

Will of Richard Williams alias Cromwell 1546 (TNA, PROB 11/31/335)

Summary

- Testator: Richard Williams alias Cromwell, knight, gentleman of the King's Privy Chamber
- Executors: Sir Edward North Chancellor of Court of Augmentations, Gabriell Donne clerk, Andrew Judd, William Cooke, Philipp Lentall, Richard Servington
- Supervisors: John Aplworth, Thomas Tunny gent
- Date: 20 June 1544, proved 24 November 1546
- Witnesses: John Tebolde, Thomas Avery, William Hawkins, John Swallow, Edward Catlyn, William Typcel
- Will:
- buried in the parish church of that town where he dies
 - Henry Cromwell son and heir apparent £500 when 21
 - executors have all my farms and leases for 10 years to perform will
 - after 10 years property in Seveneth to son Francis
 - executors have same property until Francis is 18
 - all other property to son Henry after 10 years
 - King Henry VIII 3 best horses
 - Joan brother Walter Cromwell's daughter £200
 - Anne brother Walter Cromwell's daughter £200
 - if ward Thomas Wingfield marries Joan or Anne, bequest void
 - Sir John Williams 2 great horses
 - Lord Cromwell 1 quarterhorse
 - Susanne my maid £10
 - Swallow my attorney in the Exchequer £10
 - executors Sir Edward North £50, Gabriell Donne £40, Andrew Judd £40, William Cooke £40, Phillipp Lentall £40
 - Lady Dennys Sir Thomas Dennys wife late wife's best gown
 - supervisors John Aplworth £10, Thomas Tunny £10
 - son Henry all household stuff at Bynging and Hinchingbroke when 21
 - John Leche £5 yearly to take care of son Henry until he is 21
 - divide property in 3 parts:
 - Ramses Witch Bigging, B? in High Mongrove? Upwood Little Raveley Hunts ½ of manor of Broughton property in Bottesham and Cambridge property in Humeldon in Rutland one part
 - Richard Servington keeping of Bigging for life £13 6s 8d yearly for life
 - Richard Servington parsonage of Upwood and Rapiley for 15 years
 - St Needs Hardewick Grossham Walton Wood Walton Huntington and Hinchingbroke 1/2 of the ? manor of Broughton parsonage of Fulborne Cambs, Lordship of Nethe?, property in Wales one part to son Francis
 - manor of Warboys manor of Wistow, manors of Sawtre Juett? and Sawtre moines, in Staplehow Bedford, property in Great Paxton Hamberton Stewkeley and Brampton one part to executors to execute will and pay debt of £3000
 - James Cromwell brother Walter's son parsonage of Fulhorne
 - servant Henry Williams £40 yearly for life
 - William Cooke house of Hinchinbroke for 15 years
 - Alice Cromwell brother Walter's wife £6 13s 4d yearly for life

Text

In the name of God amen

1. The twentieth day of June in the 36th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Henry the Eighth by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and in earth supreme head of the church of England and Ireland I Sir Richard Williams otherwise called Sir Richard Crumwell knight one of the gentlemen of our said sovereign Lord the King's privy chamber minding to set and leave my manors lands tenements and all other my hereditaments and all my goods and chattel in such estate and order that when so ever it shall please God to call me out of this world there shall and may appear a plain declaration of my mind and disposition of the same In most health and perfect remembrance so make this my last will and testament of all my household stuff jewels plate debts leases and of all my goods and chattels And in the same will and testament do devise two parts of my manors lands tenements and hereditaments ? and divided in three parts as by this my testament and last will hereafter shall be ? and set out as at large
2. And First I bequeath my soul to the merits of almighty God And my body to be buried in the parish church of that town or place where it shall chance me to depart this present life according to the godly and laudable usage and testimonies of the church with such funeral expenses to be had and expended at the same as by my executors shall be therein thought requisite
3. And I will and give to Henry Crumwell my son and heir apparent five hundred pounds in ready money to be taken and levied immediately after my death of the profits of my manors lands and tenements within five years after my decease and this five hundred pounds to be delivered when he comes to his full age of 21 years for the furnishing of his household stuff plate and other his necessities and in the mean time the same money to be in the keeping of Andrew Judd one of my executors The same Andrew Judd upon the security of the said money finding sufficient sureties to the residue of my executors Such as they shall think able and meet to be bound for the true payment and delivery thereof at the said age And if it fortune the said Henry to die before he come to the said age of 21 years Then I will the said gift and legacy made to him to be void and then such person or persons as shall inherit my lands as herein to me or to my son at their full age or ages have the said five hundred pounds to the purpose before expressed
4. And I will that my executors have all my farms and leases with all the issues and profits that shall rise and come clearly of them toward the payment of my debts and performance of this my last will and testament by the space of ten years next after my death
5. And after those years ended Then I will give and bequeath to Francis my son all that my farm wards and interest of my house in Steveneth And all that farm terms and interest for years of the parsonage of Stevenseth To hold and occupy the said farms unto the said Francis his executors and assigns during all the residue of the years comprised in several indentures of leases of the same farms
6. And my executors to have as well the profits and ordering of the same farms as of the said Francis unto the said Francis come to the age of 18 years and to bring him up therein And the residue that shall remain besides his necessary funding to be delivered to him in money as a stock at the same age
7. And all the residue of my farms and leases at the said ten years expired I will and give to my said son Henry

