

Will of John Sumpster 1656 (PRO, ref. PROB 11/257 Image 205)

Summary

Testator: John Sumpster, Spofforth, Yorkshire, Yeoman
 Executors: son Robert Sumpster & son-in-law William Gr(e)aves
 Date: 26 February 1655, proved 5 July 1656
 Witnesses: Tho Lawson, George Wiglesworth, Thomas Woodburne, Richard Nigord
 Will:

- loom + furniture, lease to farm in Follifoot for 15 years to son John Sumpster
- after 15 years, farm in Follifoot to grandson John Sumpster son of son John Sumpster. If he dies to next son Robert. If he dies to son John. If he dies to daughter-in-law Cassandra, for John or Robert
- 20s to daughter Alice and her husband William Graves (Greaves)
- £10 divided equally between Alice & William Graves' children Thomas, William, Christopher, John, and Richard
- farm formerly belonging to Thomas Sumpster to grandchild Robert
- Alice wife of son Robert
- granddaughter Anne Sumpster
- daughter Jennet and her husband John Younge
- goods in Spofforth to son Robert
- £6? divided equally among John, Robert & Thomas Sumpster sons of son Robert

Text

In the name of God Amen

1. I John Sumpster of Spofforth in the County of Yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be God) all former and other wills gifts grants and promises formerly made or done or by me suffered to have been made or done to any person or persons whatsoever I do utterly revoke and disallow of and further make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and former following viz.
2. Imprimus I quit and bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God from whom I received it hoping in and through the merits and mercies of my blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ to receive full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins And concerning my temporal Estate I give as follows
3. Imprimus I give unto my son John Sumpster my loom & all the furniture thereunto belonging and one chair wherein I my self do usually sit in my house at Follifoote
4. Item I give the benefit of my lease and the profits of my farm there unto my son John Sumpster during the term of fifteen years from Michaelmas last past he the said John Sumpster paying doing and performing all rents and other duties for the said farm as well to the church and state as also to the Right Honorable the Earl of Northumberland during the said term
5. And my will is further that John Sumpster my grandchild and son of aforesaid John Sumpster shall at the end of the said term of fifteen years shall enter into the said house and farm in Follifoote unto whom I freely give all my right title and tenant right which I have in and to the said house and farm

6. And if in case my said grandchild John Sumpster do die then I give the said farm in as full manner as aforesaid unto Robert Sumpster my grandchild
7. And if the said Robert do likewise die before the expiration of the lease Then I give the said house and farm unto my said son John Sumpster and his assigns provided always and my will is that if my son John do die that then Cassandra Sumpster now wife of the said John my son shall avoid and give peaceable possession of the said house and farm unto the said John Sumpster or Robert Sumpster my grandchildren whether of them shall according to this my will have right thereunto And the said Cassandra to avoid within sixe days next after the death of my said son John Sumpster
8. Item I give unto John Sumpster my grandchild one table next to the house window two buffet stools one panelled chest and bedstead in the parlor and one chair and one paressor?
9. Item I give to Robert Sumpster my grandchild one cupboard
10. Item I give unto Alice Graves my daughter one brass pot and one panelled chest
11. Item I give unto William Graves and Alice his wife twenty shillings in full satisfaction of her filial and childs portion
12. Item I give unto Thomas Graves William Graves Christopher Graves John Graves and Richard Graves ten pounds equally to be divided amongst them and the first forty shillings to be paid unto the eldest and so yearly to the rest forth of the profits of the farm late in the possession of Thomas Sumpster so soon as the said longest repaired
13. Item I give the Reversion of the said farme late Thomas Sumpsters after the said legacies be paid unto my grandchild Robert Sumpster
14. And if the said Robert die without issue then I give the said farm unto my son Robert Sumpster the said Robert my son paying unto the said five children of William Graves namely Thomas Graves William Graves Christopher Graves John Graves and Richard Graves every of them twenty shillings or to the longest liver of them
15. Item I give unto Alice Sumpster wife of my said son Robert one brewing kettle four dooblers being pewter
16. Item I give unto Anne Sumpster my grandchild one guy and her calf to go forward for her use
17. Item I give unto John Younge and Jennett his wife either of them four pence in full satisfaction of the said Jennet Younge my daughter her filial and childs portion
18. All the rest of my goods un-bequeathed in Spofforth I give to my son Robert and so my legacies debts and funeral expenses discharged
19. I make Robert Sumpster my son and William Graves my son in law executors of this my last Will and Testament
20. Given under my hand and seal the sixe and twenty day of February in the year of our Lord God 1655

21. Item I give unto my son John? Sumpster £2 6s 8d which he owes me for one -
22. And also 50s which Peater Prance owes me
23. Item to Robert Sumpster my son my apparel and bedding in Spofforth and to the three son of Robert Sumpster my son namely John Sumpster Robert Sumpster and Thos Sumpster the sum of £6 to be equally divided and to be paid after the legacies to be paid unto the children of William Graves forth of the farm late Thomas Sumpsters
24. Item I give unto John Sumpster one kindlinge one stone trough and one new pan

John Sumpster his marke

Witness thereof Tho: Lawson George Wiglesworth his mark Thomas Woodburne Richard Nigord his mark

This will was proved at London before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting of administrations the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty six by the oaths of Robert Sumpster and William Graves the executors named in the last Will and Testament of the said deceased to whom was committed administration & they being first sworn by Commission surely and faithfully to administer.