

London, England, Wills and Probate, 1507-1858.

The Will of William Lee of Abingworth in the County of Surrey, Yeoman, written 10 May 1580, proved 1 Dec 1580.

(Paragraphed for easier reading, the names of family members being underlined.)

In the Name of god Amen The Tenth Daye of Maye in the yeare of our Lorde god 1580, and in the xxiith yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth
. I William Lee of Abbingworthe in the Countye of Surrey yeoman, beinge sicke in bodye, and yet in good perfeicte memorye (thankes & praise be to god) Doe ordaine and make this my present laste will and Testament in manner and fforme ffollowinge

Fyrst and principally I Commende and bequeathe my Soule into the hands of Almightye god my Creator &c... And my bodye to be buried in the Church of Abbingworthe aforesaide.

Item. I geve towarde the reparacions of the saide Church x^s.

Item. I geve to the poore of the saide parishe xx^s.

Item. I geve to everye one of my godchildren xii^d.

Item. I geve and bequeathe to Lawrence Lee my sonne xx^{li} to bee paied unto him within one yeare next after my deceasse.

Item. I geve and bequeathe unto Rycharde Lee my sonne xx^{li} to bee paied unto him likewise within one yeare next after my deceasse.

Item. I geve and bequeathe unto Alyce Smythe, Elizabeth Steavens and Mylleante Rede my Three daughters xx^{li} to bee equally paied emonge them within one month next after my deceasse without any further delaye.

The Residue of all my goods cattails & chattails moveable and unmoveable whatsoever I geve and bequeathe unto John Lee my sonne, whom I make Sole executor of this my present last will and Testament, to see my debtes & Legacies paied, my funerall expences dischardged and my Bodye buried.

Fynallye I doe ordaine and make my trustye and welbeloved in Christ the aforesaide Lawrence Lee my sonne overseer of this my present last will & Testament to see the same executed performed and ffinished accordinge to the trew meaninge purpose and effecte of the same.

In wyttness whereof I the aforesaide William Lee have caused this my present last will & Testament to bee made and theiirto have subscribed my name and putt my Seale even the daye and yeares ffirst above written.

(Signed William Ley)

Item. I geve unto Rychard Eliote my servant vis. viii^d.

Witnesses: George Hodshow, Clerke, Lawrence Lee with others.