

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Thomas Cole, Snr.
of South Tidworth
Will Proved
12th November 1606*



Prerogative Court of Canterbury
PROB11/108
Will Dated 19th December 1605

Testator:	Cole	Thomas, Snr.	Yeoman of South Tidworth, Hampshire
Executors:			
Cole	William	Son	Sole Executor
Overseers:			
Cole	Richard	Brother	
King	Richard	Son in law	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Trinity Church of Winchester
			South Tidworth Parish Church
		Other Grandchildren	Not named
	Elizabeth	Servant	
	Joana	Servant	
Cole	Edith	Wife	
Cole	Richard	Youngest Son	
Cole	Robert	Grandson	
Cole	Thomas	Grandson	
Cole	William	2nd Son	
Witnesses			
Humfrey	Edward		
Sutton	Robert		
Tuggy	Richard		
Other Names			
Cole	Thomas	Oldest Son	Possibly deceased

In the Name of God Amen The nyneteenth daye of December in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred and Fyve I Thomas Cole the Older of Southe Tidworthe in the Countye of Southampton Yeoman being of good and perfecte remembrance praise be unto Almightye God and consideringe with myself the mutability of this world and hence that death unto all men is certen and the hower thereof moste uncertain do therefore ordayne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First and principallie I will and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightye God and his sonne Jesus Christe my only Saviour and Redeemer buylding the foundation of my hope upon the merytorious death and passion of Jesus Christe in whom redemption is surtified and my justification performed and within and by him onely my trust and confidence is to be saved And my bodye I comyte unto the earth from whence yt tooke firste begynnege And as concerning my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to endue me withall I give and dispose them in manner and forme followinge First I give to the Trinity Church of Winchester four pence Item I give to my parish Church of Tidworth aforesaid twelve pence Item I give and bequeathe unto Edith my wife twentye pounds of lawfull English money to be payde unto her within one year next after my decease Ten pounds thereof my will and meaning is shall be payde by my Executor and the other tenne pounds to be payde by Richard my sonne or their assignees The twenty pounds my will is shall be payde unto her at my house at Tidworth aforesaid Item Also I give unto my said wife threescore sheepe three beasts and two horses now being in and uppon my lyvyng at Tidworth aforesaid as her property goods and chattels foreever to dispose at her will and pleasure Item Further my onely will entente and meaning is that Edith my said wife shall have the use and occupation of the moiety or one half part of all my moveable goods now lying and being in my house at Tidworth aforesaid so long as she the said Edith shall keep herself sole and unmarried Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Cole and Robert Cole the sonnes of Thomas Cole my oldest sonne tenne poundes of lawfull English money that is to saye fyve pounds a peece to be payde unto them within one year after my decease Fyve pounds thereof my will is it shall be payde by my said executor and the other fyve pounds by Richard Cole my said sonne Item I give and bequeath unto Willyam Cole my second sonne all that my cottage and house yard landes lying and being in Shipton in the said Countye of Southampton which I latelie had and purchased of one Hughe Beasante of Shipton aforesaid to have and houlde the said cottage and house yard landes with all and singular the appurtenances unto my said sonne William to his heires and assignees forever Item I give and bqueath unto Richard Cole my youngest sonne all that my messuage or tenement newlie erected and builte with one yarde land thereto belonging lyine and being in Mellsome in the Countye of Wiltes to have and to holde the said messuage or tenement and yardeland with all and singular thir appurtenances and every parte and parcel thereof unto my said sonne Richard and to the heirs male of his bodye lawfullie begotten And if yt shall happen that my said sonne Richard do dye without issue male of his bodye lawfullie begotten then I will that all and singular the aforesaid messuage or tenement and yarde lande shall remayne and come unto my said sonne William Cole and to the heirs male of his bodye lawfullie begotten And if my said sonne Willyam shall fortune to dye without issue male of his bodye lawfullie begotten then I will that the said messuage or tenement and yard landes with the appurtenances to remayne and come to the rightful hires of me the said Thomas Cole the older forever Item Further I also give and bequeath unto the said Richard Cole my sonne all my whole estate rights and tythes interest and tenure of yeares yet to come and unexpired which I the said Thomas Cole the older now have and doe enjoy by force and vertue of one indenture of lease and in three yard landes with the appurtenances lying and being in Mellsome beforesaid in the said County of Wilts with the stock of three horses seven rother beasts and two hundred and four score sheepe now going or being I and uppon the said three yard landes to have and to hould the said three yard lands with all and singular their appurtenances unto my said sonne Richard and assignees for and during the natural life of William Cole his brother and to have and to hold the said staock of three horses seaven rother beasts and two hundred and four score sheepe unto my said sonne Richard and to his assignees as his and their proper goods and chattels forever Item I give unto the said Richard one of my best polls of brasse one of my best pannes a bell worth twentye shillings the cofer now standing at bedds feete one platter one porringer and my second beste carte Item My will entente and meaning is that the said Richard my sonne or his assigness in consideration of my good will before mentioned and legacies unto him by me given shall paye or cause to be payde within two yeares next after my decease unto his brother William Cole or to his assignees three score poundes of Lawfull English money and that he the said Richard shall ymediately after my decease enter into bonds unto the said William his brother for the true payment of the said sum of three score poundes to be payde within the said two years nexte after my decease thirty poundes at everye paye Item I give unto every one of the children's children which I am grandfather unto fortie shillings a peece of lawfull English monye excepting Thomas Cole and Robert Cole my sonnes children unto whom I have before given fyve pounds a peece Item I give unto Joana my servant tenne shillings Item I also give unto Elizabeth my servant tenne shillings Item The rest and residue of all my goods both moveable and unmoveable and not before given or bequeathed I wholly give unto the said William Cole my sonne whom I make and appoynte my onelye and sole executor of this my last will and testament and do constitute and make my loving brother Richard Cole and my Son in Law Richard King my overseers of this my last will and testament hoping as my trust is in them that they will see this my last will in every thing niselye and trulye performed And my desire is that if any controversie strife or varyance shall happen hereafter to arise or growe between my saide sonnes touching or concerninge any thing in this my present last will and testament before by me given and bequeathed

then I will that my said overseers shall have the hearing of all such controversies and finallie to end and determyne the same without anie further trouble suits or charges in law

In witness wherof I the said Thomas Cole the older to this my last will and testament have sett my hand and seale the daye and year first above wrtitten In presence of Richard Tuggy Robert Sutton Edward Humfrey Thomas Cole the older - His Mark

Probatum Fuit

Anno Domini Duodecimo die Mensis Novembris Millesimo Sexcentissimo Sexto (12th November 1606)

OPC Notes:

1. The spelling is as in the original
2. A rother beast was a bullock
3. A yard land was an area of approximately 30 acres