

## 1657 Will of Jane Ascott or Addescott

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Name of God Amen The Thirtieth Day of May in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred fiftie and fower I Jane Ascott otherwise Addescott of the parish of Bratton Clovellie in the County of Devon Widdowe being sick of bodie but of good and perfect memorie (God be praised[]) Doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (That is to say)

First I Commend my Soule into the hands of God my Maker hoping assuredly through the only merritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting And I Commend by Bodie to the Earth whereof it was made decently to be interred and buried

Alsoe I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Joane the Wife of Bartholomew Reddacliffe all those houses Closes of Land meadowe and pasture hereafter mentioned and declared (that is to say) the North Parke the Hill Parke the Grotten and the Easter meadow adioyning [*adjoining*] to the Grotten and the herebe Garden adioyning thereunto The orchard adioyning to the Kitching the houses above the Entrie The lower end of the barne the Easter side of the Shipping (excepting and reserving out of the said Close called the Hill Parke one Quarter of Land adioyning to the herbe Garden[]) All which premisses are situate lying and being within the said parish of Bratton Clovelly and part of one Tenement wherein I now dwell called Stodden To have the said Premisses to the said Johane for and during all the rest & residue of the Tearme which shall be to Come & unexpired after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Johane my great Chest one platter & one porringer

Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the Wife of John Scarbell all those houses peeces & parcells of Land meadowe and pasture following (to witt) The little meadowe adioyning to the Towne the West meadowe adioyning to the said Little Meadowe the Calna parke the Little Moore the West hill parke the barne parke all the higher Gardens above the back doore the higher part of the barne the westerside of the Shipping the hay Tallett over the said shipping the moyetie of the stable the fourth house belowe the Entrie To have the said premisses with the appurtenances unto the said Mary for and dureing the Tearme aforesaid

Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sibell the Wife of Richard Phare those Closes and Quilletts of Land meadowe & pasture hereafter specified and declared (that is to say) Hill Land Coombe Lake, Coombe meadowe one Quarter of Land of the said close called the Hill p[ar]ke excepted in the bequest of my said Daughter Johane, the Kitching (excepting and reserving to my said Daughters Joane & Mary of their assigned free libertie to bake there at their Wills & pleasures & if it shall happen yt [*that*] one John Martin of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid doe die before the tearme be expired I give devise & bequeath unto my said Daughter Sibell the goeing and depasturing of one Cowe between Midsummer & Michaelmas in & upon the Liveing of the said John Martin to have the said premisses with the appurtenances (except before excepted[]) unto the said Sibell during all such time & number of yeares w[hi]ch shall be to come in during & unexpired after my death Provided alwaies & it is the true intent & meaning of this my last Will & Testam[en]t yt [*that*] it shall & may be lawfull to & for my said Daughters Johane & Mary & their assignes to have a sufficient way in to from

through & over the said Close called Coombelake to water their sheppe & cattle when & as often as need shall require during the said tearme

Alsoe I give unto my said Daughter Sibell one Coffe wherein I doe usually keep my Linnen one table one platter one porringer & my second best coate & Wastcoate

Alsoe I doe hereby devise & bequeath unto my said Daughters Joane & Mary the towne place of the said Tenem[en]t called Stodden equally to be divided betweene them excepting only to my Daughter Sibell the goeing of one pigg in & upon the same

Also I give & bequeath unto Mary Reddacliffe the Daughter of my Sonn in Lawe Bartholomew Reddacliffe my great brazen Crock & tenn shillings of lawfull mony of England Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my Grandchild Elizabeth Reddacliffe the Daughter of the said Bartholomew my Thinn brim[me]d & milke pann & tenn shillings of like lawfull mony of England Alsoe I give & bequeath unto Luke Phare my Grandchild the Sonn of Richard Phare my Son in Lawe the sume of tenn shillings of like lawfull monie of England Alsoe I give unto Ruth Phare Daughter of the said Richard Phare the like sume of tenn shillings of like lawfull mony of England

All w[hi]ch Legacies my will & meaning is shall be paid w[i]thin one yeare after my decease And all the rest of my goods chattells moveable & unmoveable not hereby formerly given & bequeathed I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Mary the Wife of the said John Scarbill whom I doe make ordaine constitute & appoynte my whole & Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testam[en]t and doe herein & hereby disanull countermand & revoake all former & other Wills heretofore by me made & doe declare this my last Will & Testam[en]t In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Seventh day of January in the Yeare first above written

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandchild John Scalbine the sonn of my Sonn in Lawe John Scalbine one Cow to be sold after my death & the monie to the best use for him being my God Sonn The Signe of Jane Ascott

Memorandum That this Word Wills in the second sheete betweene the thirteenth & fourteenth Lines were interlined before the Sealing & delivery hereof & these words (the Easter meadow adioyning to the Gratton the herbe Garden adioyning thereunto in the first sheete were interlined before the sealing & publishing & these words the Chamber over the fourth house wer blotted out likewise att the same time Sealed & published the Ninth Day of January One Thousand Six Hundred fifty fower in the presence of William Moore The Signe of Theophilus Stone

This Will was proved att at London the Sixt day of May In the Year of our Lord God On thousand six hundred fifty and Seven before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Mary Scarbell the daughter and sole and only Executrix in the above written Will To whome Administration of all and singular the goods chattells and debts of the said deceased was granted and Committed She being first legally sworne by vertue of a Commission truly and faythfully to administer the same

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