

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/190/466.

The Will of Michael Martyn of the Parish of Crawley in the County of Sussex, written 3 May 1642, proved 19 Dec 1642.

(Paragraphed)

In the name of God Amen The third day of May Ano Dni 1642 And in the eighteenth yeare of our soveraigne lord king Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland king defender of the faith I Michael Martyn of Crawley in the County of Sussex gent being sicke and weake of bodie but of good and perfect memorie (praised be Allmightie God for the same) knowing that all men are borne to dye, and that death to all flesh is most certaine, though the tyme thereof most uncertaine, do ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following (that is to say)

First I commend my soule into the hands of Allmightie God etc..., And for my my bodie I committ the same to the earth from whence it came, and to be buried in the parish church of Crawley aforesaid as in the discrecions of my Executors hereafter named and appointed shalbe thought most meete and convenient.

Item. I give and bequeath all my goods houshold stuffe plate bedding linen wollen and other lumber now remayning within my dwelling house unto my loving wyfe Agnes Martin, and unto my eldest sonne Michael Martin, the same to be equally betweene them by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath all other my goods cattell corne haye waines carts plowes yokes chaines harrowes and other utensills for husbandry unto my executors hereafter named upon trust and confidence that they shall sell the same to the best advantage and out of the money thereof rayased they shall obtaine and keepe for the use of my three daughters Sara Agnes and Rebecca the summe of one hundred and fiftie poundes of currant english money (that is to saye for every of them severally the summe of fiftie poundes the same to be paied unto them att their dayes of marriage or when they shall accrewe unto the age of one and twentie yeares which shall first happen And that the remainder of the monies raised upon the sale of the said goods catell corne haye and implements my executors shall paie unto my said wife within two months next after the sale thereof. And my full intent and meaning is that my said Executors shall putt forth and imploye the said hundred and fiftie poundes to the best profitt and advantage for the use of my said three daughters and shall disburse the increase thereof arysing towards their livelyhood and maintenance as in their discretions and at the discretions of my overseers herafter named shalbe thought fitt. And also my intent and meaning is that yf any of my said three daughters shall depart this life before such tyme as they shall happen to be married or accrewe unto the age of one and twentie yeares then the said fiftie poundes to her devised shalbe equally divided and paied unto the other two of my daughters so surviving at their daies of marriage or when either of them shall accomplish the full age of one and twentie yeares which shall first happen. And if two of my daughters shall depart this life etc then the said two fiftie poundes to them devised shalbe equally divided and paid thone fiftie pounds unto my daughter so

surviving and thother fiftie pounds unto Benedict Martin my younger sonne if he shall then be living But if he happen to depart this life before then the same fiftie pounds shalbe paied unto Michael Martin my eldest sonne.

Item. I also give devise and bequeath unto the said Benedict Martin my younger sonne All that my messuage or tenement barne stable garden and orchard together with all those severall closes of arable lands meadowe pasture and woodgrounds with the appurtenances commonly called or knowne by the severall names of Walters and Paines situate lying and being within the parish of Charlewood in the County of Surrey the which I purchased of Thomas Whitfeild of the parish of Worth in the said County of Sussex gent To have the said messuage lands and premisses unto the said Benedict Martin for and during the terme of his naturall life without impeachment of waste and after his decease to the heires of his bodie lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue then the same to remaine unto the said Michael Martin my eldest sonne and to the heires of his bodie lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue then the same to remain unto Benedict Martin the sonne of brother Bennett Martin and to the heires of his bodie lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue then to the right heires of mee the said Michael Martyn for ever. Provided nonetheless and to the intent and purpose notwithstanding that my said wife Agnes shall receive and take the rents issued and profitts of the said messuage lands and premisses to for and during the terme of the first five yeares next after my decease for the better training upp livelyhood and maintenance of my said sonne Benedict and my said three daughters. And that after the expiracion of the said five yeares my brother Bennett Martin of Charlewood in the County of Surrey gent and Walter Pauley of Worth in Countie of Sussex gent whom I ordaine and make Executors of this my last will and testament shall receive and take out of the rents issued and profitts of the said messuage lands and premisses the summe of ten pounds of lawfull monie of England yearlie and every yeare for and during and untill such tyme as they the said Bennett Martin and Walter Pauley or the survivour of them theire executors or administrators shall hence receive for the use of my said three daughters the summe of one hundred and fiftie pounds of currant english monie etc...

Item. I also give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Crawley the summe of twentie shillings to be paid and distributed amongst them at the discrecion of my executors.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my said executors the summe of fortie shillings of lawfull monie of England (That is to say to each of them twentie shillings for their paines and care) And I do hereby ordaine and make Thomas Steere of Iffeild in the County of Sussex husbandman and Gyles Cuddingdon of Crawley in the said County yeoman my overseers of this my last will and testament And I give to each of them the summe of ten shillings to be paied unto them within three months next after my decease etc...

In witness whereof I the said Michael Martin have under every sheete hereof being foure in number subscribed my name and have hereunto sett my seale Michael Martin in the presence of witnesses