

The Will of Joanne Isted widow of Mayfield 1557

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In the name of god Amen, the eleventh daye of August in the yeare of our lorde god a thousand five hundred fiftie and seven and in the iijth and vth yeares of the Reignes of our soveraigne lorde and ladie kinge Philippe and quene Marye I Joanne Istede of Maighfelde in the countie of Sussex widowe hole of mynde and of good remembrannce thanks be to god make this my present testament and last will in man^r and fourme folowing First I bequeath my sowle to god the father Almightye our lorde Jesus Crist our mercifull redemer our Ladie seynt Marye and to all the holie company of heaven my bodie to be buried wthin the Churche or churchyarde of Seynt Dunstane at Maighfelde aforesaid Item I bequeath to the highe aluter of the said Churche for my tithes and oblacions negligentlie forgotten or wthholden viijd Item to the mother church of the said church iij Item I bequeath to the reparations of the said Churche of Maighfeld xls Item I bequeath to evry one of my godchildren vjd a pece to as many as do requyre or demannnd it Item I will that there be bestowed at my buryall in charitable works xls and at my monethes mynd xls and at my yeres mynd xls Item I bequeath to Marye Baker my servannte a flocke bedde a payre of blanketts and a heyfer bullock of thage of thre yeres and the vayle to be delyvered to her at the feast of Easter next after my decease Item I will and bequeath to Thomas Mepham my servannt a heyfer of thage of two yeres and the vayle Item I bequeath to John Alen my servannte iij femall shepe and to Joane Potter my svannt iij femall shepe Item I bequeath to Robert Shepherde a melche heyfer bullock Item I bequeath to Marye Baker the doughter of Elizabeth my doughter one of my best heyfer bullocks of the age of iij yeres one of my best joyned beddes excepte those in my newe chamber wth a featherbedd and a bolster Item I bequeath to Agnes Lucke the wife of Richard Lucke sponer my best worsted kyrtell Item I bequeath to Alice the wif of Rauf Dyne one of my best doble rayles Item my will and mynde is that Willm Watwer and Thomasyne his wife shall have the howse in Newickw that they noww dwell in and the goynge and pasturyng of two kyne as they have had and have at this pnte tyme in my ferme called Newike duryng all the terme of theyre lives and the longest liver of them if my lease contynue so longe Item I will that the ix heapes of wheate whiche grewe and increased in Newike wthout sowing shalbe threshed out and devided amongst the poore people Item my will and mynde is that all suche apparell as belonged to my bodye shalbe distributed amongst poore folks at the discretion of my fowre sonnes in law my chest lynen apparell onely excepted whiche I will shalbe equally devided amongst my fowre daughters The residue of all my goodes not bequeathed my detts legacies and bequests well and truely performed contented satisfied and paied I give and bequeathe to Thomas Istede my sonne whome I constitute ordeyne and make my faithfull execut^r And that John Porter John Baker Nichol^s Fowle and John Barham (**NOTE: written as Byrham throughout this will**) my sonnes in law shall have the governance rule and order of all the same goodes catalls and detts and to pay all detts bequests reconynges and chardges untill my said sonne Thomas be of the

full age of twentie and one yeares And then and at all tymes afterwarde at his reasonable request or demannde they and evry one of theym having hadde any doynge medlyng or havynge any of the premysse shall yelde give and make a good true and lawfull accompte thereof to the said Thomas or his assignes of all suche things as they and evry one of them shall so have in chardge And evry one of theym so taking paynes shall have for his labor vjli xiijs iiijd beside his ordinarye chardges These beyng witnesses Richard Maynarde John Relf in Thole William Penkherst w^t dyvers others

This ys the last will of me Joanne Istede widow declarid in writing the daye and yere above written Fyrst my will and mynde is that Margarete Istede the daughter of Richard Istede my late husbände shall have all my landes in the mershe lienge and being in the parishe of [BLANK] in the countie of Sussex durall all the terme of her naturall life And after her decease to remayne to Thomas Isted my sonne and his heyres for ever Item my will and mynde is that the said Thomas my sonne and his heyres shall have all my landes manours tenements rents reversions and services w^t all thappurtenances w^{ch} I have sett lieng and being in the parish of Byttersden in the countie of Kent for ever Neverthelesse my veraye will and mynde is if the said Thomas my sonne happen to die before the tyme he be of the full age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres and have no heyres of his bodie laufully begotten that then the forsaid lands manors tenements rents reversions and services w^t all their appurtenances in the said countie of Kent shall remayne to John Porter and Agnes his wife my daughter for terme of their lives and the longest liver of theym And after their decease to Richarde Porter their sonne and his heyres for ever Any gift to my sonne Thomas before made in any wise notwithstanding The said John Porter and Agnes and Richarde their sonne their heyres executours and assigns yelding and payeng therfore to every one of my other thre daughters their heyres executours and assignes one hundred marks of good and lafull money of England wthin thre yeares next after the decease of the said Thomas in maner and forme folowing to be payde that is to say within the first yere abovesaid to Heleno^r Fowle my daughter one hundred marks within the second yere then next ensueng his said decease to Elizabeth Baker my daughter, one hundred marks and within the thirde yere then next after the decease of the said Thomas to Alice Byrham my daughter one hundred marks And if the said John Agnes or Richard theyre sonne their heyres executours and assignes refuse to paye the forsaid thre hundred marks or any part of yt contrarye to the maner and fourme above wrytten And reasonable demannde or request therfore made that then all of the said manours landes tenements rents reversions and services wth all their appurtenances within the said countie of Kent shall remayne to the next heyres of me the said Joane for ever Item my will and mynde is that my said iiij sonnes in law shall have the demysing granntinge and lettinge out of all my manours lands tents and leases aswell in Sussex as in Kent wth all their appurtenances to such p[']sons as they shall thinke mete and convenyent according to their discretions and to take and receive the issues revenues and prouffetts thereof until the tyme of the said Thomas my sonne be of full age of xxi^{tie} yeres And then they and evry of theym so havynge or receaving any suche issues and prouffetts to make a good iuste and true accompte to the said Thomas or his assignes Provided always the same Thomas to have

sufficient meate drynke apparrell and money for his reasonable expensis and chardges duringe
all the said tyme of his noneage and therof they and evry one of theym to be allowed at the
forsaid accompt Witnesses hereunto those above named.

Probate in Latin to Thomas Isted in London on 7 November 1558.

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