

Last Will and Testament of John Ayliffe of Grittenham - 1635



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In the Name of God Amen. I John Ayliffe of Grittenham within the parish of Brinkworth [.....] weake in body but of good and perfect memory (thanks be unto the Lord of all) doe make herein [.....] followinge. Imprimis I commend my soule into the hands of God my [.....] and my body I committ to the earth to be buried in the Chancell of the parish church of Brinkworth [.....] my worldly goods wherwith the lord hath indued me, them I devise as followeth. [.....] I have bestowed all my daughters now maryed already with competent portions [.....] provyded for all my [.....] reasonable means to maintaine her estate and [.....] as myne estate and [.....] the tyme of her mariage hereof delivered by and unto every of them certaine summes of money [.....] I doe now bequeath [.....] to every of my sayd sonnes and daughters who shal be alyve at my decease a gold ring [.....] in token of my love and last remembrance. Item I bequeath and give to my daughter Sarah [.....] payd to her so long as she is not maryed if her means of maintenance fall out [.....] other courses by me intended already as hereafter to be devized and no longer. And the same termes [.....] payed to her at michalmas and at ladyday by equall portions by myne executor to be named hereafter in this my last will, and what is by an agreement concluded betwene me and my now wife (and mother to the sayd my daughter Sarah) before a [.....] that she my sayd wife would be contented and satisfied with two hundred pounds at my day of death, if she should survive. which two hundred pounds was agreed upon to be for and in lieu of a wynter or any other comoditye and [.....] yearly [.....] of my landes & lyvings by way of goods or other dowrye whatsoever but contrary to [.....] made the sole purpose and intend to clayme the [.....] of all my lands and hereditance which may [.....] undoinge of my sonne and heires, and whereas I was againe willinge of a peaceable [.....] have earnestly desired her to accept of all the profits and benefits that may arise forth of my manor of Foxley to be [.....] by her and her assignes duringe her naturall life if she shall survive me [.....] which she consented and yealded as her sayd daughter [.....] be provided for by [.....] pounds for and [.....] a mariage portion and to that purpose there was made a certaine feofment [.....] delivered to my sonne Thomas Smith for the selling of all goods and cattell as I had in and upon my sayd manor of Foxley, Dansey Park and in Grittenham Forest [.....] of the sayd portion according to honestie and to the [.....] mighte accept of her sayd winter [.....] after my sayd sonne and heire by whose means [.....] daughter Sarah was [.....] of all considerations notwithstandinge my now wife [.....] as she yielded and [.....] and for the [.....] causes I am moved to ordayne as followeth that is to say. [.....] and devise that Sir George Ayliffe my eldest sonne and heire shall receive and take into his [.....] goods and cattle as [.....] by mee conteyned as above is mentioned to his owne proper use and benefit [.....] accept of the wynter afore mentioned. And [.....] her intent is to rayse up so much means out of myne estate [.....] I [.....] my said daughter Sarah be provided for by her sayd mother as concerninge her mariage portion [.....] at my time of my weakness made of conveyed to the sayd Thomas Smith. Item I doe give & bequeath to [.....] of Foxley parish and pore relief the summe of forty shillings yearly to be payed for ever [.....] parson of the sayd parish for the time being to be delivered by him quarterly to the sayd pore at his discretion [.....] and leave to my said wife Elizabeth a gold ring worth thirtie shillings besied the gold and jewellry which [.....] with myne owne hand at the
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time of the making of this my last will. Item I appointe my [.....] and set up at his discretion a fit and decent toombe for me and my three former wives that [.....] [.....] Lastly I doe abrogate all and every former will or wills my me at any time made and doe hereby make my eldest son George Ayliffe executor of this my last will, unto whom I give and leave all my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable whatsoever. And further I doe ordaine and my will is that if any controversie or contention shall chance to aryse [.....] any matter [.....] or sentence which may seem doubtful in this my last will, that Robert Foster now Rector of the said Foxley shall explaine and determine such question accordinge the true meaninge hereof, who best and most of all men hath [.....] my purpose herein. And for the overseers of this my will I appointe my sonne in law Thomas Smith, John Ayliffe, Arthure Ayliffe and Thomas Ayliffe, and in respect of their friendly countenance [.....] executor of the same I give to every of them fyve pounds. In witness whereof I have fully established the same in the presence of these present as witnesses the tenth day of December 1630 in the sixth yeare of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith. Thomas Ayliffe Robert Foster White Rector of Foxley
Ayliffe White

Mem that this will was shewed unto Thomas Ayliffe at the tyme of his to the 15th as the the by us Thomas Tyndale Arch Hampton