

The Will of Richard Turnor of Binfield, co. Berks.

Communicated by Mill Stephenson, B.A., F.S.A.

IN THE NAME OF the moost holye and blessed Trynytie the father the sonne and the holye goost by and vndre whome all creatures lif. I Richarde Turno^r Remembred Inwardly that all people in this worlde been transitorye and have none abidinge therein certeyne willing therfor to dispose me in all thinges to the pleasure of god for the health of my Sowle asferfurth as by his assistaunce I can call to my Remembraunce the xth daye of September in the yere of our lorde god a thousaunde five hundred fiftie and eight beinge in health of body hole mynde and memorye w^{out} sicknes or desease thanked be his grace At Benfelde in the diocese of Sarum, make and ordeyne this my last will in maner and fourme folowinge therby disanullinge all other willys by me heretofore made. Fyrst I bequeth my sowle to almighty god my maker and redemer, my bodie to be buried in the Chappell of our ladye seynt mary in the parishe church of all seyntes at Benfelde aforesaid vndre the stone there provided for the same if there I fortune to dye, and if in an other place then at the will of myne execut^{es}.

Also I bequeth to the church of Sarum iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Also to the parson of Benfelde for tithes negligently forgotten vis. viii*d*., and to the church boxe there for my buriall x*s*. alrede payed.

And also I will that there be gyven by myne executours to the pore people comynge to my buriall ij*d*. to every man, maide, wif, and childe, w^t mete breade and drynke plentie and sufficient to satisfie the number if yt then may conveniently be had and gotten, and that such obsequies and prayers be vsed as then shal be by the ordynnce of the church taken admytted and thought beneficiall for the welth of my sowle and other my frendes departed this lif transitorie.

Also I will and bequeth to euery householder dwelling in the parishe of Benfelde as well widowes as all other thought mete to take and receave almes for the relief of theym and theyre children xiid. in new testrons made in the tyme of Kinge Edward to be payed to

theym the days of my burial w^tout deductinge of any part thereof, and at the monethes mynde to euery pore man, woman, and childe to have meate and drynke plentie w^t suche almes in money as myne executours shall thinke and see requysite in charitie to be gyven to the poore.

Also I give and bequeth to the Almesfolkes in Okingham and other poore nedy people in the Towne there Twentie shillings. And further I give and bequeth to the mariages of xx poore maydes whiche shall hereafter be maryed in the parishe of Benfeld hurley or elsewhere at the discretyon of myne executours to euery mayde xxs. to be delyuered or paid the daye of their mariage or before.

Also I give and bequeth to Grace Lovelace, widowe, my Basen of silver w^t ewar and the greate gilt salt w^t the cover nowe to her delyuered. I give also unto her xx *li* to reparell her and her children.* And also I give and bequeth vnto the said Grace a cupborde or presse wherin is graven the picture of Adam and Eve, and the fetherbedd in the Chappell Chamber w^t the hanginges and all thinges in the same beinge w^t the Chappell stuff and hanging w^t the longe carpett in the parlo^r, and the clothe wherein is the picture of dives and pauper paynted.

Also I give and bequeth to Richarde Lovelace my godson xx *li* in money and a gilt goblett w^t a cover.

Also I give and bequeth to Thomas Lovelace xx markes in money.

Idem to John Lovelace xx markes in money.

Also I give and bequeth to Henry Lovelace twentie markes in money, and to Anthony Lovelace xx markes in money.

Also I give and bequeth to Elizabeth Lovelace xx *li* in money or golde. And further I will that if any of the aforesaid children dye afore their legacies receyved or deliuered that theyre portions be equally departed to theym that over live.

And further I give and frely remytte vnto the forsaid John Lovelace and Grace his executrix the some of fiftie poundes, and also the some of one hundred poundes to the said John lent in ready money as by his wryting appeareth w^t his owne hand.

The legacies to the children cxiii *li*. vis. viii*d*. and money remytted a Hundred and fiftie poundes.

