

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/58/428.

*The Will of John Seynt John or Seyntiohn otherwise Saint John of Lydiard Tregoze, Wiltshire, written 24 Apr 1574, proved 9 Nov 1576.*

[paragraphed]

In the name of god amen the fowre and twentithe daye of Aprill in the Yeare of our Lorde god One Thousande fyve hundrethe three score and fowretene an in the Yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god of Englande France & Irelande defender of the Faith &c the Sixtenethe I John Seynt John of Lydyard Tregose in the County of Wiltes Esquier of Perfecte Remembrance thanks be to god for it Do make and ordeine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge

First I Bequeathe my Sowle which our Lorde Jhus Christ boughte and Redemed withe his most precious bloude into the handes of the blessed [and] my bodie to be buried at the discetion of myne Executour hereafter named with suche Funeralls then to be don and bestowed as to him shalbe thoughte Convenient

Item I will that all former wills by me made before this date of this my present Last Will and Testament yf suche shall appeare shalbe clerelie voyde and so my Last Will and Testamente is nowe as hereafter followinge

First I will that the Manor of Farley Chamberlayne with the Appurtenances in the Countie of Sowthamton with the Advowson of the Church of Farlie Chamberleyne aforsaide shall continewe and be to **Barbara Seintiohn the wieff of my Sonne William Seyntiohn** duringe the Naturall lyfe of the saide Barbara and after her decease the Remynder thereof to the heires males of the bodie of me the saide John Seintiohn uppon the bodie of **Elizabeth my Last Wieff deceased** Lawfullie begotten And for defalte of suche issue the Remynder thereof to the righte heyres of **Dame Jane Seyntiohn my Mother** deceased for ever accordinge to suche devises and Conveyances as for the Assurance thereof before this tyme of my free will hath ben conveyed and made

Also I will that my Manor of Letleton with the Appurtenances in the saide Countie of Sowthamton imediatlie after my deceasse shall Remyne and be to my saide sonne William Sentiohn and **Henrie Seyntiohn Sonne and heyre apparente of the saide William Seyntiohn** and to the heires of their two bodies Lawfullie begotten and to be begotten And for defaulte of suche issue the saide Mannor of Letleton with thappurtenances to Remyne to **John Seyntiohn my yongest sonne** and to the heires of his bodie Lawfullie to be begotten And for defalte of suche issue the Remynder thereof to the righte heires of me the saide John Seyntiohn for ever acordinge to suche devises and conveyances and with suche condicions therein conteyned as before this tyme and sence the Feast of thannunciation of our Blessed Ladye the Virgin last past of my free will hath ben by me graunted conveyed and assured

And whereas I am seased of and in the Manor of Byncknoll *alias* Binall with the appurtenances and of and in dyvers Landes and Tente in Byncknoll Coterinshe Chaddenton Lydyarde Treygose Brodhynton Wotton Bassett and Cleve Pepper in the saide Countie of Wiltes to me and myne heires for ever Concerninge the disposityon of the saide Manor Landes Tenements and other the premisses my full will purpose and intent is in Manner and forme followinge

