

TWYFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS,

**Thomas GIFFARDE, Lord of the Manor of Twyford,
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Will proved 1550/1

1 **In the name of God Amen** The seconde daye of November in the year of
2 our lorde god a Thousand five hundredth and fyfve I Thomas Giffarde of Twyforde in the
3 countie of Buckes Esquier being somewhat diseased but thanks be to god of good and
perfect
4 remembraunce considering that I and as all mankynde ys Mortall and that no man
knoweth
5 the tyme place when ne where hit shall please Allmightie god to call hym oute of this
trasitorye
6 worlde / willing therefore and mynding with goddes grace to dispose and ordeyne my
latter mynde
7 will and testament in that sorte as I trust shalbe acceptable to Allmightie god and the
welthe of
8 mine owne soule, do therefore nowe by this present writing declare my last will and
testament
9 in manner and forme following/ First therefore I commend my soule to Allmightie god
and my body
10 to be buried in the parish church of Twyforde nere my Fathers Tombe/ and as for my
funerall
11 and obsequies I reserve to the discretion of my Executours willing them to distribute
amongst
12 the poorest householders in the parishe of Twyforde such sommes of money as they shall
thinke mete
13 and as touching th'ordre and disposicion of my goodes and Cattalles/ First I will that myn
14 Executours shall truly content and paye all suche debtes as I owe dwe by specialitie or
without

15 specialitie/ being duely proved Also I will and charge myne Executours that yf any
persone
16 can duely prove that I have done hym Injurie or Wronge that they recompence every such
17 persone for the discharge of my soule/ Further I will that Marye my wyfe shall have the
use of all
18 my plate during her Naturall lyfe onelye/ And after her decease I will that the same plate
shall
19 hollye remayne to John Gyffarde my sonne/ for the sure delyvere whereof after her
decease unto
20 the said John I will that the said Marye shall make a good and sufficient assuraunce in
writing
21 within one week next after my decease to my Executours/ And also I will that the same
Marie my
22 wyfe shall have all the apparell of her Chamber wherein she lyeth with such other
houshold stuff
23 in the same as she commonly occupyeth in the same Chamber / I will further that the
same Marie
24 shall have xij score of suche kinde of shepe as she shall thinke most mete for her./ And
also xij
25 kyne and a bull to her owne use and proffytte/ Further I will that as shortlye after my
26 decease as maye be my Executours do cause an Inventorie in wryting to be made of all
27 suche other housholdstuf as remayneth in my house at Twyforde/ and then I will that my
saide
28 Executours shall delyver th'one half of the same housholdstuf to Mary my wyfe by
wryting
29 Indentyd to this entent that my said wyfe shall have th'use and occupacion of the said
stuf during
30 her lyfe And after her decease the same houshold stuf to remayne holly to the said John
Gifforde
31 forever/ And th'other half half of houshold stuf I will and bequeath to the said John
Gifforde
32 The same half of the said houshold stuf last before rehersed to remayne in th'andes and
custodye of

33 myne Executours to the use and beholf of the said John untill suche tyme as the said John
shall
34 accomlishe the full age of xxij^{ti} yeres / Also I will and bequeathe to my Cosyn Robert
Beck
35 Twentie poundes/ And to William Becke tenne poundes in money or Cattall at the
eleccion of
36 my Executours/ Item I will and give to Bryget Becke syster to the said Robert and
William
37 tenne poundes in money towards th'admercement of her mariage/ Further I will and
bequeathe
38 to the said John Gifforde fyve hundreth Shepe, that is to saye/ two hundred whether,. two
39 hundred Ewes/ and one hundred hoggerelles, which said fyve hundred shepe I will shall
40 remayne in the custodye of my said Executours to th'use of the said John, untill such
tyme as
41 he shall accompishe his full age of xxij^{ti} yeres/ And I will that my said Executours shall
yerely
42 once in the yere, make a trewe Accompte in wryting indented of the said stock/ and the
profitt
43 thereof, before my Cosen John Arderne/ and my brother William Beckes & the next of
the said
44 accompte Indentyd to remayne with my said Cosyn John Arderne or my said brother
William
45 Becke/ and th'other to my said Executours/ So that my said Executours at suche tyme as
ye said
46 John shall accomlishe the full age of xxij^{ti} yeres make a true and Just accompte unto the
same
47 John of all th'issues and profettes of the same stocke of shepe/ and delyver to hym the
same
48 stocke with the mean issues and profyttes thereof , my said Executours saving their
reasonable
49 allowances and expenses leyd oute yerely in and aboute the charges for the same shepe/
Further I
50 will that my said Executours shall have the educacion rule and governaunce of the same
John