* Written at the side is as follows :—Delyuered to the handes and Kepinge of Grace Lovelace, widowe, one of myne executours, the some of one hundred and thirtie pounds six shillings eight pence wt certen plate for her owne legacie & her childrens to be by her payed & delyuered to euery particular persone as yt is & here particularly mencyned so she hath taken the chardge vpon her & therefore I will th^t touching these legacies other executours be clerely discharged for ever.—R. Turnor.

Also I will and bequeth to mistress Elizabeth Sandes, suster of John Sands,† gentilman, deceased, my little chalice, the Carpet of Turkey worke and the little masse boke whiche are now delyuered but the carpett yet remayneth.

Also I give and bequeth to Richarde Sandes my Godson twentie poundes in ready money or golde w^t a globlett of sylver parcell gilt. Idem I give and bequeth to Margarett Sandes twentie markes in money w^t a fetherbed in the little chamber over the hall, and the hanginges in the same.

Idem, I will and bequeth to Thomas Sandes xx markes in money.

Idem, to Anne Sandes twentie markes.

Also to marye Sandes twentie markes.

Also I give and bequeth to Grace Sandes now the wif of Humfrey Redynge xx markes which is already delyuered and payed.

And if any of the forsaid children dye after the delyuerye of theyre legacies the Supervisors of theym to have theire portiones among theym devided.

And further I frely give and remytt unto Henrye Sandes the some of c *li*. wherew^t he was chardged as his fathers executoure.

The somes given to the children aforsaid is Lxxxvi *li*. xiiis. iiij*d*.

And to the said Henrye remytted and given is c *li*.

Also I give and bequeth to Thomas Sampson, gentilman,

Vacat tenne pounce over and beside Lxiii *li*. already to hym mortuus. payed whiche I to hym frely remytt and forgive, and will that tenne poundes be payed vnto hym at my death if he then live.

Also I give unto Robert Sampson a great cruse garnysshed w^t silver and gilt.

Idem I give to Turno^r Sampson the trussinge bedde in the chamber over the hall w^t all the apparell of the same, the hanginges there nowe beinge w^t the hanginges in the somer parlor in the hall and wynter parlor w^t all the table and fourmes beinge in the same excepte my greate folding table and the cupborde w^t the newe coveryng.

Idem I will and bequeth to the said Robert Sampson my gowne furred w^t conye skynnes, a doblett of damaske and a jakett w^t all

† Written at the side of the will :—Idem also delyuered to the handes of the forsaid Grace Lovelace the some of fflowerscore & six poundes xiiis. iiij*d*. to be by her likewise delyuered & paied over wt the plate also to the vses of the children of John Sands gent, deceased, according as yt is here particularly expressed, whiche chardge she hath taken vpon her, wherfore I will likewise that my other executours be touching these legacies dischargd for ever.—R. Turno^r.

such harnesse and billes as remayne in the hall not bequethed & one of my best mares. Also I give and bequeth to Turno^r Sampson my godson xx *li.* in newe money, a greate goblett of sylver parcell gilt. And to Fraunces Sampson xx markes in money.

Also I give and bequeth to Grace Sampson my goddoughter xx marks a melche cowe and three silver Spones.

Idem I give to Mabell Sampson twentie markes in money and two silver spones.

Idem, I give and bequeth to Susanne Sampson fourtie povndes in newe money or golde, a cowe and six silver spones. And also I bequeth and give unto her the fetherbedd w^t all thapparell and hanginges in the little chamber over the Seller.

Idem, to Margaret Sampson xx markes in money.

And further my mynde and full will is that if the said Thomas Sampson any thinge do or cause to be done by himself or any other his ffrendes in lett w^tholding or disturbinginge of myne executors in the due execution and performance of this my last will and testament other in cariage of any of my goodes corne or cattalls whatsoever to me belongeth. Then I will that all my legacies to hym given as aforesaid be clerely voyde in euery behalfe as thoughe the same w^tin this will were not mencyoned or expressed. And in like occasion so gyven as aforesaid the same Thomas also to be dischargd of my gift of the lease of Wellmores w^t thoxen kyne to hym given by wrytinge. And in case no such like occasion as aforesaid by the said Thomas nor his ffrendes be not given then he and all his to have theire legacies aforesaid truely performed and delyuered w^t thuttermost, and if any of the children dye the lyvers to have theire partes as aforesaid.

