Will of Dame Margaret Poulet of Sampford Peverell – Transcript

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In the name of God Amen I Dame Margaret Poulet of Sampford Peverell in the Countie of Devon calling to remembrance that nothing is more certain than death and nothing more uncertain than the time and hower thereof, and willing to settle my estate worldlie, which God hath given me, to the benefit of my children and others left behind me, do therefore (being of perfecte remembrance in minde, though weake in bodie) make this my last will and testament upon the sixth and twentieth daie in the month of Maie of our lord god one thousand six hundred and two in manner and form following first I bequeath my soule into the handes of almightie god, assured by a true and feeling faith to have my portion in the ioyes of heaven, upon the dissoliucon of my spirite from my bodie; then I bequeath my bodie to the earth to be buried by Christian burial Item I give unto my sonne George Poulet and to his heirs for ever, all my landes and tenements whatsoever lieing and being in the parish of North tauton in the countie of Devon; and now in the seaverall tenures and occupacions of Richard Kellard Marie Kellard Markh Doble and Marie Doble and Margerie Thorne or of their assigne or assignes, or of anie other person or persons whatsoever, to have and to hold as aforesaid to the saide George Poulet and his heires to the onelie use of the saide George Poulet and his heires for ever; Item I give unto my daughter Joane Hadon, one hundred pounds, to be paide unto her within one half year after my death; Item I give unto the same Joane Haydon my daughter all the furniture and stuff in the sellar chamber with two ordiny beddes and their ffurniture in the chamber over the buttery; Item I give unto my sonne in lawe ffrancis Vincent thre hundred pounds; Item I give unto my sonne Anthonie Poulets daughter, Elizabeth Poulet, a suite of damaiske lynnen of the best, namelie a boorde cloth a cupboorde cloth, one dozen of napkins and one towel; Item I give unto the saide Elizabeth Poulet one paire of fine sheets lieing in the coffer in the higher chamber; Item I give unto John Poulet my sonne Anthonies heire, two dozen silver plates, a paire of silver pottes parcell guilt and one guilt high boll worth tenn pounds; Item I give unto the other eight of my sonne Anthonies children, namely Ames, Henrie, Thomas, Phillip, Anne, Margerie, Susanna, and Margaret, to each of them a piece of plate, to be made for them, worthe fortie shillings; Item I give unto Margaret my sonne George Poulets daughter a piece of plate to be made for her worth ffive pounds; Item I give unto the other fower of my sonne George Poulets children, namelie Edward, Hugh, Elizabeth and Katherine, to every of them a piece of plate to be made for them worth ffortie shillings; Item I give unto Margaret Everie daughter unto my sonne Haydon, a piece of plate to be made for her worth ffive ;pounds; Item I give unto Gideon my son Haydons oldest sonne, the best of my own small silver bolles; Item I give unto the other two sonnes of my sonne Haydon namely Amiace and Drew, to each of them a piece of plate to be made for them worth fortie shillings; Item I give unto my sonne Vincents fower children, namelie Anthonie, Thomas, ffrancis and Amiace, to everie of them a piece of plate tpo be made for them worth fortie shillings; Item I give unto my servant Nicholas Waye twentie pounds; Item I give unto Lawrence Parlebeine tenne pounds; Item I give unto my servant Hugh Howse tenn pounds; Item I give unto Thomas Dodridge my servant twentie pounds; Item I give unto Roberte Somery my servant thre poundes six shillings eight pence; Item I give unto Simon Stone my servant thre poundes six shillings eight pence; Item I give unto Thomas Stone and William Bragge my servants to each of them thre poundes six shillings eight pence; I give unto George Coome my servante fortie shillinges; Item I give unto Olliver my miller fortie shillinges; Item I give unto Richard Heyward Edward Jourden Peter Moores and John Tyllar my servants to everie of them twentie shillings; I give unto Katherine my servant five shillings; Item I give unto Margaret Cole my servante fower pounds; Item I give unto Elizabeth my mayde thirtie shillings; Item I give unto Priscilla Hardridge tenne ;pounds; I give unto Margaret Sibthorpe the wife of Robte Sibthorp one table cloth of diaper, one dozen of napkins of diaper, two cupboard clothes of diaper, and one paire of fine sheetes with one towel of diaper.; Item I give unto Bridget my servant thirtie shillings; Item I give unto Margaret Poulet my gentlewoman fortie shillings; Item I forgive and acquit maister Emanuell Maxey of Sampford Peverell in the Countie of Devon of all debts due unto me from him; Item I give unto Amice Harvy an ordinarie bed furnished; Item I give unto maister Robert Haydon my sonne in law one silver boll; Item I give unto Mistress Elizabeth Poulet wief unto George Poulet my sonne one little guilt boll; Item I give unto my two daughters Joane Haydon and Sara Vincent, all my lynnen not bequeathed before to be divided and parted equallie between them; Item I give unto the poore of Sampford five poundes to be delivered by the direction of maister Maxey and the overseers of the poore; all other my goodes movable and immovable unbequeathed I give unto ffrancis Vincent and unto George Poulet my sonnes, whom iontlie I make my executors to execute and perform this my laste will and testament. Signed and sealed in the presence of Robert Sibthorpe Nicholas Waye Thomas Osmonde

Proved at London 4 September 1602 by Thomas Iles notary public procurator for ffrancis Vincent and George Poulet, executors named in the will

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