

Will of Simon Willard Yeoman of Goudhurst

PROB 11/68

Will made 6th February 1583/4, probate 26th February 1584/5

In the name of god amen: The vith daie of February Anno Domini (one thousande fyve hundred eightie three. I Simon Willarde of the parishe of Goudhurst w[i]thin the Countie of Kent yeoman in good and perfect remembrance (thankes be given to allmightie God) Doe make and ordayne this my present testament and last will in manner and fourme following. First I commende my soule unto allmightie god my maker and redeemer and my bodye to christian burial. Item I will that there shalbe bestowed in my funerall charges and to the poore people that shalbe present at my buriall the some of fourty shillings. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wief two kien at her owne choyce the one halfe of all my household stuffe and ymplements of household, two quarters and four bushells of wheat and twelve bushels of mault, which wheat and mault I will that my sonnes Thomas Willarde and Richarde Willarde their executors or assignes or some of them shall delyver unto the saide Elizabeth w[i]thin one month next after my decease when the sayde Eilizabeth shall request the same, and the same shall carry for the sayde Elizabeth whither she shall assigne and appointe them or any of them w[i]thin fower myles of the nowe dwelling house of me the sayde Symon Willard. Item my will and mynde is, that my sayde two sonnes Thomas and Richard their heires executors or assignes or some of them shall yearly provide for Elizabeth my sayde wief six loades of fierwood every yeare for and during her natural life. To be spent by the sayde Elizabeth my wife in my messuage in Hoursmonden which I lately purchased of Richard Everenden and not els wheare: which six Loades of fyerwood shall be yearely taken and felled in my lands in Hoursmonden called Wythendens and delivered at my saide Messuage for my sayde wife for and during her naturall lief (if she shall dwell and inhabit there. Item I give and bequeath unto the saide Elizabeth my wife ffourty shillings of lawfull money of England to be payde immediately after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomasine Willard my daughter the somme of Twenty pounds of good & lawfull money of England to be paide unto her w[i]thin one year next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Symon Sudar one ewe sheepe, To Marye Boldye an ewe sheepe, To Jeremy Raynes his children four shillings a peece, to be payde w[i]thin one yeare next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Boldy my daughters sonne the Some of five pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be payde unto hym when he cometh unto the age of four and twenty yeares. And if he decease before he cometh unto the same age of fower and twenty yeares, then I give and bequeath fourty shillings of the sayde ffyve pounds unto the aforesaide Marye Boldye, sister of the same Thomas at suche tyme as the sayde Thomas shoulde have received the same. Item my will and mynde is, that my sayde twoe sonnes Thomas and Richard their executors or assignes or some of them shall bestowe in and upon my servant William Goutsole the somme of five pounds of lawfull money of England (in consideration of the money that I received w[i]th him of the parishioners of Lamberhurst) to helpe, keepe and relieve him in tyme of neede as yt shalbe thought unto them or any of them most needfull. Item I will that my sayde twoe sonnes Thomas and Richard shall use and occupye the terme of yeares yet to come of and in those Landes and Tenementes which I houlde by Lease of M^r Edward Hordon, jointly together w[i]thout any partinge or dividing of the same, during the terme yet for to come. Item my will and minde is that my twoe sonnes Thomas and Richard their executors or assignes shall beare and paye all my debtes and legacies equally between them, that is to saye, my sonne Thomas shall beare and paye the one halfe of my sayde debtes and legacies out of his p[ar]te of goods, and my sonne Richard shall beare and paye thother halfe of my sayde debtes and Legacies out of his p[ar]te of goods. The residue of all and singular my moveable goods, cattell and chattells, not before given (all my debtes and legacies being payde) I wholly give and bequeath

unto my two sonnes Thomas and Richard equally to be divided between them. Item I doe ordayne and make Thomas Willard my sonne to be my sole executor of this my p[re]sent testament and last will and Richard Willard my sonne to be helping, ayding and assisting my saide sonne Thomas Willard in all things concerning this my present testament and last will. Item my will and mynde is that Richard Willard my sonne shall ymmediately after my decease become bounden unto Elizabeth my wief and unto Thomas Willard my sonne in sufficient bond to paye out of his p[ar]te of goods w[hi]ch he shall receive by the virtue of this my p[re]sent testament and last will the one halfe of all my debtes & legacies whiche I doe owe and have given and bequeathed by this my last will and testament unto any p[er]son or p[er]sons. And if my sonne Richard Willard shall refuse and will not be bounden as I have afore willed him, then my will and mynde is, that the sayde Richard Willard my sonne shall lose the benefit of this my p[re]sent testament and last will, and that his p[ar]te and portion of goods remayne unto Elizabeth my sayde wief, and unto Thomas Willard my sayde sonne.

This is the last will and testament of mee the aforesaid Symon Willard made, declared and put in writing the daye and yeare fyrst above written concerning the disposition of all my Landes & Tenem[en]ts w[i]thin the parishe of Hoursmonden in thaforesaide Countie. Ffirst I will give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife my Messuage and Landes in Hoursmonden aforesaide which I lately purchased of Richard Everenden and of Robert Paynter for and during her natural lief, shee paying the Lordes rent yearly and keeping y^e necessary reparacions of the same, and doinge not waste: And from and after her decease, I will the same Messuage & Lande with thappurten[an]ces unto Thomas Willard and Richard Willard my sonnes and to their heires and assignes for ever equally to be divided between them: Item I will give and bequeath unto the sayde Thomas and Richard my sonnes, to their heires and assignes for ever all other my Lands and Tenements with thappurten[an]ces situate lying and being in Horsmonden aforesaide equally to be divided between them: Witnes at the wrytinge and reading hereof William Duston and Salomon Wert. The m[ar]ke of the sayde Symon Willard.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum festamentum apud London: coram venerabili viro mag[ist]ro Will[iam]us Drury Legum Doctori curia prerogative cantuarie[nsi]s commissario eto. Vicesimo sexto die mensis ffebruarij Anno Domini (iuxta cursum et computacionem eccl[esi]ast[ie] anglicane) mill[es]imo quingentesimo octogesimo quarto. Juramento Will[ia]mi Bablyam notorij publici procuratoris Thome Willard filii executoris eto Qui commissa fuit administraio bonorum eto De bene eto Jurat