The legacies given to Mr. Sampson and his children over and besides the remysion of the some of Lxiiii *li.* amounteth to the some of cxiii *li.* vis. viii*d.* ‡

Idem, I also will and bequeth to Robert Sampson, gentilman, tenne poundes in ready money to be payed vnto hym ymmediately after my death and remytt and forgive vnto hym the some of fiftie

‡ Item also delyuered vnto thandes of the forsaid Grace Lovelace widowe the some of one hundred and thre poundes sixe shillinges eight pence to be by her likewise delyuered ouer to the uses of the children of Simeon Sampson deceased accordinge as yt is here in my will particularly expressed wch chargde she the same Grace hath likewise taken vpon her wherfore I will that in likewise myne other executours be touchinge thes legacies to Simeon Sampsons children to her self and her own children and to the children of John Sandes clerely dischargd for ever, and she and her heyres executoyrs and administrators to be onely chardged.—R. Turno^r. (This is written in the margin of the will).

poundes of his fathers dettes payable by his specialities. And furlher I remytte vnto hym the some of thirtie poundes which vpon his specialte I lent vnto hym of late at his request by his letter. And also I further give and bequeth to the said Robert Sampson the bedde wherein I lye over the wynter parlor w^t the hanginges coverlett and all the apparell thereunto belonginge except a little cofer and a picto^r of our ladie in the same chamber. And also I give and bequeth to the said Robert Sampson my chayne of fyne gold to be delyuered vnto hym by myne executours vnder such forme and condicion as hereafter ensueth and otherwise not. That is to saie, if the said Robert hereafter within the space of sixe yeres by his good demeano^r and honest conversacōn shall fortune eyther by his diligent seruice or other his true industrie to obteyne vnto some welthy livings whereby it maye be seen to myne executours and overseers of this my will that he may lawfullie weare the said chayne other by reason of his seruice or other his substance truely come by or gotten, w^tout thefte or robbery. Then I will that the same chayne be delyuered vnto hym as my gifte. And if the contrary of this condition be knowne and founde in the said Robert then I will and frely give the same to myne executor R. Oseley. And further I give and bequeth to the said Robert the lease and yeares yet enduringe in little Crofte, and give also vnto hym the best and greatest flight nett and polles w^t roopes thereunto belonging w^t a castinge nett for crowes and one other net for wylde geese and cranes.

Idem, I will and bequeth to Richard Sampson my godson twentie markes in money.

Also to Emlyn Sampson twentie markes in money w^t the bedd and hanginges in the little chamber over the pantre.

Idem I bequeth and give to Katherine Sampson xx markes in money.

Also to Anne Sampson xx markes.

Idem to Elizabeth Sampson xx markes which is already delyuered and payed to her mistress.

Idem I bequeth to Grace Sampson xx markes and ffraunces Sampson xx markes, and if any of theym dye the livers to have theire partes. The legacies to the children of Simiyon Sampson ciij *li. vis. viiij.* and the sums remytted amounteth to Lxxx *li.*

Idem I will and bequeth to my niece Hancocks and Margarett her doughter twentie poundes and a gilte Goblett wherein I have used dayly to drynke, and to my suster xxs. if she be living at the tyme of my death.

Idem I bequeth to Emlyne Bromley if any such be living tenne markes in money.§

Idem I will give and bequeth to Richarde Osely my cosyn and deputie in the Privie Seale a c *li.* in golde over and besides fourtie poundes that I have payed and delyuered vnto him at his desyre.

Also I give and bequeth vnto hym a greate Goblett parcell gylte w^t the cover and a little gilt salt w^t silver gilt and the cover.

Idem I give and bequeth to the forsaid Richarde all thinges beinge in my chamber at Westm' whiche he hath in his custodie.

Idem I also bequeth to the same Richarde my best gowne, my best doblett, my best Jakett and all my ffisshinge lynes and hokes for his pastyme hereafter.