51 untill he shall accomplish his said Age of xxij yeres/ and yf it fortune the said John to dye
before
52 his said age of xxij yeres/ then I give and bequeathe the said stocke of the fyve hundred
shepe
53 unto my Cosyn Giffarde Waynman and for ever/ Further I will and bequeath unto my
Cosyn
54 George Gyfforde of Mydle Cleydon in the said Countie of Buckes esquire my greate
chayne
55 of golde being worthe by estimacion threescore and tenne poundes, so that the same
George
56 delyver in redy money to my Executours at such tyme as he shall receive the same
xxxvj^{li} of
57 Lawful Englishe money which money I will shalbe distributed by myne Executours in
58 maner and forme following That is to saye I will that my Cosyn William Gifforde of
Thorppe
59 in the Countie od Northtes shall have fyve poundes in money and a standing cuppe of
sylver
60 and gilte of the value of fyve poundes wherapon I will for a remembraunce of me that my
61 Name shalbe engraved/ the said Cuppe to be made at the costes and charges of my saide
62 Executours/ Further I will that my Cosyn Raffe Gifforde of Steple cleydon shall have
fyve
63 poundes and a lyke Cuppe/ And also I will that Thomas Giffarde sonne of the said
George
64 and my godchylde shall have lykewyse fyve poundes in money and a lyke Cuppe/ And I
will that
65 my Cosyns William Giffarde Roger Giffard and John Giffarde sonnes of my Cosen John
66 Giffarde late of Hillesdon deceased shall have every of them fourtie shillings/ And
67 further I will my said Coson William Giffarde of Thorppe shall have my Satten
68 Gowne lyned with Caffa/ Also I will and give to Elynore Pakyngton my servant for her
69 Longe and good service / foure kyne & fourtie shepe and tenne poundes in money/ & my
house
70 in Twyforde aforesaid called the Erles joyning to the Churchyarde during her naturall
71 life withoute any rent to be payde for the same/ Also I will that John Hownde my
servante

72 shall have for his true and faithfull service my tenement whiche John Barton now
dwellethe
73 in with th'appurtenances therunto belonging set lying and being within the towne of
Egecote in
74 the Countie of Buck aforesaide for the terme of his naturall life withoute any rente to be
payde
75 for the same/ and Immediately after the decease of the said John Hownde I will that the
saide
76 tenement with th'apputenaunces therunto belonging shall hollie remayne and come to
Ursula
77 my daughter and her heires forever/ Further I will that Richard Strakare and Joyce his
78 wyfe for the good and faithful service shall have threescore shepe and foure kyne/ And
also
79 my very mynde is that he and the said Joyce shallhave during there lyves and the longer
80 Lyver of them the house with th'appurtenaunces wherein he now dwelleth without any
rent for
81 exercising th'office for gathering the rentes/ And after the decease of Richard Butler I
will
82 that the same Richard Strakare and Joyce shall have the tenement with th'appurtenaunces
wherin
83 the said Richard Butler nowe dwelleth in for terme of their two lyves and the longer lyver
of them
84 without any fyne to be paid for the same/ Also I will that Henry Fraunckeley and
Nicholas
85 Hilton my servantes shall have during their naturall lyves the tenementes with
th'appurtenaunces
86 wherein they nowe dwell/ paying there accustomed rent/ and my very will and last mynde
87 ys that Thomas Weynman and Ursula his wyfe and there heyres shall within one yere
next after
88 my decease make to them such assuraunce of the same as shalbe devysed by my
Executours,
89 Also I will that every of my Servaunts that shall dwell with me at the tyme of my decease
shalhave

