

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/81/12.

The Will of Humfrye Staverton of East Hampstead, Berkshire, written 14 Mar 1587/8, proved 3 Feb 1593.

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In the name of god Amen, the fourteenth daye of Marche in the Yeare of our Lord God one thousand five hundred eightie seven, and in the nine and twentye yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Ladye Queene Elizabeth I Humfrye Staverton of Esthamsteed in the Countie of Barkes: Beinge of good and perfect minde and remembrance laud and thanks be to god therefore doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge

First and principallie I most humbly Commend my soule to the almightie God my maker the father of heaven and to his onelie sonn Jesus Christ my redemer and savior by the meritts of whose deathe and passion I trust faythfullie to be saved unto whose mercye I appeale and put all my whole hope and trust in the same. And I will my Bodye to be Buried in Warfeilde accordinge to the discretion of my Overseers hereafter named.

Item I give to the poore people of Warfeilde to be devyded by the Collectors of the same parrish tenn shillings, and to the poore people of Esthamsteed sixe shillings eighte pence to be devyded by the Collectors of the same parrish

Item I give to those persons that Carryeth my Bodye to the earth to ech of them twelve pence.

I will that my three Executors, that is to saye, **my brother Thomas Staverton, my brother William Staverton, and my brother Deodatus Staverton** shall recive my Yearely revenues rentes and profittes of all my landes in Bray in the Countie of Barkes. And shall sell the same Lande, and the monye thereof made to be bestowede uppon payment of my debtes and the overplus towards the advansment of my twoe daughters that is to saye Lettice and Edethe.

Alsoe I give to **Lettice my Wiffe** my Lease of Chruchefilde and all the residue of my goodes unbequeathed, and after her decease to the advansment of **my twoe daughters Lettice and Edethe**.

Item I give to **my daughter Marye** twentie poundes to be payde by my Wife out of those goodes and Leases left to her at such tyme as Executors shall Call for the same my overseers namely **my Nephewe Richard Staverton of Warefiled** and **my brother Henrye S[t]averton** to whome I give to my Nephewe my Costlett and Pike, and to my Brother Henrye my Crosbowe and my night gounne at Phillipps the Tayler yet unmade

In Wittnes of this my last will, I have set to my hande and seale the day and yeare above written by me Humfrye Staverton, Richard Staverton, Arthur Staverton, George Staverton.

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Memorandum that upon the fifte daye of August Anno Domini one thousande five hundred nynetie and two Humfry Staverton of Esthamsteede in the Countie of Barkes. beinge of perfect mynd and memorye gave and bequeathed as followeth,viz:

Item I give to my daughter Edethe my lease of Chruchfeild House and Landes*

Item I give to **my sonn in lawe John Reads**† Childrens twentye poundes.

[Probate follows in Latin.]

* Originally bequeathed to his wife Lettice but who died before her husband.

† John Reade married Humphrey's daughter Elizabeth who died in 1587 after five years of marriage, aged 25 years.