The legacies to the forsaid Richarde extende to the some ot *cxl li.*

Idem I give and bequeth to William Dobson *xls.* if he live after my death, and if not then Richarde his son, my godson, to have the same, the some *xls.*

Idem I give and bequeth to the *iiij* clerks of the Privy Seale my fellowes iche of theym *xls.* a man, this is *vi li.*

Idem I give and bequeth to Richarde Oseley my godson my best Rigynge cote and *xls.* and my nyght gowne wt remysion and clere acquitaunce of all such somes of money as aforetyme I gave unto hym for his preferment, this is *xls.*

Item I will and bequeth to Richarde Woodwarde my olde negligent seruante tenne markes in money already paied and now at the time of my death fourtie shillinges (if he be living) a dooblett a payre of hoose, a flight net w^t the polles, Roopes and all that thereunto and one horse colt or mare and a castinge nett for the goose or crane. This is *xls.*¶

Idem I give and bequeth to Jone Roche* *ij* Kyne whereof one is her owne w^t her bedde and lodging in her chamber wherein she lieth, w^t suche her stuff as to her belongeth. Also I give unto her a little pewter salt, *viii* pewter spoons, *vi* pewter dishes, *vi* sawcers, *ii* platters, a little Ketell and a table clothe w^t a Towell and tenne markes in money which to her was by me delyuered and nowe further I give unto her *xls.* to be paid vnto her at the tyme of my deth.

§ (In the margin). The whole some of money *xxviii li. xiiis. iiijd.*

¶ (Margin). This is *x* markes and *xls.* is likewise already delyuered to Richarde Woodwarde.—R. Turnor.

* This *xls.* also I have delyuered to Jone Roche.—R. Turnor.

Also I give and bequeth to Elizabeth Blage x *li.* in new money whiche I have paid vnto her w^t my nowne handes, and further now bequeth vnto her a lowe and a little compter table standing in the Cellar, a little salt of pewter and a little fetherbedde in my galary chamber w^t the apparell belonging to the same, and further I give vnto her a dozen of pewter spones, iii dyshes, iii sawcers w^t one payre of shetes.

Idem I bequeth to Besse hale† a cowe, a mattress w^t all that is requisite therunto, and I give and bequethe vnto her vi *li.* xiiis. iiij*d.* to be delyuered vnto her at the tyme of my death or before at her marriage, a little panne or Ketill, ii pewter dishes and xii pewter spones, a payre of shetes, and a towell. This legacie is vi *li.* xiiis. iiij*d.* Idem I give and bequeth to John Cottrell my old seruante x markes in money whiche to hym is payed w^t myne owne handes already, and I give also vnto hym the bedde wherein he lieth w^t sperver & one younge bullock, one plowe w^t cheynes and all that thereunto belongith, as share and cultur, one cart not shodde, the half of all my necessaryes in the workehouse, and one flight net w^t polles, and further I bequeth vnto hym if he conynue w^t me in seruice at the tyme of my deathe fourtie shillinges and his waiges for that quarter. That is x*ls.* in money.

Idem I give and bequeth to marye my mayde x*ls.*‡ w^t her quarters waiges towards her fyndyng vnto the tyme she maye haue a seruice w^t meate and drinke after my deathe the space of one monethe w^tn my howse according as yt is agreed betweene Mr. Sampson and me, and in satisfac'con thereof I gave vnto hym xx *li.* at his greate neces-sitie the fynding of his children and hym and thervpon faithfullie promysed that all my seruantes shulde if they so wolde contynue and remayne at my costes in meate and drinke w^tn my howse for the space of one moneth after my death whiche I verely thinke he will perfourme accordingly.

Also I give and bequeth to Alice Denny§ my mayde x*ls.* and her quarter waiges at the tyme of my deth.

Also I will and bequeth to Richard Slye¶ x*ls.* after my death w^t one yonge mare colt x*ls.* And further I will that all such giftes or bequestes that I shall give vnto any persone or persones lienge vpon my death bedde shall be as well contented delyuered and

† This vi *li.* xiiis. iiij*d.* I have also delyuered to Besse Hale.—R. Turnor.

‡ This x*ls.* I have likewise delyuered to this marye my maide.—R. Turnor.

