

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/50/321.

The Will of John Byshe of the Parish of Burstow in the County of Surrey, written 20 Jun 1568, proved 26 Oct 1568.

(Paraphrased)

In the name of God amen the Twentye daye of June a thowsande fyve hundred thre score and eyght I John Byshe of Burstowe within the Countye of Surrye beinge whoale of mynde and sicke in Bodye Doe make and ordayne this my Laste will and Testament in manner formme folowinge:

first I bequeath I bequeathe my Sowle to almyghtye god my maker etc...

Also I will and bequeathe to the poore people of Burstowe Tenne shillings.

Also I will and bequeathe to the poore people of Horne Fyve shillings.

Also I give unto everye one of my godchildren xiid. a peice.

Also I give and bequeathe to John Slaughterforde my sarvannte one heyfare bullocke Twoe Yeare of age and also twoe sheepe.

Also I gyve and bequeathe to Wyllyam Laurence my servannte Twoe sheepe.

Also I gyve and bequeathe to Thomas my sarvannte twoe sheepe.

Also I gyve and bequeathe to Robert Longeaste one sheepe.

Also I gyve and bequeathe John Ellis my sarvannte twoe sheepe.

Also I gyve and bequeathe to Margerye my sarvannte one bullocke of Twelve moneth of aige.

As concernynge my Landes I will and bequeathe unto Marcy my wyfe all my Landes in Sussex and Surrye duringe the space of Sixe yeare after my deceasse Yf Thomas my sonne sholde before the Sixe yeares be ended, then I will that she shall have all the proffites tyll the next heire cometh to xxi yeares of aige, so that she bringe up my childrenn in Learenynge.

Also I will that when Thomas my sonne shall accomplishe thage of xxij yeares the next heire accomplishe the age of xxi yeares yf the same Thomas sholde fortune to dye, then I will that my wyfe shall have the proffites of all my Landes in Crawlye and Halfkum? and Saint Nicholas Ssee in the parrishe of Gylforde, and also all my Landes Fitteworthe? and Cotes, And also all my Landes in Ifilde and Worde duringe her naturall lyfe, And also Thomas my sonne to have all the proffites of my Landes in Burstowe and Horne when he cometh to the aige of xxij yeares to hym and his heires forever.

Also I will unto Katheryne my Daughter that after Thomas my sonne dothe come to the aige of xxij yeares he shall paye unto the said Katheryne Duringe her naturall lyfe fyve Pounds by the yeare oute of all my Lande in Horne and Burstowe for lack of payement of the said Fyve poundes yt shalbe lawfull for the said Katherine and her assignes to distresse and strayne in all the said Landes in Horne and Burstowe for the said yearely rent.

Also I give and bequeathe to Anne my daughter Fourtye poundes to be paide at the tyme of her marryadge.

Also I will unto Mercye my daughter also Fourtye poundes to be paide her at the Tyme of her marryadge.

Also I will unto Ursula my Daughter Fourtye poundes to be paied her at the time of her maryage.

Also I give unto Walter my sonne Fourtye Poundes to be paid hym at thage of Twentye and twoe yeares.

Also I will unto Erasmune my sonne Fourtye poundes when he cometh to thage of xxij yeares.

Also I will that William Laurent and his wyfe and the Longest lyver of them bothe the howse that theye nowe dwelle in and the Lande that theye nowe duringe their Lyves and the longest lyver of them Payinge no Rentt for yt.

Also I will that yf anye of my childrenn doe dye Before they come to their aiges to Receave their monye that then I will that all the Deade partes doe remayne amonge all the rest of my childrenn then beinge A lyve.

The rest of my goodes and Cattailles monye and Debtes unbequeathed I give them All to Mercye my Wyfe and Thomas my sonne and theye therewith to paye my Debtes performe my will whome I ordaine and make my whole executors of this my laste will and Testament. Yf that anye of them twoe doe dye before Thomas cometh to his full aige of xxij yeares then John my sonne to be co-executor with the onerlyver Provided alwayes that yf yt channce my said sonnes or any of them to be the whoale Survyvors of my executors, Then beinge within the aige of xxi yeares Then suche men and suche men John Skinner theldre squire and my cozen John Bishe of Worde to have the whole governance & disposition of my saide will untill the Survyvor come to the aige of xxi yeares and then theye thereof to make accompte to the said Survyvors beinge zeasonlye sustayninge thereby.

Also I ordaine and make my cosen John Bisshe of Worde to be my oversear.

Witnesses: Thomas Gyleman, William Roffye, Walter Tickner