsoe I doe request my Neighbours Thomas Coirne? and John Simes to be my Overseers of this my last will & Testament
34. And I doe give them for their paines takinge herein twelve pence apeece
35. By mee

William Steyt

Witnesses hereunto Symeon Baylies his marke

Richard Greene his marke

This Will was proved at Westminster the Thirtieth day of the Month of March in the yeare of our Lord god accordinge to the Computacon of the Church of England one thousand six hundred Fiftie and Fowre Before the Judges for probate of Wills and grantinge of Administrations lawfully Authorized By the Oath of William Steyt the sole Executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased in the same will named To whom was committed Administration of all and singular the goodes debtes and credits of the said deceased hee beinge first sworne by vertue of a Commission truelie to Administer the same.