First I will and doo gyve and bequeathe unto the saide John Seyntiohn my yongest sonne the Manor of Byncknoll alias Bynall withe thappurtenances and all other my Landes Tenementes and Hereditamentes in Byncknoll Coterinshe Chaddenton Lydyard Treygose Brodhynton Wotton Bassett and Cleve Pepper in the saide Countie of Wiltes with the appurtenances with I latelie purchased of the Righte Honorable William Lorde Cobham To have and to holde the saide Manor of Byncknoll and other the premisses with their appurtenances to the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne and to his Assignes duringe his naturall lief. Provided allwaies and uppon this Condicion Nevertheless That yf **Nicholas Seyntiohn my eldest sonne** or his heyres shall at anye after my deceasse make or cause to be made unto the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne for and during the Lyef of hym the saide John Seyntiohn one sufficient and assured conveyance and estate of and in one Annuytie or Yearelie rente of Twentie Poundes of Lawfull Moneye of Englande by the Yeare payable unto the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne and to his Assignes during the Naturall Lyef of hym the saide John Seyntiohn at twoo severall termes of the yeare that is to saye At the Feast of St Michaell tharchangell and the Annunciation of our Blessed Ladie the Virgin by every porcions issuyng and goyng owte of some of my Landes Whereof I at the tyme of my deceasse shalbe seased in Fee symple or Fee taylor of the Yerelie value of Twentie poundes or above as shall come to the possession of the saide Nicholas Seyntiohn after my deceasse with a sufficient clause of Distresse for non paymente of the same during the terme of the lief of the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne in the same Conveyance and Assurance to be conteyned So that A good Assurance be made unto the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne and to his Assignes duringe his Naturall lyfe of the same Annuytie or Yearelie Rente of Twentie poundes as that he and his Assignes may Lawfullie quietlie and peaceablie enjoye the same acordinge to the true meaninge of this my Last Will and Testamente That then and ymediatlie after suche Conveyance and estate made as aforsaide and a good Assurance of the saide Annuytie or Yearlie rente of Twentie poundes had I will the saide Gyfte and devyse by me made by this my Last Will unto the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne of the saide Manor of Byncknoll and other the premisses in Byncknoll Coterinshe Chaddenton Lydyard Treygose Brodhynton Wotton Bassett and Cleve Pepper and everie parte thereof shalbe clerelie voyde and his interest of and in the saide Manor with the Appurtenances in Bynall Coterinshe Chaddenton Lydyard Treygose Brodhinton Wotton Bassett and Cleve Pepper before herein devised shall Ceasse and determyne Also I will that after the Assurance of the saide Annuytie or Yearelie rente made or after the deceasse of the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne that the saide Manor of Byncknoll with the Appurtenances with all other the Landes and Tenementes in Byncknoll Coterinshe Chaddenton Lydyard Treigose Brodhinton Wotton Bassett and Cleve Pepper that I purchased of the saide Lorde Cobham with theappurtenances and other the premisses other then the saide

Annuytie or Yearelie rente of Twentie poundes by the Yeare for the terme of Lyef of the saide John Sayntiohn my sonne which shalbe conveyed as aforesaide shall holie remaine come and be unto my saide sonne Nicholas Seyntiohn and to his heires for ever

Also I doo gyve and Bequeathe unto the saide William Seyntiohn my sonne All that the righte and interest that I have in and unto twooe severall Leasses of the Farme of Letleton in the saide Countie of South withe the Appurtenances late in the tenure and occupacion of one Robert Noyes and others by the graunte of the Late Abbott and Covent of the Late desolved? Monasterie of St Peters in Glouc and which twoo severall Leasses are by good conveyances comen? unto the handes of me the saide John Seyntiohn To have and to holde the same unto the saide William Seyntiohn and to his Assignes duringe the terme that I have to come in the saide twoo severall Leasses unexpired and undetermined

Item I do Remyse Release and forgyve unto the saide William Seyntiohn his heires Executors and Assignes twoo Partes of all suche arrerages as shall happen to be behinde and due to be paide unto me at or before my deceasse of myne Annuytie or Rente charge of Thirtie poundes by the yeare goynge owte of the Manor of Farlie Chamberlayne aforesaide so that and uppon this condicion Neverthelesse that the saide William Seyntiohn doo paye or cawse to be paide within one Moneth after my deceasse to the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne the other Parte being the thirde Parte of all suche arrerages of my saide Annuytie or Yereleie rente of thirtie poundes goyng owte of the saide Manor of Farlie as shalbe behinde and due to be paide at or before my deceasse. And also uppon this condicion that within one Moneth nexte after my deceasse and after Notice gyven unto the saide Willyam S<sup>t</sup>iohn of this my last Will and Testamente uppon request of myne executor he doo and shall make a sufficiente release and dischargd unto my Executor of all suche dettes dueties Legacies and other demaundes What so ever they be other than suche Legacies as by this my Laste Will and Testament are gyven and bequeathed unto hym the saide William Seintiohn as th saide William Seintiohn can demande of myne Executor as Executor unto me the saide John Seyntiohn

