

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 4/6548.

The Will of Ambrose Biggs of the Parish of Glemsford in the County of Suffolk, Clothier, written 8 Nov 1664, proved 5 May 1665.

(Paragraphed)

In the name of God Amen The Twentie Eight day of November In the Sixteenth yeere of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of god etc... Anno Dmni 1664 I Ambrose Biggs thelder of Glemsford in the Countie of Suffolk Clothier being at this present time sicke and weake in bodie but of sounde minde and memorie god bee praised therefore revoking hereby all former Wills and Testaments by mee heretofore made doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing:

First and principally I comend my Soule into the hands of Almightye God etc... And my bodie to bee decently buried in Christian buriall att the discretion of myne Executor hereafter named. And as Concerning my temporall estate which god hath lent me in this life:

Imprimis. I give and devise unto John Biggs my sonne his heires and assignes forever all that my messuage with a yard Curtillage and Certaine peeces of pasture thereunto adjoyneing and belonging situate lyeing and being in or neare a streete Called Brookstreete in Glemsford aforesaid now in the tenure and occupation of my sonne Ambrose Biggs or of his assignes. And one peece of ground called the tofts and Reyntoryard? or otherwise being Coppiehold to the manor of Tynliffs? in Glemsford aforesaid. And one Croft of Pasture called and one Pightell called Callys Pightell and one croft of pasture called with their and every of their appurtenances being Coppiehold to the manor or manors of Callis Methwolds and Winbolds in Glemsford aforesaid which I late purchased amongst other of Thomas Gardner of in Glemsford aforesaid. And all those peeces or percells of land being in Milfeild in Glemsford aforesaid with their appurtenances being Coppiehold to the manor of Glemsford which I late purchased of Thomas Gardner of Kebles in Glemsford aforesaid. And one other peece of Land lyeing in the same feild being Copiehold to the said manor of Glemsford which I late purchase of one Henry Frost with their and every of their appurtenances.

Item. I give and devise unto my youngest sonne Samuell Biggs his heires and assignes forever All that Messuage or Tenement with the yards gardens orchards and one Pightell or Croft of Pasture thereunto Adjoyneing and belonging with thappurtenances situate lyeing and being in Glemsford aforesaid in or neare a Streete there Called Crouchstreete which I purchased of John Gardner and all that close of Land called Tarpetts. And all those closes peeces and Parcells of land called Newfeild and Oxdowne Croft. And all other peeces and percells of land and Pasture as well Freehold as Coppiehold Lyeing in Glemsford aforesaid in or neare a feild their called Oxedowne late of John Frost the same Coppiehold being houlden of the said manor of Callis Methwolds and Winbolds.

Item. I give and devise to my sonne Henry Biggs his heires and assignes forever All that my messuage called Callis and the yard and gardens thereunto belonging and adjoyneing with their appurtenances situate and being in Glemsford aforesaid Which I late Purchased amongst other of the aforesaid Thomas Gardner of Kebles being Coppiehold to the said Manor of Callis Methwolds and Winbolds and are now in the occupation of John Page and George Hayward or theire or some of theire assignes. And allsoe All those my Free hould and Coppiehold lands meadows Pastures feedings tennements and hereditaments in Halford with theire and everie of theire appurtenances sett lyeing and being in Lawshall in the said Countie of Suffolk now in the possession tenure or occupation of one John Finetorse? his assignee or assignes Provided allwaies and my will and meaneing is that if itt doe please god the said Henry doe die before his age of one and twentie yeares unmarried that then my sonne John shall have the said messuage called Callis etc... and my said sonne Samuell all those my my freehold and Coppiehold lands etc... And if in Case the said Samuell shall die before his age of one and twentie yeares unmarried that then the said messuage in Crouchstreete etc... to bee ... to the said John and Henry and their said heires and assignes forever...

Item. I give and devise to my sonne Edmond Biggs his heires and assignes forever all those my messuages houses buildings lands meadows pastures feedings tenements and hereditaments whatsoever with theire appurtenances as well freehold as Coppiehold sett lyeing and being in Lawshall aforesaid now or late in the tenure of William Vanne his assignee or assignes.

