

PROB 11/17/151 – WILL OF WILLIAM GREVELL OF CHELTENHAM, 1513

I William Grevell one of the king's justices of his common pleas, being in good health, 19 Oct 4 Hen VIII [1512], make last will and testament as follows:

To be buried in such church or churchyard where God shall please; if possible, body to have around it until buried 8 torches and 8 tapers burning, and 8 poor men to hold the torches, each to have a black gown hood ready-made and 12d for his labour. Any priest who is at my decease and on the morrow at mass at my interment to have 12d for his labour. Any clerk that is at the dirge and mass, 4d. Children that help, 2d apiece. To be delivered on the day of my interment and as soon as possible thereafter, 10 marks in 2ds to poor men, women, and children to pray for my soul. Executors to arrange as soon as convenient for 15 trentalls or masses to be said for my soul, priests to have for their labour 10s each. At my interment, plenteous victuals to be provided for poor. My month's mind and twelvemonth's mind to be kept there, in simple fashion.

To the mother church of Worcester, 20s in money.

Executors to deliver to churchwardens (or instead, parish priests) of the following parish churches, 8d, to say dirge and mass: Cheltenham, Swindon, Leckhampton, Charlton, Prestbury, Hardwicke, 'Durest' [Deerhurst], Staverton, The Lye, Boddington, Sevenhampton, Boddington [repeated], 'Whetindon' [Whittington or Withington?], Charlton Abbots, Bisley, Brimpsfield, Miserden, Temple Guiting, Guiting Power, Lemington, Todenham, Chipping Campden, Batsford, 'Burton' [Bourton on the Hill?], Moreton, Longborough, Stow, Slaughter, Broadwell, 'Borton' [Bourton on the Water?], Rissington, Clopton, Evenlode, Bledington, Wolford [Warks], and Ebrington.

To the following abbots and priors 20s each: abbot of Winchcombe, abbot of Bruerne, prior of Llanthony, abbot of Osney, abbot of Tewkesbury, abbot of Cirencester, abbot of Evesham, abbot of Hailes, abbot of St Anthony in Bristol, to have 6s 8d to their own use and 13s 4d to their institutions for prayers for requiem masses etc.

Feoffees of my lands and tenements in Dorne and Hanging Aston [Aston Magna], Worcs, to make estate of the same to the yearly value of 10 marks. The farm place of Dorne to be parcel thereof, to the abbot of Winchcombe to hold for 20 years, the proceeds thereof to fund a priest ('honest and verteous in living') to say masses in the church where I am be buried for my soul and of my wife, mother, godfather and godmother, Thomas Wetinton and Margaret his wife, John Vampage of Barrington and Johane his wife, John Arle and Alison his wife, and their daughter Margaret. The same priest to say daily 'at his masse when he goeth to the lavatory' *De Profundis* for the said souls, naming them all by name; and to have yearly for his pains £5 13s 4d, he to find wax and wine.

Feoffees of a meese with appurtenances in Cheltenham where John Awoode tailor now dwells – to make estate of in fee simple to 12 persons 'the most honest of the parish' to find the holy loaf every Sunday yearly for ever. And he of the parish that has the 'cantell' of the holy loaf delivered to him by the clerk of the said church to give the said cantell to the current tenant of the said meese; and the said tenant to deliver to him that so brings the said cantell and that oweth to give the holy loaf the Sunday next ensuing 5d, and that use and manor to continue for ever; and the said 12 persons feoffees do die to the number of 3, then those 3 make estate in fee simple to the then parish priest, and he incontinent thereupon to make estate again of the said meese with appurtenances to the said 3 persons and 9 others of the said parish, by the same 3 to be named, and so on in future.

Item where Robert Brewdenell one of the king's justice of his bench, Lewes Polarde one of the king's ?bench at the Lawe and other have reckoned against me the said William Grevell the manor of Over

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Lemington, Gloucs, with all my lands and tenements in Lemington by a writ of *Intree in the poste* to the use of me the said William Grevell and my heirs, and for the performance of this my last will be it understood that it is my last will written with my own hand that the said recoverer of the said manor etc be seised of the said manor to the following uses: first to the use of me William Grevell and Margery my wife for her life, and to my male heirs; and for lack of such issue and after the death of me and my wife, I will that the abbot of Winchcombe should have the manor etc in Over Lemington with all issues and profits, for a term of 12 years, by the oversight of Robert Wye, Robert Vampage and Richard Lygon my sons-in-law, to employ the proceeds of the said manor to the building of the south aisle of the parish church of Todenham, that is to say the same aisle to be taken down and to be made in breadth and height like to the chapel of the Trinity that I have caused to be raised, to be new made of the same south side, and to be leaded and embattled like to the said chapel.

Also I will that the said abbot during the 12 years should cause to be made a little tower of stone of the quarry of Bourton at the end of the church of Nether Lemington, the roof thereof to be covered with lead and embattled with freestone, and 3 little bells meet for that church to be purveyed to hang in the same tower, to the praise of Almighty God and St Leonard. And after these things have been done, the abbot and overseers to employ the profits of the manor in Over Lemington in mending of the highways between Cheltenham and Gloucester. The abbot to have 20s yearly for his labour, and the sons-in-law 20s also.

