

1619 Will of Henry Coryndon

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Name of God Amen The Three, and twentieth Day of October in the yeares of the raigne of our Souveraigne Lord James by the grace of God, of England, Scotlande, France, and Irelande defendour of the faith etc vizt of England France and Irelande, the Third, and of Scotland the First Nyne and Thirty Anno Domini, 1605.

I Henry Coryndon of Bratton Clavelly in the County of Devon gent, beinge sounde and perfect of Bodie and minde, thanks be to the Almighty God, do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge.

First I give and bequeath my Soule to the Almighty god my maker, and Redeemer, in whome I hope to be saved, And, my bodie to his will and pleasure.

Item I give and bequeath to remaine in Stocke, for ever, to keep the poore of the said parishe of Bratton in worke, to be ordered & directed by my heires and the Church Wardene of the said parishe successively, from yeare to yeare, the full some of five poundes.

Item I give to Broadwoodwiger, five poundes, to be ordered as above said And to Jermansweeke fifty shillings to be like ordered.

Item I give and bequeath to every of my God children Twelve pence, and to such of them as are poore twelve pence more.

Item I give and bequeath to every of my servants w[hi]ch shalbe dwellinge in house w[i]th mee, at the tyme of my death, for every yeare service that they shall have remayned w[i]th mee, before that tyme, together, and not have departed, the some of five shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to John Stambury , the some of Twenty poundes.

Item I give and bequeath to Beniamyn Stambury, the some of Thirty poundes, in full discharge of all former demandes, and promises made by mee in marriage.

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Joane Adams, the some of Twenty Marks, And all such debts, and demandes, w[hi]ch she oweth unto mee.

Item, my Will is that whatsoever gyfte, and legacie, I shall at anie tyme heereafter give and ad[d] unto this my last will, eyther in writinge or by worde, and proved by one or more sufficient witsnesse or witnesses, shalbe well and truly paide, and performed by my Executors.

And alsoe yf at anie tyme heereafter I shall deminishe, or rase out any guift, and legacie hearin given, by this my last will my Will then is, that such guift, or legacie, shall not be paid by my Executour.

To see this my last will and testament performed, I doe make and ordaine Thomas Coryndon my brother, my whole, and sole Executor. I doe also desire Henry Underdowne, William Rowe, or any

one of them, and oversee, and have care, that this my last will and testament, be in all things performed.

In Witness heareof, I have heareunto sett my hand and seale the day, and yeare abovewritten, in the presence of these p[er]sons under subscribed / Henry Coryndon / Witnesses heareof, Roger Walker, Henry Underdone, Leonard Northleighe

Will transcribed by Kim Baldacchino

3 Nov 2013

The above-written will was proved, and by a definitive sentence approved and favoured, at London, before the worshipful Sir John Benet, Knight, Doctor of Laws, Master, Keeper or Commissary, lawfully constituted, of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London, on the eighth day of the month of May in the one thousand six hundred and nineteenth year of our Lord, by the oath of Thomas Coryndon, the brother of the said deceased, and the executor named in the same will, to whom was committed administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, he having been sworn, on God's Holy Evangelists, by force of a commission issued in that regard at another time, well and faithfully to administer the same.

Examined [*ie register copy of will compared with original*]

Probate clause (Latin) translated by Brooke Westcott

26 Nov 2013

[?] denotes low confidence in the transcript of the preceding word

[...] denotes a word not transcribed