

Will of John Eagles of Wadhurst 1613

Will made 04 June 1613, probate 03 November 1613, South Malling

In the name of God Amen the fowert day of June in the xith yeare of the Raigne of our Moste Gracious Souveraigne Lord James by the grace of god of England Franncce & Ireland & of Scotland the vith King defender of the fayth I John Eagles of the parishe of Wadhurst in the countie of Sussex gent being sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance prayesd be to the Lord doe make and ordayne this my present Testament concerning herein my Last Will of all my Lande Moveable goods & chattel but first & principally I bequeath my Soule to Allmyghtie God my Creatore undoubtedly assured to be saved by the deathe and precious bloudsheading of Jesus Christ my sufficient & lone Saviour & my body is to be buried in the churchyard of Wadhurst aforesayd. First I will unto the poore of the parish of Wadhurst xx^s to be payd by myne Executrix presently after my decease And I will unto my daughter Elyzabeth Eagles xl^{li} to be payd unto her within one yeare after my decease Itm I will unto my daughter Joyce Eagles xl^{li} to be payd unto her two yeares after my decease Itm I will unto my daughter Margritt Eagles xl^{li} to be payd unto her at the age of xxith yeares or at her day of marriage the which soever cometh first Itm I will unto my daughter Dina Eagles xl^{li} to be payd unto her at the age of xxith yeares or at her day of mariage the which soever cometh first And I will unto my daughter Elner Eagles xl^{li} to be paid unto her at the age of xxith yeares or at her day of mariag whichsoever cometh first Itm I will unto my daughter Catheren xl^{li} to be payd unto her at the age of xxite yeares or at her day of mariage which soever cometh first. Item I will unto my daughter Mary xl^{li} to be payd unto her at the age of xxith yeares or at her day of mariage whichsoever cometh first And if any of my said daughter hapen to depart this world before the tymes or tyme apointed be expered according at my will doth make mencion & doth show that then my will is that ther porsion apointed shalle be equally devided amongst the other sisters all alike Item I will unto my sonn John Eagles if it chance that he doe c-----fyve poundes by the yeare of good and lawfull money of England so long as he doth live and Also I will unto my sonne Theodore my house & lands at Hooke grene wheare now Richard Foule dweleth for to paye all my debtes and if he refuse to paye my debtes then my will is that my wife shall have it to sell & to paye my debtes whom I make my whole Executrix Item I will unto my Sonne Phineas Eagles xx^s to be payd unto him one hole yeares after my deces Itm I will unto my Sonn Theodore Eagles my house & land at Tyseherst which was late William Morbred's and now in the tenure & occupacione of Thomas *Parise* to hem and his Heares for ever paying unto my daughters fortien for pounds according as is above written & five pounds a year to my sonn John Eagles according soo long as he shall live & at the tyme & tymes above writting and if my sonn Theodore do refuse & will not paye all that porcions befor mensioned that then my will is that my Executrix shall have power and full estate with my overseares as I myself hade in my life tyme to Enter into the sayd premysses And to cutt all the woods and underwoods & cutt and cary away when sooner they shall think it fett to be done with all the tymber trees growing or lying upon the sayd premysses & to receve the profit of that landes untill all the former legacyes be payd Also my will is that Elizabeth my wife shall have my house & landes that I now dwell in Wadhurst in con--- & to di--- her leve out of my landes at Tyseherst for to bring upp my Children so long as she doth live and after her deces I will it holly unto my sonn Theodore & to his Heares for ever. All the rest of my goods I give to myn Executrix Also my will is that Elyzabeth my wife shall be myn only Executrix of this my present Testament and last Will and I make Abraham Mannser and Richard Sharp to be myn overseers to see that all things contained in this will so according to my mynd performed and donne and they to have xx^s a pece for ther paines in Consideration of ther labor to be payd to them by myne Executrix within one halfe yeare after my deces In Witness whereof I have caused this my present Testament & last Will to be mad & herunto my hand and Seale have sett the day and yeare above written

Jhon Eagles x his mark

[Transcribed by Helen Hartley, December 2005]