Item. I give and devise to the saide Ambrose Biggs my eldest sonne his heires and assignes forever all those my Customary or Coppiehold lands Called Over Lowstead and Nether? Lowstead And one Customary or Coppiehold meadowe Called Lettons meadowe with theire and every of theire appurtenances lyeing and being in Glemsford aforesaid and holden of the said mannor of Glemsford.

Item. I give and devise unto my said sonne Ambrose all that meadowe Called Langolds meadowe With thappurtenances lyeing in Glemsford aforesaid and holden of the said manor of Glemsford by Coppie of Court Roll to hould to him the said Ambrose his heires and assignes forever under this Provisoe and With this limitation followeing that is to say That if my said sonne Ambrose his heires and assignes or some of them shall not well and truly pay or Cause to bee paid unto my daughter Anne within three months next after my decease the full and Just some of fower score Pounds of lawfull English money that then thestate devised to the said Ambrose his heires and assignes shall Cease determine and bee utterly void. And then my will and meaneing is that my said daughter Anne her heires and assignes shall forever have hold and enjoye the same meadowe Called Langolds with the appurtenances.

Item. I give unto the said Anne my daughter six score Pounds of lawfull English money out of the first moneys that Canne be gotten in or raised out of my Personal Estate after my funeralls discharged and debts Paid to bee Paid her before any other Personall legacie by mee given. And if in Case any of my debts or Creditts shall happen to Prove I will that shee shall have her said full Legacie paid her by myne Executor. And I appoint myne Executor as her guardian or next freind in Case shee shall then bee under age to receave to her use the aforesaid somme of fower

score Pounds to bee Paid as is aforementioned and to give an acquittance or receipt for the same which I will shalbee a sufficient discharge to my said sonne Ambrose his heires and assignes. And if default shalbee made in payment thereof to Cause the said Anne to take upp the said Coppie hould meadowe Called Langolds and Pay the fine to the Lord for her admission thereunto and after to pay himself the said fine out of the Proffitts of the said meadowe and shall preserve as well the said fower score Pounds as the said six score Pounds for the said Anne and give her the benefitt thereof untill shee bee of the age of Eighteene yeares or bee married the benefitt and proffitt thereof to bee for her mayntenance & Education. And if itt shall please god the said Anne shall die before her said age or bee married then I will that both the said sommes of fower score Pounds and sixe score Pounds shalbee devided betweene my grandchild Suzan Newton and all my children which shall then bee liveing equally share and share alike.

Item. I give to my said granddaughter Susan Newton her heires and assignes forever All that my Coppiehold messuage or tenement with thappurtenances George Tilly situate in Glemsford aforesaid on the west side of Egremen street which I late had and Purchased of the surrender of Samuell Bordman gent Provided that if itt happen that the said Susan shall Depart this life before shee shall attaine her full age of one and twentie yeares unmarried that then my said daughter Anne shall have hold and forever enjoye the said messuage or tenement etc...

Item. I give unto my said sonne Samuell twentie Pounds unto my sonne Henrie twentie Pounds And to my said granddaughter Susan Newton fortie Pounds And to my grandchildren Ambrose William Anne and Susan Children of my said sonne Ambrose and to Isaac Elizabeth and Sarah Children of my daughter Susan Newton deceased xxs. a peece.

Item. It is my will and meaneing that myne Executor towards Performance of this my will and testament all that Corne which is or shalbee sown by mee and groweing uppon any my landes which I now hold in myne owne hands etc...

Item. I will that all my household stuffe shalbee equallie devided and Parted amongst all my Children etc...

Item. I give unto my Brother William Biggs fower shillings a month to bee paid him by myne Executor out of my Personal Estate etc...

Item. I give to my sonne in lawe Isaac Newton 10s.

Item. I doe nominate ordaine & appoint my said sonne John to bee sole Executor of this my last will and testament and I give him fortie Pounds for his Paines etc... And I desire my brother in lawe Samuell Thompson to bee supervisor of myne Executor. I give to him for a Remembrance 20s. And I desire him to take an account of myne Executor when itt shalbee a fytting tyme. And I gyve to the poore of the Parrish of Glemsford fortie shillings etc...

(Signed)

Witnesses: Richard Evered, George Hayward the younger, Jo: Biggs.