8. And if it fortune the said Henry and Francis my sons to die before the said ages Then I will that such person or persons as shall by the order of the laws of the realm by inheritance as heir to me or any of my said sons have my manors lands and tenements shall after the said ten years ended and this my testament fully performed have the said farms
9. And I give to the King's Highness three of my best horses such as it shall please his grace to have
10. And I bequeath to Johan my brother Water Crumwell daughter two hundred pounds sterling for her only advancement to a marriage to be delivered at such time as she shall be married if she be ordered by my executors and contented to take such husband as my executors shall name and think meet for her or else my gift to her to be void
11. And likewise I give and bequeath to Anne one other of the daughters of my said brother two hundred pounds sterling to and for her only advancement in marriage to be delivered to her the day of her marriage if she be ordered by my executors and contented to take such husband as my executors shall name and think meet for her or else my gift to her to be void
12. And in case Thomas Wingfield my ward will be contented to take any of the said daughters to his wife Then the said gift and bequest to that daughter which he shall marry to be void And if the said Thomas will not marry any of them Then my executors to sell his marriage And the money coming of this said sale to be to the performance of this my testament
13. And I give and bequeath to Sir John Williams knight two great horses after the King's grace has chosen And to my Lord Crumwell one quarter horse
14. And I give and bequeath to Susanne my maid to and for her advancement in marriage ten pounds
15. And I give to Swallow my attorney in the Exchequer ten pounds
16. And of this my testament and last will I do make and constitute Sir Edward North knight Chancellor to the King's Majesty of his grace's Court of Augmentations Gabriell Donne clerk Andrew Judd William Coke Philipp Lentall and Richard Servington gent my executors to whom I commit my whole trust and confidence for the execution of the same
17. And I give to the said Sir Edward North for his pains fifty pounds To the said Gabriell Donne forty pounds To the said Andrew Judd forty pounds To the said William Cooke forty pounds And to the said Phillipp Lentall other forty pounds
18. And I will and give to my Lady Dennys Sir Thomas Dennys wife the best gown of my late wife's and her best entitlement? which Lady Dennys I make one of my Supervisors of this my testament and last will she to put my executors in remembrance for the honest and virtuous bringing up of my children and performance hereof
19. And also I do make John Aplworth and Thomas Tunny gent my other Supervisors hereof And do give to the said John Aileworth ten pounds And to the said Thomas Tunny other ten pounds
20. And I will and give to the said Henry my son all my household stuff at my houses at Bynging and Hinchingbroke in the county of Hunts and the same stuff to be delivered within six weeks after my death by inventory indented unto the said Richard Servington to the