And yf the saide William Seintiohn shall refuse to make any suche release or dischargd or shall refuse and not paye unto the saide John Seintiohn my sonne the Arrerages of the saide thirde parte of my saide Annuytie or Yearelie rente of Thirtie poundes as is aforesaide, Then my full Will and intent is that all suche bequeastes of Gooddes and Cattells with the arrerages of myne Annuytie or Yearelie rente of Thirtie poundes goynge owte of Farlie Chamberlayne aforsaide And all other my Bequeastes of gooddes and Cattells conteyned in this my Last Will and Testamente made and gyven unto the saide William Seyntiohn my sonne shalbe clearelie voyde as thoughe I had made no suche gyfte unto hym Anything or thinges expressed in this my Last Will and Testament to the Contrarie in any wise notwithstanding

Also I doo gyve and bequeathe to the saide William Seintiohn Fowre hundreth wether sheepe that I left in Stock with hym at Farlie aforesaide when he first entred therunto And Furthermore I doo gyve and bequeathe to the saide William Seintiohn the Bedstede in my howse at Lydyarde Treigose aforesaide standinge over the

Parlour there with the Testor? and valence embrodered with parte of my Armes and his Mothers my late wieff with also fyve Curteynes of yellowe silke and the Curten rodde and all the hanginges of redde saye hanginge in the saide Chamber and the bedde of Downe with the Bolster there and the Covelett of Arras or verder that comonlie lyeth upon the same Bedd and a payre of fyne wollen Blanckettes and twoo good Pillowes and also the greate flatt weynescott Cofer bounde all with --?-- with all suche Lynnen as by perticulars are conteyned in a Schedule unto this my last Will annexed and all suche other writinges and gooddes as the saide Cofer shalbe at the tyme of my deceasse

And also I doo gyve unto the saide William St'iohn my sonne one Neste of Bowlls that is to saye three Bolles of sylver withe a Cover percell gilte wayng by estimacion three score fyvetene ownces

Item I doo gyve to John Seyntiohn my sonne Fyve Hundreth wether Sheepe twelve Kyene and one Bull and twelve Cart Horses that I shall have or comonlie have used to have at Letleton aforesaide in the saide Countie of Sowth to be delyvered to hym by myne Executor hereafter named within Syxe weekes nexte after my deceasse And yf there shall not be so many Sheepe Kyne Bull and Carte Horses at the tyme of my deceasse Then I will that myne Executor shall make up of others my gooddes and delyver so manye of everie sorte in Nomber at Lytleton aforesaide as good as comonlie I have used to have there to the saide John Seyntiohn or to his Assignes Also I doo gyve to the saide John Seintiohn all my Wheate Barleye and all other my grayne aswell growinge and being in and uppon the groundes and Barnes there at Letleton as also that shalbe bounde Cocked or carried or otherwise had of all the saide groundes there at the tyme of my deceasse with also all the Malte that I then shall have there or elsewhere within the saide Countie of South And also all my Howsholde stuff Cartes Plowes and all other my Gooddes and Cattells what so ever they be that I shall have as aforesaide at Lytleton at the tyme of my deceasse to be delivered within the tyme before mencioned Provided alwaies and uppon this condicion neverthesse That yf my saide sonne WilliamSeintiohn will bynde hym self after my deceasse within twentie dayes nexte after Notice unto hym gyven of this my Last Will and Testament in an assured Bonde with sufficient Suerties unto the saide John Seintiohn my sonne in the Some of twoo Hundreth markes with condicion that he the saide William Stiohn his Executors or Assignes shall pay or cause to be payde to the saide John Stiohn my sonne his Executor and Assignes one Hundreth Poundes of Lawfull money of Englande in manner and forme followinge that is to saye Within one Yeare nexte after my deceasse Fyftie poundes And within one Yeare more then afterwarde Fyftie poundes in full contentacion? and payment of the saide Some of one Hundred poundes Then I will that my said gifte of all my saide Shepe Kyene Bull Carte Horses Corne grayne and of all other my Gooddes and Cattalls remayninge at Letleton aforesaide at the tyme of my deceasse before herein gyven to the saide John St'iohn my sonne shalbe clerelie voyde And after suche an Assurance made for the payment of the saide Some of one hundreth poundes to the saide John Seintiohn as aforesaide Then my full Will and intent is that the saide William Seintiohn my sonne shall have to his owne use all the saide Sheepe kyene Bull cart horses Corne grayne gooddes and Cattell remayninge at the tyme of my deceasse at Letleton aforesaide which I have herein before gyven unto my saide