If I die without male heir, then after my death and that of my wife, and after the 12 years have expired, I will that the said manor of Over Lemington with its lands etc be to my brother Robert and his heirs male, with remainder to brother Giles and heirs male, remainder to brother Edmond and heirs male, remainder to my brother John parson of 'Oldenham' [Aldenham?] for his life.

After the death of my wife and expiry of the 12 years, remainder of said manor to my right heirs; and if my wife be 'interrupted or lett peasably' to take the profits of the said manor, or my will broken off the said 12 years by any of my brothers, after they have knowledge of this my will, I will that my brothers stand and be seised of the said manor etc to the use of Alice Wye, Elynor Vampage and Margaret Ligon my 3 daughters for their lives; usual remainders.

To my wife for her lifetime my manor of Elmstone in the parish of Hardwicke, Gloucs, and all my lands etc there, with all my lands and tenements in Stratton, Lye and Heydon in Gloucs and also as well in in the parish of Cheltenham called 'Sturnes' [*recte* Sturmys?] Lesowe with the orchard adjoining the lesow.

I give my best basin and ewer of silver parcel gilt to Alice Wye my eldest daughter; and after her decease the same basin and ewer to her heirs, to the intent to pray for my soul.

To Elynor Vampage my second daughter my second best basin and ewer of silver and parcel gilt, [etc as previous]

My wife to have the use of my third basin and ewer of silver parcel gilt during her life, and after I bequeath the same to Margaret Ligon my third daughter [etc, as previous]

After funeral costs met, and debts and legacies paid, all my goods in Arle and elsewhere in Cheltenham to be divided in three parts equally between wife and 2 elder daughters, wife to have first choice, Alice to have second choice, Elynor to have the last third.

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My executors to sell as soon as convenient 1,000 of my sheep at Lemington at best price, the money to be bestowed by their direction upon the highways between Cheltenham and Gloucester.

To Alice my eldest daughter my cross of gold, to wear as she pleaseth during her life; after to her heirs.

To Elynor my second daughter my signet of gold that is engraved, and after to her heirs.

To Margaret my third daughter my best ring of gold, and after to her heirs.

To the said Margaret my household stuff at Lemington, except the settles boards forms stools cupboards and bedsteads.

To Robert Vampage have for his lifetime 40s from the issues and profits of my lands and tenements in Cheltenham, for an annual rent to be granted by my feoffees unto him by their deed, with clause of distress for late payment, to have this annual rent for his lifetime.

To Margaret Goodriche to her marriage £10.

To each of my brother Robert's 2 daughters that have not been married [a sum] to their marriages.

To my brother Robert my best horse 'if he be no letter of my last will and testament', and if he refuse in any point, then I will that the gift of the said horse be void.

To my brother Giles my second best horse.

To John Goodriche that married Isabel my sister, John Palmer that married another of my sisters, and to Thomas Tame that married my third sister, the residue of all my horses that my servants used to ride with me in my company.

My sisters Mary Palmer and Jane Tame to have my 2 best garments or habits to be delivered to them by my executors.

Residue of all my apparel and clothing to be equally divided by my executors to my brother Robert's children, John Goodriche's children, John Palmer's children, and Thomas Tame's children.

The profits of all my sheep upon my farms of Ditchford, Calcote and Puckham, and the profit of all my sheep at Broad Campden, for the 2 years after my death to be disposed of thus: 1st year, profits of the said wool to be the building of the church of Llanthony; 2nd year, to the help of the making of the vault in the cloister at Winchcombe. After the 2 years, all the said farms and stock of sheep to be equally divided, Alice Wye to have half and Elynor Vampage to have half, to their own uses.

My cloak at Arle to Robert Vampage.

My cloak at Lemington to Robert Wye.

All my books, 'as well as of the law as other' to be equally divided between the sons of my 3 daughters, 'to the intent that they should have courage to learn the better and to pray for my soul'.

My manor of Dorne and all my lands and tenements in Dorne and Hanging Aston, Worcs, and all my lands etc in the hundred of Cheltenham, and a burgage in the town of Moreton to be equally divided, the one moiety to Alice Wye and heirs, the other to Elynor Vampage and heirs (subject to the 20 years interest of the abbot of Winchcombe, as above).

I make my brother Brudenell one of the justices of the king's bench my executor, 'the which I trust and am well assured will take it upon him for the old acquaintance and love that hath long endured between him and me'. I also make executors my sons-in-law Robert Wye and Robert Vampage, desiring them to take the advice of my other executor Master Brodenell.

Memorandum that on 23 March 4 Hen VIII [1513], in the presence of Edmund Tame gent and Richard Lucy and others, I also make Margery my wife an executrix.

Proved PCC 28 April 1513. Sworn: Margery relict, ----- Brodnell, Robert Wye, Robert Vampage