- intent that he shall safely keep the same at the said house of Bigging unto my said son come to his full age of 21 years And if the said Henry die before he come to that age then that such person or persons as shall be heir to the said Henry my son to have the said stuff and the same to continue in the keeping of the said Richard Servington unto his full age And in ca the said Richard Servington die then the residue of my executors to appoint such honest man from time to time to the keeping thereof as the same stuff may be kept safely and delivered according as I have afore declared
21. And also I give and bequeath to John Leche five pounds yearly unto my said son come to his full age so that he attend upon the said Richard Servington for the dressing keeping and ordering of the said stuff And if the same John die them my executors to appoint another honest man to that office whom they shall think meet And so from time to time allowing and giving the same person five pounds yearly for his meat and wages
 22. And by this my last will and testament I the said Richard divide and sever all my manors lands tenements rents reversions and hereditaments in three parts as hereafter ensues that is to say The manors of Ramses Witch Bigging and all my lands tenements and hereditaments in Ramsey and Bigging in the said county of Hunts the manor of B? in High Mongrove? with all my lands and tenements therein to the manor of Upwood with all my lands tenements rents and herditaments taken as part or parcel thereof with the parsonage there And the manor of Little Raveley in the count of Hunts And also the moiety of the manor of Broughton in the county of Hunts with certain lands tenements and houses in Bottesham and Cambridge in the county of Cant. And certain lands and tenements in Humeldon in the county of Rutland to stand and be for one part of the said three parts
 23. Of which said manors lands tenements and hereditaments I the said Sir Richard make no will nor demise but the same to descend immediately after my decease to my heir which said manors lands and tenements ? leave and set out for the third part of my lands tenements and hereditaments in three parts divided the same to be in the King's Highness' hands with the ward of my heir if I fortune to die and the same Henry within? age yet provided whereas I have granted to the said Richard Servington the keeping of my house called Bigging and the Baili? of my said manors lands and tenements of Ramsey Bigging Bury Upwood ad Raveray with a fee of thirteen pounds sic shillings eight pence for term of his life for the same for his good service to ?don whereof he has no patent That if the said Sir Richard Williams do will give and grant to the said Richard Servington the keeping of my house called Bigging and the office of the bailiwick of all my said manors lands and tenements for term of his life And will give and grant unto the said Richard Servington for his fee and yearly rent of £13 6s 8d out of the said manors lands and tenements To have and to hold the said yearly rent of thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence to the said Richard Servington and his assigns for term of his life to be paid yearly at the feast of the Annuncion of our Lady and St Michael the Archangel by even portions And if it fortune the said yearly rent or any part thereof to be behind at any day of payment thereof during his life That then every such time it shall be ?full to the said Richard to distrain? for the said rent in the same manors lands and tenements
 24. And also I will and devise to the said Richard Servington the said parsonage of Upwood and Rapiley for the time of 15 years next after my death The said Richard yielding and paying yearly to my heirs or their assigns thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence for the same of yearly rent during the same years at the feasts of the Annuncion of our Lady and St Michael the Archangel any thing in this my last will before expressed to the contrary notwithstanding

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25. And of the other two parts of my manors lands and tenements that remained whereof the site of the late monastery of St Nedes and all those my manors messuages lands tenements meadows pastures rents reversions pastures and hereditaments with the appurtenances of and in St Needs Hardewick Grossham Walton Wood Walton Huntington and Hinchingbroke and the moiety of the ? manor of Broughton in the said county of Hunts And the parsonage of Fulborne in the county of Cambridge and the Lordship of Nethe? with all those my houses lands tenements rents pastures and hereditaments in Wales in the county of Glamorgan I divide and set out for one part And the manor of Warboys with all my lands tenements woods under woods meadows pastures routes ? and hereditaments in Warboys in the said county of Huntington The manor of Wistow with all the lands tenements and hereditaments taken or reputed as part or parcel thereof All these my manors of Sawtre Juett? and Sawtre moines And all my houses lands tenements meadows pastures ? rents reversions and premises woods and under woods in Sawtre in the said county of Hunts with the parsonage there and a certain ground or pasture called Lygnes certain lands and tenements in Staplehow in the county of Bedford a certain rent of 15s of Salmodes in Holbeach and Swineshead in the county of Lincoln and all my lands and tenements in Great Paxton Hamberton Stewkeley and Brampton in the said count of Hunt for the other part
26. I the said Richard declare this my last will and testament ? will and devise the said site of the said late monastery of St Nides with all my manors houses lands tenements rents reversions ? and all other hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances in St Nodes aforesaid Hardwick and Grostham? in this said county of Hunt And the said Lordship of Neth with all my houses lands tenements & hereditaments in Wales in the count of Glamorgan to the said Francis Williams otherwise called Francis Crumwell my son to have and to hold to the said Francis his heirs and assigns for ever
27. And the said manors lands and tenements to be in the order and government of my executors by the space of five years after me death And they to take the profits of the same towards the payment of my debts and performance of this my testament And after five years then unto the said Francis come to the age of 18 years the said manors lands and tenements to be in the order and government of William Cooke one of my executors he putting in sufficient sureties to the residue of my executors when he shall be thereto required such as they shall think meet to make answer yield and pay to my said son Francis at his said age all the issues and profits and sums of money that he shall receive of the said manors lands and tenements in the mean time
28. Or ? to assure lands to the same Francis and his ? within the same county of Hunt or Cambridge after the ? of twenty years purchase to the value of that money rebating? and allowing easily for his fee for his pains for the same five pounds And in case the same Francis die before that age without wife or child then the said money and profit that shall be so received and taken to come and be delivered unto the said Henry my son And if he die without wife or child Then to be delivered to him that shall inherit the manors of Ramsey and Bigging And if the same William Cooke die Then the residue of my executors to assign and appoint another man to the same ? and charge taking like besides with sureties for the true accounts and payments of the issues and profits of the same lands and testaments as is above said
29. And I will and give to James Crumwell my brother Water's son all that my parsonage of Fulhorne with all the tithes and glebe lands thereunto in the county of Cambridge to have and to hold the said parsonage glebe lands and tithes to the said James and his heirs of his

body lawfully begotten so that the said James be ruled and ordered as my executors shall think meet in his marriage or else this devise to him void

