

# Will of Alexander Weller Clothier of Cranbrook 1596

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Will made 16 June 1596, probate 15 July 1596

In the name of God Amen the Sixteenth daye of June Anno D[omi]ni 1596 And in the Eighte and Thirtieth yeare of the Reigne of our moste gracious Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of Englande Fraunce and Irelande defendor of the Faithe &c I Alexander Weller thelder of [Cranbroke](#) [Cranbrook] in the Countie of Kente Clothier beinge sicke in Bodye, but of good and perfecte Remembraunce Laude and praise be to Almightye god Doe ordaine and make this my present Testamente conteynynge herein my Laste will in manner and forme followinge

(That is to saie) Firste and princypallie I com[m]ende my Soule to Almightye god my Creatour Savyour and Redeemer, Hopinge and assuredlye and stedfastlie beleevinge to be saved by and throughe the deathe merrittes and bloudsheddinge of our Lorde and Savyour Jhesus Christe And my Bodye to the Earthe to be buried att the discrecon of myne Executour hereafter named

Item I give and bequeathe to Mr William Edye Vicar of Cranbroke Tenne Shillinges of lawfull monye of Englande to make a Sermon at the daye of my Buryall

Item I give and bequeathe toward the erectinge and buildinge of an house of Correcc[i]on in the Parrishe of Cranebroke aforesaide or towarde the makinge of a Stocke to be ymployed to sett the poore on worke, the Som[m]e of One Hundreth Markes of lawfull money of England To be paide within one whole yeare next after my deceasse by myne Executour into the handes of Mr Thomas Robertes Esquyer, Mr William Edye vicar of Cranebroke aforesaide, Thomas Sheaffe, Roberte Brikenden, Richarde Hovenden and Richarde Tailor of Cranebroke aforesaide yeoman or into the hande of anie Two, Three or foure of them

Item I geve to my servaunte Margarett Burges Twentye shillinges of lawfull money of England To be paide to her within one Yeare nexte after my Deceasse by myne Executour hereafter named

Item I give to my Brother William Weller one of my Dublettes, A paire of my Venecions and two paire of my Stockinges

Item I geve to my brother Nich[ol]as Anaway my Cloake with the Sleeves of mallarde Cullor

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Alice Pecke the som[m]e of Fyve Poundes of lawfull money of Englande to be paide to her imedyatelie after my deceasse

Item I give and bequeathe to Elizabeth my wyfe, All my householde stuffe, and One Hundreth Poundes of lawfull money of Englande The whiche saide Hundred powndes I will shalbe paide to the saide Elizabeth my wyfe her Executours or Assignes within Sixe monethes nexte after my Deceasse by myne Executour

Item I give to the saide Elizabeth my wyfe Two of my best kyne, And I will that my sonne John shall keepe them for her freelye duringe the tearme of my Lease in the Beech house yf she live so longe, as he shall keepe his owne

Item I geve and bequeathe to my sonne Dence Weller the som[m]e of foure hundreth Poundes of lawfull money of Englande, To be paide to hym his Executours or Assignes in manner and forme followinge, that is to saye Two Hundreth Poundes thereof w[i]thin One yeare nexte after my deceasse, and the other Twoe hundreth Poundes w[i]thin Twoe yeares nexte after my Deceasse by myne Executour

Item I geve and bequeath to my sonne Richarde Weller the Som[m]e of Twoe Hundreth Poundes of lawfull money of Englande To be paide to hym his Executours or Assignes w[i]thin Three yeres nexte after my Deceasse by myne Executor. Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Stephen Weller the some of Two Hundreth poundes of lawfull money of Englande To be paide to hym his Executors or Assignes w[i]thin foure Yeares nexte after my Deceasse by myne Executor

Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Alexander Weller the Som[m]e of Twoe Hundreth Poundes of lawfull money of Englande To be paide to hym, when he shall accomlishe his age of Twentye and Three yeares by myne Executor

Yf yt shall happen my saide sonne Alexander to deceasse before he shall accomlishe his saide age of Twentye and Three yeares and without heires of his Bodye lawfullye begotten That then I will the saide Twoe Hundreth Poundes to hym before geven shalbe equallie devyded amoungest all my other Sonnes then lyvinge Provyded alwaies that my saide foure sonnes before named, That is to saye, Dence Weller Richard Weller, Stephen Weller, and Alexander Weller, and everye of them, att the Receipte of the Legacies to them before given shall make or cause to be made unto myne Executour hereafter named sufficient Acquittaunces of all suche Rentes or Som[m]es of money to them or any of them due, by reason of any Matter of thinge expressed and declared in the Last will and Testament of my late Uncle Alexander Dence deceased (whose Executour I am) The which yf my saide Foure sonnes or any of them shall refuse to doe That then I will, and my mynde and will is, that myne Executour shall make staye of soe muche of his or their legacies before to hym or them givenne, soe refusinge, As shall acquite and discharge his or their Demaunde of Demaundes whatsoever Concernynge the premisses Anye thinge beforesaide to the Contrarye in anye wyse not w[i]thstandinge

Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Agnes Weller the Som[m]e of Twoe Hundreth Poundes of lawfull money of Englande to be paide to her in the daye of her marriage, uppon Condi[c]ion, that shee the saide Agnes shall not in any wise marrye with Richarde Waterman of Cranebrooke aforesaide Clothyer yf she the saide Agnes my daughter Contrarye to my Mynde and will shall marrye with the saide Richarde Waterman That then I will myne Executour and my Overseers hereafter named shall buye some Messuage and Landes with the saide Twoe Hundreth Poundes to and for the use of the said Agnes and her Assignes duringe the Terme of her naturall lief, And after the deathe or deceasse of the saide Agnes The saide Messuage and Landes to remaine to the Men Children of the saide Agnes and to their heires and Assignes forever Yf the saide Agnes shall have not men Children Then the saide messuage and Landes to remayne to the women Children of the saide Agnes, and to their heires and Assignes forever Yff the saide Agnes shall happen not to have anie Children Then I will the said Messuage and Landes soe purchased to remaine after the deceasse of the saide Agnes so married to Alexander Weller my sonne, and his heires and Assignes forever Yf yt shall happen the saide Agnes my daughter not to marrye with any man That then I will myne Executour and Overseers aforesaide shall putt the said Twoe Hundreth Poundes to proffytt into some good mens handes, and take sufficient Landes for the same And the saide Agnes to have the Proffytt thereof yerelie towardes her maintenaunce duringe her lief And att the tyme of her deathe, or any tyme before, the saide Agnes to devyse and will the same att her will and pleasure

Item I give and bequeathe to my Daughter Elizabeth Weller, the som[m]e of Twoe Hundreth Poundes of lawfull money of Englande, to be paide to her within One whole yeare nexte after my deceasse, or in the daye of her marriage yf shee the saide Elizabeth shall happen to marrye before the saide yeare be expyred by myne Executour

Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Katheren Weller the som[m]e of Two Hundreth Poundes of Lawfull money of Englande, To be paide to her within Two yeares nexte after my deceasse or in the daye of her marriage yf shee the saide Katheren shall happen to marrye before the saide Two yeares shalbe expyred

Yf yt shall happen anye of my saide daughters Agnes Elizabeth or Katheren to deceasse before their daies of marriages or the tyme before sett and lymitted That then I will her parte or porci[c]ion before given to Remaine to the Survyvors of them

Also I give and bequeathe to my sonne Richarde Weller the Leasse of the Messuage and gardeyne, the which I late bought of Richarde Portriffe of Rya in the Countye of Sussex Togeather w[i]th all my Righte Tytle possession, and intereste in the same ymeadyatlie after my wiefes deceasse To have, and to holde to the saide my sonne Richarde Weller and his Executours and Assignes for and duringe the terme of the yeares yettosome and unexpired menc[i]oned int he saide Leasse

Item I give and bequeathe to my Brother William Weller the som[m]e of Fyve Poundes of lawfull money of Englande To be paide to hym w[i]thin halfe one yeare nexte after my deceasse The Resydue of all my goodes debtes and Chattells whatsoever not in this my present Testament and Last will in anye Wise geven willed nor bequeathed my Debtes beinge paide, Legacies fulfilled and funerall expences discharged I give and bequeathe to my sonne John Weller The which saide John Weller my sonne I ordeyne and make my sole Executour to Doe p[er]forme and fulfill all and everie thinge and thinges herein Conteyned accordinge to my true meanyng And I ordaine and make my Two Brothers John Weller and Lawrence Weller myne Overseers of this my presente Testament and Last will to be Ayders and Assistauntes to my saide Executour, and to give hym their good Advyse and Councell in the fullfillinge thereof And I geve to either of them Fortye Shillings of lawfull money of Englande for their paynes takinge in this behalfe Also I give to Nicholas Anawaie for his paines takinge with me in my sicknes the Som[m]e of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull money of Englande.

