

1654 Will of John Arscott

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Name of God Amen the twenty third day of February One thousand six hundred fiftie one I John Arscott of the Parish of Bratton Clavelly in the Countye of Devon yeoman being of a perfect memory and disposing minde thanks be to Almighty God doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner following (viz)

Imprimis I committ and commend my Soule unto the hands of God my Maker Saviour and Redeemer and my body to the earth to be decently interred in Christian buriall

Item I will and devise that Jane my Wife shall have hold and enioy the howse wherein I now dwell with th[e] appurtenances as are contained in my Lease of Stoddon situate lying and being in the Parish aforesaide and now in the tenure and possession of me my Assignee or assignes for so many yeares as the said Jane shall happen to live if Johan Reddacliffe my Daughter shall live so long

Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Arscott my sonne the residue and remainder of the said terme and yeares and all my right title estate and interest of in and to the said premisses, excepting and [...]prizing the house roomer Chamber and gardens devised to the said Mary, unto the said Richard his Executors and assignes after her now husband they haveing no issue if Johan Reddacliffe so long happen to live

Item I give to Sybella Phare my Daughter the somme of foure pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by twenty shillings yearely the first paym[en]t to beginne within one yeare after my decease

Item I give to Mary my daughter three shillings four pence

Item I give to Johan Reddacliffe my daughter three shillings and four pence

Item I give to Mary the daughter of Bartholomew Reddacliffe tenne shillings to be paid within or at the ende of five yeares next ensuing my death

Item I give to Ruth the daughter of Richard Phare two shillings six pence

The rest and residue of all my goods Cattell and Chattells as well moveable and unmoveable I give and bequeath to Jane my Wife whome I ordaine make and constitute my sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and doe herein and hereby revoake disanull and make void all and every former Will and Will & Testament or Testaments heretofore formerly made and doe publish and declare this to be my true and last Will and Testament

In Witness hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale [...] the day and yeare first above written John Arscott Sealed and delivered declared and published in the presense of John Moore the signe of William Gluddon

This Will was proved att Westminster the seventh day of February (English Style) One thousand six hundred fiftie and three before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Jane Arscott the Relict and Sole Executrix to whome Administration was committed she being sworne by Commission truly to administer

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