

Will of Thomas Morrell 1642

In the name of God Amen the sixteenth day of August in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred forty two I Thomas Morrell Junior of Sampford Peverell in the county of Devon clothier the by profitable servant of god a voiding all former wills by me at any time heretofore made doo willingly and with free parte render and give again into the hands of my lord god and creator my sperite ... of perfectly goodnesse gave unto mee upon ... first fashioned mee in my mothers woom be making me a livinge creature nothinge doubting but that for his infinite mercies sent forth in the pretious bloud of his dearly beloved sonne Jesus Christ our lord saviour and redeemer he will receive my soule into his glorie and place it in the companie of the heavenly Angells and blessed Saints and as concerninge my bodie even with a good will and free harte I give over commendinge it to the earth whereof it came nothinge doubtinge but accordinge to the articles of my fayth at the greate day of ... resurrection when wee shall all appear before the judgment seate of ... I shall recline? The same againe by mighty power of god wherewith hee is able to subdue all thinges to himselfe not corruptible mortall weake and vile bodie as it is nowe but an uncorruptable immortall stronge and perfect bodie in all counts like unto the glorious bodie of my lord and saviour Jesus Christ Item First I give and bequeathe unto the poore of Stamfor (sic) Peverell forty shillings to be bestowed by my Executors at my funerall Item I give and bequeath unto John Morrell my sonne one hundred and twentie pounds Item I give and bequeath unto Marie Morrell my daughter one hundred and fifty pounds Item I give and bequeath unto Ellenor Morrell my daughter one hundred and fortie pounds allsoe to be payed over those my three childrens (?) porcons into the hands of William Slee of Uplowman in the county of Devon gent and William Chave of the same yeoman within one yeare after my death whereof desire to be ... and generous for my children before named and put and employ thire portions to the best use and benefit they cann for my said children unto such tyme as they shall attaine to the age of twenty and one years or be marryed so as they be ruled by my overseers in there marriage or else it shalbe lawfull for my overseers to give away forty poundes of either of there portions that is not ruled by them to the rest of my children whome they both shall think fit And if any one of my three children aforesaid shall happen to die before they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years unmarried that then my will is that such children portion shalbe equally divided amongst the rest of my children then livinge and my will and meaninge is that if my wife doe happen to dye withing fower years after my death and my sonne John be then livinge that then he shall repayout of his portion forty poundes and my will is that my executor shall take bond of my sonne John at the demand of his portion for the payment of the forty pounds unto such my executor shall appointe Shall be for ... maintaining of those of the younge of my children that shall be then livinge Item I give and bequeath unto Presilla? Morrell my daughter one hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath unto Jane Morrell my daughter one hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath Edith Morrell my daughter one hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Morrell my sonne one hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath unto William Morrell one hundred Item I give and bequeath unto the child my wife now gotte with one hundred pounds to be paid to either of them when they shall accomplish the age of twentie and one yeares or at there marriage which it shall first happen but if either of these six children last nominated be not ruled by my executor hereafter nominated in there marriage or by such as shee shall nominate to be their guardian it shall be lawfull shee or them to give away of either of their porcons not obteninge ? the some of forty pounds to either of the rest soe bound but if ether of my children aforsd doe happen to dye before theye shall accomplish the age of twentie one yeares and not married that then my will is that such children portion shall bee equally devided amongst the rest of my children then livinge further my will and meaning is that if it may ... appear that my executor doe his best in the selling of my goods and doe take any loss above the value of forty pounds in recovery of debts that then my will is that my sonne John and daughters Marie and Ellinor shall beare the third parte of the loss and rest by even portions amongst the other the residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed my debts beinge payed and funerall expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto Joane Morrell my wife whom I make and ordaine my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament moreover I doe ordaine and appointe my loving friends aforesaid Willaim Slee and William Chave my overseers of this my last will and testament hopinge they will have a due care to see it parformed In witness whereof I have hearunto set my hand and seale unto this my last will and testament the day and years above written in the presence of Thomas Morrell Sill Harkley the signe of Ellenor Barkley.

Probate granted to Joane Morrell 1646