This is the Laste will and Testament of me the abovesaide Alexander Weller made and Declared the Daye and yeare abovesaide Concernynge the order and disposic[i]on of all those my Messuages Tenementes Landes and heredytamentes whatsoever scituate lyenge and beinge in the Parrishes of Cranebrooke, Hawkeherste Gowdeherst, Frittenden Ruckinge and Newe Church in the County of Kente aforesaide as followeth

Firste Whereas I the said Alexander Weller for dyvers good and Lawfull Causes and Considerac[i]ons me thereunto especyallye movinge Have by my Deede of Feoffament Indented Enfeoffed my Cosen William Dence of Hawkeherst aforesaide yoman and my Brother Lawrence Weller of Cranebrooke aforesaide yeoman of and in dyvers messuages Tenementes Landes and heredytamentes scituate lyenge and beinge in the Parrishes of Cranebrooke, Hawkeherste, Gowdherst Fryttenden Ruckinge and Newe Church aforesaide to the yearelie value of Fyfte Poundes of lawfull money of Englande or thereaboutes to and for the use of the abovesaide Elizabeth my Wiefe and her Assignes For and duringe the terme of her Naturall lief, For and in Considerac[i]on of a suffyciente Joyntor or Dower to happen to her by and after the Deathe or Deceasse of me the saide Alexander Weller As by the saide Deede of feoffamente Indented more plainlyer yt doth and will appeare In Considerac[i]on whereof my hope and Confydence is that the saide Elizabeth my Wyfe will Contente her selfe therewith, and not to hynder anye thinge touchinge or concernynge my Mynde in the disposic[i]on of my saide messuages Tenementes Landes and Heredytamentes Conteyned and declared in this my presente Testament and Last will

Also I will that the saide Elizabeth my Wiefe shall have and houlde to her and her Assignes for and duringe the terme of her naturall lief the Messuage and Gardeyne with thappurtenaunces the whiche wydowe Portriffe dwelleth in scituate and beinge in the Towne of Cranebroke aforesaid, keepinge the same sufficientlie repayed, and payenge the Rente goinge oute thereof to the vicar of Cranbroke and his Successours duringe the saide terme

Item I give and bequeath to my sonne Dence Weller All my Landes Tenementes and Heredytamentes whatsoever scituate lyenge and beinge in the p[ar]ishe of Gowdherste aforesaide To have and to houlde the saide Landes Tenementes and heredytamentes w[i]th all and singuler thappurten[au]nces to the saide Dence Weller my sonne, and to his heires and Assignes forever

Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne John Weller my Messuage and Landes with thappurtenaunces nowe in the tennor and Occupac[i]on of Edwarde Couchman or of his Assignes scituate lyenge and beinge in the Parrishe of Cranebroke aforesaide

Also I give and bequeathe to the saide my sonne John Weller my Landes Called the Mershe Landes nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of William Gibbon or of his Assignes lyenge and beinge in the Parrishe of Ruckenge and Newchurche aforesaide To have and to holde the said Messuage and Landes, and the saide Landes Called the Mershe Landes, with all and singuler their appurten[au]nces unto the saide John Weller my sonne and to his heires and Assignes forever

Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Richarde Weller my Messuage, Dyehouse Copper and vessells to the saide Dyehouse belonginge, and the Landes to the saide messuage belonginge nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of my brother John Weller or of his assignes Also my messuage & garden nowe in the tenure & occupacon of Alexander Cryar Also my Tenementes gardeyns and Landes att Courstile nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of John Nower and Henry Sawyer or of their Assignes All and singuler the whiche saide premisses with thappurten[au]nces are scituate lyenge and beinge in the Parrishe of Cranebroke aforesaide To have and to holde all the saide Messuages, Dyehouse, Coppervessells Landes Tenementes gardeyns and other the premisses with all and singuler Thappurten[au]nces to the saide my sonne Richarde Weller and to his heires and Assignes forever

Also I give and bequeathe to the saide my sonne Richarde Weller all my Landes lyenge and beinge in the Parrishe of Fryttenden aforesaide, and nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of one Thomas Bathurste of of his Assignes To have and to holde the saide Landes in Frittenden aforesaide to the saide Richarde Weller my sonne, and to his heires and Assignes forever

Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Stephen Weller my Messuage and Landes sometymes John Davies, My Tenementes and gardeyns nowe in the severall tenures and occupac[i]ons of William Foster Maylam and John Barnes, and my Croste of Lande in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Nicholas Parcke All and singuler the which saide messuage Landes Tenementes Gardens and Croste of Lande sometyme were the Landes Tenementes and heredytamentes of the saide John Davyes, and scituate lyenge and beinge in the p[ar]ishe of Cranebroke aforesaide To have and to holde the saide messuage Landes Tenementes gardeyns and other the premisses with all and singuler thappurten[au]nces to the saide my sonne Stephen Weller, and to his heires and Assignes forever

