

## 1655 Will of John Peares

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Name of God Amen Twenty One Day of August One Thousand Six hundred fortie eight I John Peares of the Parish of Bratton Clovellie in the Countie of Devon Husbandman being in health and of good remembrance thanks be unto Almighty God and calling to mind the deferring of tyme and doeing of things necessarie least Death whereunto all men are subject might happen to take place before the same be duellie done Doe make this my last Will and Testament to the pleasure of God and health of my Soule in manner and forme following

First I give and bequeath my Soule to Almighty God my Maker and Redeemer in whome and through whome I hope to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the holly grave

Item I give and bequeath unto John Peares my sonne the fourth parte of one Tenement now in the possession and dwelling of I the aforesaid John Peares which I hould by Lease of John Moore Esquire and his heires all the time and tearme that shall be unexpired and to Come of fower score yeares and nyneteene after the Death of Charitie Peares my Wife if Abigaill Pearse my Daughter so long happen to live

Item I give and bequeath unto John Peares my sonne the fourth parte in fower partes divided or to be divided of one Tenement now in the possession of I the foresaid John Peares which I hould by Lease of Robert Burdon Gentleman all the time and tearme that shall be unexpired and to Come of fower score yeares and nyneteene after the Death of Charitie Peares my Wife if Abigaill Peares my Daughter so long live

Item I give and bequeath unto John Peares my sonne the eight parte in eight partes divided or to be divided of the foresaid Tenement which I hold by Lease of Ambrose Weather and Armynell his Wife and their heires all the tyme and tearme that shall be unexpired and to Come of fower score yeares and nyneteene after Charity my Wife if John Peares my sonne so long happen to live

Item I give and bequeath unto Abigaill Peares my Daughter six of my best sheepe my second best Crock one panne one Caldron one brandyre

Item I give and bequeath unto Christian Peares my Daughter six yewes and my best panne

Item I give and bequeath unto John Peares my sonne fower sheepe and my best Crock My Will is that my Wife shall make use of the Dead goods which is given during his life

The residue of all my goods and Chattells not before given and bequeathed in [the] Legacies aforesaid fulfilled and my debts payd I give and bequeath unto Charitie Peares my Wife whome I ordaine and make my very true and lawfull Executrix to execute performe and fullfill this my last Will and Testament to the pleasure of God and health of my Soule Signum John Peares Published in the presence of us Arthur Dodge Johan Dodge Witnesses

The Will was proved att London the eight and twentieth Day of May in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred fiftie and five before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Charitie Peares the Relict and Sole Executrix named in the above written Will To whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and Debts of the said Deceased was Committed she being first legally sworne by vertue of a Commission truly and faythfully to administer the same

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