sonne John Seyntiohn to be delivered unto hym the saide Wylliam Seintiohn by myne Executor hereafter named within Syxe weekes nexte after my deceasse: Furthermore I do gyve and bequeathe unto the said John Seyntiohn my sonne one hundreth Markes more over and besides the said Some of a Hundred poundes the saide Hundreth Markes to be paide by myne Executor unto the saide John S<sup>t</sup>iohn his Executors or Assignes within one yeare nexte after my deceasse And also I do gyve unto the said John Seyntiohn my sonne all suche beddes Stuff and other goodes of myne as he hathe or had in the Chamber at the Personage of Lydyarde and also twoo payer of good Sheetes as comonlie goeth abroade in my howse at Lydyarde for his owne bedd and twoo payre of Sheetes for his mans bedde and also the newe Tester and Curtens of blewe Saye that I latelie boughte and also the Coverlett of verder that lyeth comonlie uppon the bedd in the litle upper Chamber at Lydyard next the garden And also I doo gyve unto the saide John Seyntiohn my sonne the Shyppe Cofer standinge in the saide little upper chamber bound with --?-- having twoo lockes with twoo severall keyes wherein I have most comonlie used to kepe my fyne Lennen with all suche lynnens as by perticulers be conteyned in a Schedule to this my Last Will annexed with all suche other gooddes as in the saide Cofer shalbe at the tyme of my deceasse And I also doo gyve unto the saide John S<sup>t</sup>iohn my sonne one nest of Bowlls that is to saye Three Bowlls of sylver with a cover percell gilte weynge by estimacion Three score fyvetene ownces

Item I gyve and bequeathe to **my Nephewe Sanders Bray** Fyve poundes in ready Money

Item I doo gyve to Johan Goldsmythe my mayde yf She be in service with me at the tyme of my deceasse Fowre poundes in redie moneye besides that that I shall owe unto her for her Wages or otherwise at the tyme of my deceasse and also Black cloathe for A gowne or twentie Shillinges more in money for the same And also I doo gyve unto her all my Lynnen that she hath in custodie of myne as Sheetes Shertes handkerchers and kerchers quiltes Cappes Lynnen hoasen besides Pillowbe---s and all other my Lynnen being in her custodie and chardge and that she Accomptant for which she shall have at the tyme of my decesse All whiche the Premisses unto the saide Johan Goldsmythe by me gyven by this my Last Will and Testamente I will not that that She shall have yf she be not in service with me at the tyme of my deceasse

Item I doo gyve and bequeathe to my Servantes Thomas Webbe in reddy moneye Fyve poundes to William Edes Fortie Shillinges yf they be in service with me at the tyme of my deceasse or to suche other as then shalbe in service with me besides that that I shall owe unto any of them at the same tyme

All which my Bequeastes made unto the saide Sanders Braye Johan Goldsmythe Thomas Webbe and William Edes I will shalbe paide and delivered unto everie of them by myne Executor within one quarter of a Yeare nexte after my deceasse Furthermore I will that my Executor shall keepe and Mayneteyne my hole howseholde Servantes together yf they will tarrie there at my howse by the space of Syxe weekes nexte after my deceasse at my onelie Costes and Chardges

The residue of of all my Gooddes Cattall Plate and reddy Moneye that I shall have at the tyme of my deceasse withe all suche debtes as shalbe then owinge unto me

After my Funeralls dischargd my dettes paide and my Last Will in everie Parte performed I will shall holie remayne come and be unto the saide Nicholas Seyntiohn myne eldeste sonne and heyre whom I make and ordeyne ... my onelie and sole Executor of this my Laste Will and testament Requyringe and also chardginge hym uppon my blessinge and, as he will answer before god at the dreadefull daye of doome That he doo Performe this my Last Will in all thinges accordinge to the true entente and meaninge of the same

In witness whereof unto this my presente Last Will and Testamente written with my owne hande I have sett my Seale and Subscribed my name the saide three and twentie daye of April in ... the Yeare of our Lorde go 1574. By me John Seyntiohn

This Will conteyninge Sixe Leaves was sealed by the saide John Seyntiohn and publisshed to be his laste Will and testament in the presence of Thomas Estcourte. <sup>2</sup>

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Follows are the particulars of bequests mentioned above as annexing the Will, and a Codicil dated 2 Dec 18 Eliz. [1575]