

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/391/352.

Abstract of the Will of John Dormer of Lee Grange in the Parish of Quainton and County of Buckingham, Esquire, written 24 May 1678, proved 14 Jun 1688.

Wills that his body be buried in the parish church of Quainton in co. Bucks.

Gives to **his grandchild Sir William Dormer**, Baronet, and his heirs male, his tenement and two houses in the parishes of Quainton and Grendon Underwood in co. Bucks. Also gives to the said William and his heirs male two tenements in Shipdon Lee in the parish of Quainton, along with parcels of arable land, meadow & pasture in the parish of Ripple in co. Worcester.

Whereas he has an annuity of £50 which he purchased of **his brother Peter Dormer**, paid to him out of two closes of pasture in Shipdon Lee called the Sump and the Mill Close, he devises the same to the said Sir William Dormer and his heirs male.

Refers to an Indenture dated 26 Feb 1677/8 between himself on the one part, Robert Dormer of Dourton in co. Oxford, Esquire, and John Parkhurst of Gatesby in co. Northampton, Esquire, of the other part, he having demises to them the demesne and copyhold lands belonging to the manor of Ripple, in trust, for the benefit of **his wife Katherine** and, following her death, of his sons....

Gives to **his son Robert Dormer** the halfyard land called Stevens of the manor of Ripple in co. Worcester, on condition that he pays out of his own estate £300 to Mrs. Dorothy Pert of Warwick, £100 to Mr. Richard Barnett of Westminster, and £100 to Mrs. Mary Parker of Gatesby aforesaid. If his son dies before him or does not pay the said £500, then he gives the same to **his son Fleetwood Dormer**, with the same conditions. If his son Fleetwood does not meet said conditions, then he gives the same to his said grandchild Sir William Dormer.

Gives to his executors four houses in Fanchurch Street in the parish of St. Dennis Backchurch in London, in trust, in order that his debts be paid from the sale or profits thereof.

Gives to **his sons Robert Dormer and Fleetwood Dormer** and their heirs his capital messuage with its lands, tenements & hereditaments in the parishes of New Bottle and Kings Sutton in co. Northampton.

Refers to an amount of £600 incurred by **his son Sir John Dormer** the younger (deceased), and desires (according to Sir John Dormer's will) that the guardians & trustees of the said Sir **William Dormer, son of Sir John Dormer** deceased, discharge the said debt.

Gives £10 each to **his brother Fleetwood Dormer**, to **his son-in-law Sir John Busby husband of his daughter Dame Mary**, to **his son-in-law John Parkhurst husband of his daughter Katherine**, and to **his uncle Thomas Child**, to buy them blacks.

Gives to **his son Fleetwood Dormer** all his books and library.

Gives £5 to his servant Francis Coleman.

Gives 40 shillings each to the rest of his servants.

Gives £5 to the poor of Quainton parish.

Gives £5 to the poor of Ripple parish.

Gives to his wife his coach, four of his best horses, and the use of his plate, furniture and household stuff in the counties of Buckingham, Worcester and Northampton.

Appoints **his wife Katherine** and **his sons Robert Dormer**, Esquire, and **Fleetwood Dormer**, Gentleman, both of Lincoln's Inn in co. Middlesex, co-executors of his last will and testament.

Makes **his uncle Thomas Child** overseer of his will.

Follows is a schedule of debts of John Dormer, Esquire, totalling £3,363.