Also I geve and bequeathe to the saide my sonne Stephen Weller my Feilde called Agnes feilde nowe in the sev[er]all tenures and occupac[i]ons of my brother John Weller, John Shawe and Stephen Rogers or of their Assignes Also my Woode and woodlande called the Breeche Woode, The saide Stephen Weller my sonne his heires and Assignes allowinge and payenge yearelye & everye yeare in due and seasonable tyme and tymes in the yeare to Elizabeth my Wyfe or her Assignes in the saide wood and woodlande called the Breeche Woode Sixtene Loades of woode readye made viz Tenne loades of Billett woode, and Sixe loades of Fagott woode for and duringe the terme of the naturall lief of the saide Elizabeth my Wyfe To have and to holde the saide feild called Agnes feilde, the woode and woodelände called the Breeche wood (my wiefes woode as aforesaide delyvered and paid) unto the saide my sonne Stephen Weller, and to his heires and Assignes forever

Also I give and bequeathe unto my saide sonne Stephen Weller and to his heires and Assignes forever my Annuytie or yearlie Rente of Tenne Shillinges with the aucthorytie of the distresse for the same goinge out of messuage and landes sometyme Roberte Forsters scituate and beinge in the Parrishe of Cranebroke aforesaide

Item I will that my Brother John Weller shall have and holde the saide messuage Barne and Landes Called Davyes, and the parcell of the Feilde called Agnes feilde for and duringe the terme of Twentye yeares yf he the saide John Weller shall happen so longe to lyve Yeldinge and payenge therefore yerelye to my saide sonne Stephen his heires or Assignes the som[m]e of Fouretene powndes of lawfull money of Englande Att the Two usuall terms of the yeare (That is to saie) The feaste of Saincte Michaell Tharchangell, and the Anunciac[i]on of blessed Marye the virgen by equall porc[i]ons halfe yerelie to be paid my saide sonne Stephen keepinge the rep[ar]ac[i]ons and payenge the Lordes Rentes duringe the terme aforesaide All and singuler the premisses with thappurten[au]nces nowe are in the tenure and occupac[i]on of the saide my brother John Weller

Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Alexander Weller my Messuage Gardeyn and Two peeces of Lande with thappurten[au]nces nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Stephen Rogers or of his Assignes

my messuage and Gardeyne with thappurten[au]nces nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Thomas Phillippe, my foure peeces or p[ar]celles of lande with the appurtenaunces (the which I late purchased to me and to myne heires of one Richarde Portryffe of Rya in the Countye of Sussex Also my Tenemente and Landes nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Cooke the Sawyer or of his assignes All and singuler the which saide premisses are scituate lyenge and beinge in the p[ar]jishe of Cranebroke aforesaide To have and to holde the saide messuages gardeyns Tenementes Landes and other the premisses with all and singuler thappurten[au]nces unto the saide Allexander Weller my sonne, and to his heires and Assignes forever when he shall accomplishe his age of Twentye and Three yeares

Also I give and bequeathe to the saide my sonne Allexander Weller my Tenemente and Landes nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Allen Weldishe or of his Assignes Also my Tenement and Landes with thappurten[au]nces nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Hopper or of his Assignes And also my Landes nowe in the tenure and occupac[i]on of Thomas Smith or of his Assignes All and singuler the which saide Tenementes and Landes with thappurten[au]nces are scituate lyenge and beinge in the Parrishe of Hawkeherste aforesaide To have and to holde the saide Tenementes and Landes with all and singuler the Appurten[au]nces unto the saide my sonne Alexander Weller and to his heires and Assignes forever when he shall accomplishe his saide age of Twentye and Three yeares

Also I will that my sonne John Weller shall take upp the Rentes of my said sonne Alexander his messuages Tenementes and Landes before to hym willed and bequeathed untill my saide sonne Alexander shall accomplishe his saide age of Twentye and Three yeares, And then to be accomptable to hym and paye hym his heires or Assignes the saide Rentes soe by hym received

And thus I Conclude and fynishe this my presente Testamente and Last will And in witnes whereof I the saide Alexander Weller have hereunto sett my hande and Seale Witnesses present att the Declaringe and readinge hereof Nicholas Anaway, and Lawrence Weller Scriptor, signum Nich\_i Anawaye. By me Alexander Weller

[Proved at London on 15 July 1596 with administration granted to John Weller, son of the deceased]