

COPY OF HANDWRITTEN WILL OF ROBERT ETHERIDGE
26 Jan 1566

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The XXIXth daie of Januarie in the yeare of our Lorde god a thowsaunde fyve hundreth three score and six, I Roberte Etheridge citizen and corrio(ur) of Londo(n) beinge hoale of mynde and p(er)fecte memorie Lawde and praise be unto Almightye god do make and ordaine this my presente testamente conteyning therein my last will in manno(ur) and fourme following that is to saie

ffirst I give and bequeathe my sowle unto almightye god my maker savio(ur) and readem(er) by whose deathe passions and ressurectione my full and onelie hope is to have remissione of my synnes and be an inherito(r) of the Kingdome of heaven.

Item I will my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche where it shall please god to call me unto his marcye.

Item I will that my executores hereunder named shall distribute at the daie of my buriall unto ev(ery) poore howshoulde within the p(ar)ishe of Alhallowes in the wall in London twelve pence.

Item I will and bequeathe to and amonges all the childrenne of my late daughter Alice Wheeler the somme of twentie poundes of lawfull monnye of Englande equallie to be devided amongst them at their lawfull aiges of twentie one yeares or daie of marriage which firste shall chaunce. And if any of them departe this worlde before they come to enioye their bequeastes lawfullie Then I will the P(ar)te and por(t)ion of hym her or them soe deceasinge shalbe equallie devided among the rest survyving.

Item I give and bequeathe to Marie Wheeler and Agnes Wheeler daughters of my saide daughter Alice aforsaide xxxiiij^s iiiij^d a pece over and besides their p(ar)te and portion of the xx~~£~~ above mentioned to be paide at the tyme aforsaide.

Item I give and bequeathe to Johanne Dodson all that my righte title and intereste that I have or oughte to have in the gardeine sometye in the teanure and ocupation of Richard Swan.

Item I give unto the childe of Alice Hawghton alias Cooke the somme of fortie shillings to be paide at the daie of the marriage of the saide childe or date of lawful aige which firste shall chaunce.

Item I give and bequeathe unto the prisoners of Newgate, Ludgate, the Kings bench, the marshalseye, the flete and the two compteres fyve shillings a peece.

Item I give and bequeathe to the three hospitals within the citie of London tenne shillings a peece.

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Item I give and bequeathe unto George Etheridge my sonne all my landes and tenementes as well freeholde as copieholde lieng and being in Tottenham and Edmondton in the countie of Middlesex or ellse where within the realme of Englande To have and to houlde the same to hym and to the heires of his bodie lawfullie to be begotten And for defaulte of such yssue unto my daughters Elizabeth and Johanne equallie between them. And if it fortune my saide sonne to sell the same landes and tenementes or any parte or parcell thereof Then I will that he, his executors, or assignes within one mounth after the same sale shall paie or cause to be paide unto his saide sisters Elizabeth and Johanne fortie poundes that is to saie to either of them twentie poundes and if either of them decease without heires of their bodies lawfullie begotten Then I will that the parte of her deceasing shall remayne to the survyvour of them twoe And if it fortune my saide sonne to decease withoute heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten Then I will that my saide daughters or either of them shall enjoye the saide landes after my saide sonne shall paie oute of the saide lande to the childrenne of the sayd Alice my daughter then lyving the somme of twentie poundes equallie to be devidid amongst them and to be paide to them at their lawfull aiges or daie of marriage of them or either of them which first shall chaunce. And the premisses not with standing my full mynde and entente is that Agnes my wife shall have and enjoye during her wydowehood the hoale rentes feversions and profestes of all my landes above mentioned so that she do not marrye and if she do marrye then to have during her life the third parte thereof.

Item I give and bequeathe unto the poore people of Totenham and Edmondton XX^S to eche parishe to be delte in the saide churches to them that shall have moste neede.

Item I give unto Thomas Wheeler my sonne in law fyve poundes.

Item my whoale mynde and intente is that shortelie after my decease all my goodes shalbe praysed indifferentlie and according to the custome of the citie shalbe devidid into three partes whereof one I give and bequeathe to Agnes my wife and the second to be equallie devidid amongst my iij childrenne George, Elizabeth and Johanne and the thirde I will shalbe allotted towarde the performance and paymente of my legacies above specified and the discharging of my funeralles And the overplus of my parte which shalbe remayning after my funeralles and legacies dischargd and paide I give and bequeathe to George my sonne.

Item I give and bequeathe unto the hall of the companys whereof I ame free XX^S And I make and ordaine Agnes my wife and George my sonne executors of this my present testamente and last will And Thomas Wheeler William Penington and William Woodcocke overseers thereof.

In witness of the premisses I have hereunto set my hand and seale yeoven the daie and years abovewritten in presence of theis personnes hereunder named.

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Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Elizabeth Pennyngton
tenne poundes.

Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Johanne Woodcocke
other tenne poundes.

By me Roberte Etheridge Sealed subscribed and delivered in the
presence of Henry King and John Pettye corrier of London and me
Humfrey Brooke notarie publick Harrie King.

TRANSLATION FROM LATIN:

The above written testament was proved before the Master of the
Prerogative Court of Canterbury by the Commissary at London 26th
March 1572 upon the oath of George Etheridge executor named in the
aforesaid testament. To whom was given administration of all
the rights goods and chattels of the deceased to well and truly
administer: having been duly sworn in common form. Agnes, the
relict and executrix also named in the aforesaid will having
renounced.