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*The Will of John Bishop of the Parish of Stithians in the County of Cornwall, Yeoman, written 30 Sep 1715, inventory taken 22 Feb 1715/6, will proved 9 Mar 1715/6.*

In the Name of god Amen the thirtyeth day of September in the yeare of our Lord one thousand Seaven hundred and fifteene I John Bishop of the parish of Stitheans in the County of Cornwall yeoman being sick in body but of sound, perfect & disposing memory thanks be given unto Almighty god for the same doe make and ordayne this my Last Will & Testament in manner & forme following hereby Revoking All former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made

Imprimis. I Give & bequeath my Soul to Almighty god my Creator & to Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer &c... And I bequeath my body to the earth whereof it came there to have a Decent and Christian burial

Item. I Give & bequeath unto **my dearly beloved Wife Ann Bishop** ten pounds yearly during her Life, Six pounds whereof to be Issuing out of & Chargeable upon my Tenement called Reseath within the said parish of Stitheans If my Estate therein shall soe long Endure And fower pounds whereof to be Issuing out of & Chargeable upon my Tenement called Reseathvear within the said parish of Stitheans If my Estate therein shall soe long Endure and to be paid her Quarterly & in default of payment or if the same shall at any time happen to be behind or unpaid that then my Said wife shall & may Enter & discharge upon the said Tenements.

Item. I Give unto **my Son Hercules Bishop** the yearly Rent of twenty shillings which he is obliged by Deed to pay me.

Item. I Give & bequeath unto **my Son William Bishop** All my Estate & Interest in the Tenement of Rosenenewas within the said parish of Stitheans and All my Right & Estate in . . . . . within the said parish of Stitheans and which now is in my possession paying unto Rachell Richards of Penryn widow ten pounds per Annum during her Life.

Item. I Give & bequeath unto **my John Bishop** All my Estate in Brevales within the said parish of Stitheans and All my Estate in the Tenement of Reseathvear aforesaid paying unto Sydrack Sampson\* of Penryn aforesaid three pounds per annum during his Life & unto my said Wife fower pounds per annum as aforesaid during her Life

Item. I Give & bequeath unto **my Son Henry Bishop** All my Estate in the said Tenement of Reseath Except the Howse & Garden now in the tenure or occupation of my said Son Henry and the third parte of the Barne Mowhay & Well moore which I Give to my Son John during my Estate therein.

Item. I Give unto my said Son Henry my young yellow mare.

Item. I Give to **my Son in law Francis Pascoe** twenty shillings and to all my Grandchildren five shillings a peice to be paid at the end of one yeare after my death.

Item. I Give unto the poore of the said parish of Stitheans twenty shillings to be paid within three months after my Decease.

Item. My Will is that my Executors hereafter named shall have & enjoy All the Grasse growing on the Tenement of Reseath aforesaid untill our Lady next.

Item. All the rest of my Goods and Chattels not herein before given or bequeathed I Give & bequeath unto my said **Sons William Bishop and John Bishop** whome I make Joint Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. Witness my hand & seale the daye & yeare aforesaid.

The Signe of John Bishop

Sealed Published & Declared

in the presence of Stephen Trenowth, Nicholas Simons, Thomas Chegwidden

An inventory of the goods and chattels of John Bishop of the parish of Stithians in the county of Cornwall, yeoman, deceased, was taken and appraised 22 Feb 1715/6 by Thomas Bellowe and Thomas Reynolds and valued at £208 10s.

\* Sydrack Sampson is named as Shadrach Sampson in the Will of John's uncle as also receiving the same annuity.