§ (Margin). This x*ls.* I have likewise delyuered to Denys my mayde.—R. Turnor.

¶ This x*ls.* to R. Slye is likewise to hym delyuered.—R. Turnor.

payed as if the same were given and wrytten wthin this my last will. Also I give and bequeth to my loving ffrende Edmunde Smythe gentilman xx *li.* with my seconde gowne, seconde Jakett whome I have named and made one of myne executours. This as twentie poundes.

THE RESIDUE of all my goodes my dettes legacies and funeralles payed performed and done then as havinge respect to all my napery I will that the same be divided into thre partes wherof ij partes to my doughter Lovelace, and her children, the third parte to the children of Thomas Sampsons wth such bruenge vessels as are nowe in the brewenge howse also to be devided among theym and in like manner the brasse pewter and Iron that excepted whiche I have given to my seruantes, or shall give vpon my deth bedde to any of theym. And further I will that all my corne and catell not bequethed nor in my death bedd given shal be sold by myne executours and the money thereof comynge wth all such like ready money as shall happen to remayne shall be by myne executours distributed part of the same in mendinge of foule places nedeful in Wyngfelde lane, Hurley strete, and churche wayes in Benfelde.

And of this my last will and testament I ordeyne and make Richarde Oseley my Kynnesman, Edmund Smythe, gentilman, and Grace Lovelace, widowe, myne executours (if she lives), trusting that they will truely performe the same in euery behalf as I have all my lif trvsted theym and so chardge theym as they will aunswere afore god at the daye of Judgement for the contrarye doynge.

And of this my wille ordeyne and make Overseers of the same my trustie ffrendes John Walle my kynnesman to whom I give and bequethe x*ls.* in money and my gowne lyned wth damaske. And also make my kynnesman and lovinge ffrende Robert Dale the other overseer to whome also I give and bequeth x*ls.* and my gowne furred wth blacke Budge.

Item I give and bequeth the bedd of Sarcenett in the greate chamber wth all th apparel of the same to my cosyn Ric. Oseley myne executo^r and also to the same Richarde my lease and terme of yeares yet remayngng in Welmores and other the landes in the same lease specified during the nonage of Turno^r Sampsons my godson. And if yt fortune the same Turno^r to live and accomplishe the full yeares of xxi^{tie} then he to have the same lease. And for the more credite hereof to be given I have wrytten this will wth my rennyng hande and putte myn sigmanuell well knowne to many men. Theise witnesses Sir Robert ap Rice preist; Richard Malthouse; Robert

Sampson ; Robert Dale, gentilmen ; Richarde Woodwarde ; John Cottrell and Richarde Slye my seruantes ; Richarde Turno^r ; Robert Sampson ; James Hale at Southey ; George Cutteler ; Thomas Cottrell.

This will was proved at London 11 Nov. 1558 by the oath of Christopher Robynson procurator for the executours named in the will.

(P.C.C. 70 Noodes.)

The Churchwardens' Accounts of the Parish of St. Mary, Thame.

Commencing in the year 1442.

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(Continued from page 107, Vol. 10.)

An Inventory of all the bookes, vestimentes & other thinges belongyng to the Chyrche & Paryshe of Thame, made by John Manytorn & Thomas Buns & others, coproctours the xxv. day of Februarie MCCCCXLVII.

In Primis One Antiphone* of ye gyfte of ye goode & worthey man William Kynnewlmerssh tresorer to oure lorde ye Kyng and some tyme Prebend of the prebendal chyrche of Thame, ye seconde folio begynnyng in black "*Marie semper virginis.*"

Itm. of the gyfte of ye same worthey man ij Graduals, the first begynnyng on ye seconde folio in red "*per totum*" and ye seconde on ye seconde folio "*Tuas domine.*"

It. of ye gyfte of ye same goode man ij processional†. In ye seconde folio one begyns "*A Deo,*" and the other on the seconde folio begyns "*luminis dei.*"

Itm. Another processional, ye second folio begynnyng "*Virtute* sp's s'ti."

* Antiphone—the book containing the parts sung in the choir with the music except the hymns in the Communion service.

† Processional—a book containing those services which are said and sung in processions.