

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/681/230.

*Abstract of the Will of James Linfeild of Linehouse in the Parish of Lingfield in the County of Surrey, Gentleman, written 31 Dec 1736, proved 4 Feb 1736/7.*

Wishes to be buried in linen in Lingfield church as near to the grave of his late father as possible.

Gives and devises to his wife Elizabeth for the term of her natural life his messuage or tenement and farm with the barns, buildings, yards, gardens, orchards, and lands in Lingfield. After the death of his wife, he gives and devises the same to his son Edward Linfeild and his heirs forever.

Gives and devises to his wife Elizabeth an annuity of £30 issuing from the abovementioned messuages, lands and hereditaments in co. Surrey and also, in lieu of dower, what she may claim out of his farm and lands in co. Kent.

Gives and devises an annuity of £25 to his son Millar Linfeild for the term of his natural life. He also gives to him the bed and furniture he now uses.

Gives to his wife his bed as well as the bed in the hall chamber, as well as the bed, bedding and curtains in the parlour.

Gives and devises to his son Robert Linfeild and his heirs forever his messuage or tenement called Sammons with the barns, stables, buildings, yards, gardens, orchards, arable meadow, pasture and woodland, situated in co. Kent. Also gives to his son Robert the bed and its appurtenances in the chamber which James's daughter Elizabeth now occupies. He also gives Robert an oval table, a chest of drawers, a dozen pewter plates and four pewter dishes. He also gives and bequeaths to Robert £500.

Gives £240 to his daughter Mary now the wife of Henry Istead.

Gives £500 to his daughter Elizabeth Linfeild, along with the blue bed with its appurtenances, six chairs, a looking glass, a chest of drawers, a table, a dozen new plates and four pewter dishes.

Gives £20 each to his grandchildren James Istead, Henry Istead, Elizabeth Istead and Mary Istead.

Gives a further £12 to his son Robert and an additional £20 to his daughter Elizabeth.

All the rest of his household goods, plate and linen, after his wife has taken what she thinks fit for her use, he gives to his sons Edward, Miller and Robert Linfeild, and to his daughters Mary Istead and Elizabeth Linfeild, to be divided equally among them.

All the rest and residue of his personal estate, goods and chattels, he gives and bequeaths to his son Edward, and makes and ordains his wife Elizabeth and his said son Edward co-executors of his last will and testament.

Witnesses: John Coppard, William Chapman, Edw: Underhill