30. And I give will and devise to the said James Crumwell one yearly rent of ten pounds by the year to be going out of the manors land and tenements in Sawtry To have and to hold the same yearly rent of ten pounds to the said James and his assigns for term of his life to be paid yearly in the feasts of the Annuncion of our Lady and St Michael the Archangel by even portions And if it fortune the same yearly rent to be behind and not paid at the days when it ought to be paid That then it shall be lawful at ever such time to the said James and his assigns to enter into the said manors lands and tenements at Sawtry and there to distrain for the said rent and the ? thereof if their happen to be any And this rent to begin and take effect when the said James comes to the age of twenty years
31. And I give will and devise to Henry Williams my servant one yearly rent of forty pounds to be going out of the said manors lands and tenements in Sawtry To have hold and ?rave to the said Henry Williams and his assigns for the term of his life to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annuncion of our Lady and St Michael the Archangel by even portions And if it fortune the same yearly rent of five pounds or any part thereof to be behind at any day of payment thereof when it ought to be paid that then it shall be ?full at every such time to the said Henry to enter into the said manors lands and tenements at Sawtry and there to distrain for the said rent and the ? thereof if their happen to be any
32. And I will my house of Hinchinbroke with all the pastures closes meadows lands and tenements at Hinchingbroke and about the same to the said William Cooke for term of 15 years next after my decease the same William paying therefore yearly during the said years to the residue of my executors to and for the performance of this my testament and last will ten pounds sterling money at the feast of St Michael And in case the said William die within the said term then the said term and devise to be void And then my executors to have the same during the said years to the performance of this my testament And I will that my executors maintain uphold and keep the said house in all his necessary repairs from time to time during the said years of the issues and profits of my said lands and farms
33. And I will that the manor of Warboys with all my lands tenements and hereditaments with my yearly wood sales in Warboys all my manors in Sawtry noyes Sawtry Inett with the parsonage there The manor of Wistowe with all my lands tenements wood sales and other profits and hereditaments in Sawtry and Wistowe the pasture or grounds called Highney all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments in Hunts and Hertford and the moiety of the manor of Broughton with all my other lands tenements and hereditaments parcel of the said two parts having set out for the declaration of this my will unto the said Sir Edward North Gabriel Donne Andrew Judd William Cooke Phillipp Lintall and Richard Servington To have and to hold to them and to the longer liver of them to the intent and purpose they shall take and prescribe? all the yearly revenues and profits of the said manors lands and tenements by the space of 12 years next after my decease to and for the payment of my debts which is three thousand pounds or thereabouts And for the payment of my legacies and bequests bringing up of my children and the said two daughters of my brother's and the further performance of this my last will and testament And such sums of money or profits that shall rise and advance after this my last will and testament performed I will shall be converted to the use and behoof of my said children as my executors shall think meet and requisite And if in the said 12 years my debts gifts legacies and this my testament cannot of my said goods chattel issues and profits of my said manors lands and tenements be performed contented and paid Then I will that the said executors have and take the profits

of the said lands after the said 12 years unto they have fully contented and paid all such debts and bequests as upon their true accounts and reckoning shall then appear to be unpaid

34. And I give to Alice Crumwell my brother Water's wife for term of her life one yearly rent of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence going out of my houses lands tenements and pastures in Huntington To be paid yearly in the feast of the Annuncion of our Lady and St Michael the Archangel And if it be not paid that then it shall be lawful for her to distrayne? for the same rent in the said lands and tenements in Hunts aforesaid And if my said brother's wife or any of the children of my said brother make any pretence challenge or demand to any of the said farms that were my said brother's in Thoney Chates or elsewhere of to any of his goods and chattel that then these devises gifts and bequests made to such of them as shall make any such pretence challenge or demand to be void anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding
35. In Witness whereof hereunto I have put my seal and subscribed my name the say and year above written In the presence of John Tebolde Thomas Avery William Hawkins John Swallow Edward Catlyn and William Typcel Richard Crumwell

Probatum 24 November 1546 Richard Servington executor