

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/203/351.

*Abstract of the Will of George Cooke of the Parish of Goring in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, written 28 Dec 1647, proved 15 Feb 1648.*

Gives 10 shillings to Mr. William Frisk, clerk, whom he desires to preach at his funeral.

Gives 6 pence toward the upkeep of the high church of Chichester.

Gives 40 shillings to the poor people of Goring.

Gives 20 shillings each to his grandchildren Suzan Barnard, George Greene, George Osborne and William Osborne.

Forgives the debt of William Cooke and gives to William's daughters Martha and Elizabeth Cooke £5 each, to be paid to them when they turn 18 or marry, whichever comes first. Further, he wills that the said five-pound amounts be paid to Barnaby Barnard of Finden within 6 months after his decease with the interest thereof to be used for the maintenance of the said Martha and Elizabeth during their minorities.

Gives £5 to Richard Cooke of Goring.

Gives £3 to Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Cooke of Goring.

Gives 20 shillings to his godson Thomas Whittington.

Gives 12 pence each to all other of his godchildren.

Gives 20 shillings to Suzan Cooke, spinster.

Gives 20 shillings to Elizabeth Cooke of Goring, widow.

Gives 10 shillings each to the four children of Barnaby Barnard.

Gives 2 shillings each to his menservants and 2 shillings 6 pence each to his maidservants who are with him at the time of his decease.

Desires that his friends George Luxford of Hurstpierpoint and Barnaby Barnard of Finden aforesaid be the overseers of his last will and testament, giving them 10 shillings each for their efforts.

Wills that out of his personal estate, goods and chattels the sum of £400 be taken and paid to his daughters Rebecca and Martha [sic = Mary], and the residue and remainder thereof be equally divided into three equal parts for his three daughters Rebecca, Mary and Sarah.

Gives and devises all his messuages, buildings, lands, tenements and hereditaments to his son-in-law John Cooke, his daughter Rebecca's husband.

Makes and ordains his three daughters Rebecca, Mary and Sarah, co-executrices of his last will and testament.

(signed)

Witnesses: George Luxford, Ben: Barnard, John Greene, John Cooke, Sara Osborne, Barnard Barnard, Richard White