

Probate records of the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire, P3/H/902

Abstract of the Will of Thomas Humphries of Broadtown in the Parish of Broadhinton in the County of Wilts, written 3 Mar 1707/8, proved 4 May 1709.

Gives to his wife all the goods in the house for the duration of her life, and everything outside the house he gives to **his sons Robert and Thomas** to be equally divided between them. And after the death of his wife the goods within the house are to be divided between his said sons only.

Gives 5 shillings only to **his daughter Elisabeth**.

Gives £5 each to Thomas Humphries' children.

Gives £10 to **his son Samuel Humphries** and a room in his house while he remains unmarried. .

Gives £5 to **his godson Thomas Chesterman**.

Gives 1 shilling to **his daughter Mary Chesterman**.

Gives 60 shillings to **his granddaughter Mary Chesterman**.

Gives one shilling each to the **other children of Mary Chesterman**.

Gives £10 to **Ann the baseborn daughter of his daughter Elizabeth**.

Gives £5 to his son Robert.

Gives to his son Thomas Humphries all the rest of his goods and chattels, making him sole executor of his last will and testament.

(Signed)

Witnesses: Basil Davenport, Christian Davenport, John Tailler

An inventory of the goods and chattels of Thomas Humphris Senior of Broadhinton deceased was taken 5 Dec 1709 by **Thomas Chesterman** and William Phillips and appraised to the value of £22 05s.

Thomas was the eldest son of Robert Humphries of Broadtown in the parish of Broad Hinton, yeoman, who was buried in Broad Hinton on 31 Mar 1674. Thomas was named in his father's Will, by which time he was married with children, to whom Thomas's father bequeathed £100. Two years later Thomas's mother Mary died (buried in Broad Hinton on 5 Jul 1676). Thomas was granted Administration of her personal effects on 6 Oct 1676.

Thomas Humphries married twice, though he does not name his second wife in his Will. Thomas first married Margery Phillips in Clyffe Pypard on 31 Dec 1655. Their children were:

- Robert, born in Clyffe Pypard on 29 Mar 1657 and christened there 30 Apr 1657
- [son Thomas would most likely have been born between 1658 and 1662; however, his name appears in neither the Clyffe Pypard nor Broad Hinton parish registers.]
- John, christened in Broad Hinton on 23 Dec 1663
- Samuel, christened in Broad Hinton on 21 Nov 1665
- Mary, christened in Broad Hinton on 9 Jun 1669
- Elizabeth, christened in Broad Hinton 28 Jun 1675. Elizabeth's mother, Margery, died in January of the following year.

Thomas Humphries was buried in Broad Hinton in Oct 1709 (no date shown).