90 their hole\yeres/ wages and lyveries to them due/ And over and besides that I will that
every of them shall
91 have to praye for me one one [sic] yeres wages and suche a lyverye as my said
Executours shall thinke
92 mete/ And further I will that my houshold shalbe honestly kept fyve weekes after my
decease
93 at the charges of my Executours/ and all my houshold servantes to have meate and drinke
there
94 The residue of all my goodes and Cattalles my debtes paide and this my will performyd/ I
95 referre to th' order and disposicion of my Executours/.
96 **And as touching th'ordre and disposicion of all**
97 my londes tenementes and other hereditamentes being of the clere yearly value of one
98 hundred and fowrescore pounds at the least Whereof the demeane Landes of my
Mannour
99 of Twyforde is of the clere yerely value of xxxj^{li} xvij^s / the Custom and landes with the
rent
100 of assise of the same Monnour xij^{li} xj^s / the demeane landes of the Mannour of Poundon
in ye
101 said parish of Twyforde v^{li} xvij^s / the customarie tenementes of the same mannour xj^{li}
xvij^s / the
102 demeanes of the Mannour of Charnedon in the said parishe of Twyforde with the woodde
& severall
103 waters liiiij^{li} , the customarie tenementes of the same monnour xvij^{li} / Landes and
tenementes in
104 Fringesforde in the Countie of Oxforde xij^{li} / Landes and tenementes in Newnton Jewell
& Begbrooke
105 in the said Countie of Oxforde x^{li} / Landes and tenementes in Helydon in the Countie of
Northte
106 xiiij^{li} x^s / Landes and tenementes in Water Stratforde in the said Countie of Buck xl^s /
Landes
107 and tenementes in Cogges in the said Countie of Oxforde of whiche said Mannour landes
and tenementes
108 I am and stande nowe seased of/ First I will that Richard Butler of Twyford Thomas
109 Carter Thomas Hughes Edward Powell of Charndon and Henry Heringe & George

110 Bradshawe of Poundon with all the rest of my tenantes in twyforde poundon and
Charndon
111 shall have and enjoye during their lyves their tenementes with th'appurtenances wherein
they
112 nowe dwell paying ther accustomed rentes/ And further I will that all such leases or
113 graunts as I by this my presente wyll shall make or at any tyme before have made
otherwyse
114 to any persone for terme of yeres lyfe or at will or otherwyse shall in eny wyse be good
and
115 effectuall for terme of yeres lyfe or at will or otherwyse to the same tenementes agaynste
me &
116 myne heyres according to the true meaning therof whiche said Leases and graunts I will
117 that my heires shall confirme by th'advyse of my Executours within one yere next after
my
118 decease/ Further I will that my said wyfe shall have during her lyfe naturall/ for and in
the
119 name of her Joynture all my landes tenementes and other hereditamentes soe lying and
beinge
120 in Twyford/ And also certeyn Closes in Charnedon field called Stockinge/ and my Myll
121 set lying in my pasture called Padmore furlonge with xxx^{ti} lodes of woode yerely to be
122 taken oute of my woodes in Charnedon within the saide parishe of Twyforde / which said
landes
123 and tenementes in Twyfordee with the said Closes called Stockinge and the winde myll I
124 esteeme to the clere yerely value of fyftie poundes or thereabout/ Provided alwayes
125 that yf my said wyfe clayme or pretend to have any other Joynture or dowrie in or of
anny
126 other parte of my landes/ that then this devise to her made shalbe voyde/ And whereapon
127 Covenantes and agreementes made betwixt Richard Warneman esquire deceased and
me for
128 mariage to be had betwixt Thomas Wayneman sonne of the said Richard and Ursula
129 my daughter, I covenanted and promised to leave unto the same Thomas and Ursula
after
130 the decease of me and my wyfe, Landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to the
clere yerely

131 value of an hundred poundes whereof yt was covenanted and agreed, that I should have
132 Libertie to declare my will of landes and tenementes of the yerely value of fourtie
poundes parcell
133 of the said hundred poundes for the space of fyve years next after my decease as more
134 playnly by a payre of Indentures made betwixt me the said Thomas of the one parte and
the
135 said Richard of the other parte dothe and may appeare/ for th'accomplishment &
performaunce
136 of my said graunte and promise/ I will that Immediatlye after my decease ther shall
descende
137 unto the said Ursula my daughter all my landes and tenementes in Begbroke and
Newnton
138 Jewell aforesaid being of the yerely value of tenne poundes/ and all my landes and
tenementes
139 in Charndon/ and all my wooddes in Charnedon aforesaid with my three greate pooles
140 called Warrelles, except and reserved to me and my heyres and assignes my pasture
called
141 Padmore furlong in Charnedon aforesaid whiche landes & tenementes woods and
severall
142 waters/ except before excepted, I esteme to the clere yerely value of fourtie poundes/ And
143 after the decease of Marie my wyfe I will that all landes tenementes & other
hereditamentes
144 in Twyforde appoynted for the Joynture of the said Marie shall remayne come and be
145 to the said Thomas and Ursula in full recompence of the said landes of an hundred
146 poundes whiche I Covenanted to lease to them And further I will that my said
Executours
147 shall have and enjoye for the terme of fyve yeres next after my decease all that my
pasture
148 in Charndon filde commonlye called Padmore furlonge or the Windemyll field as it
149 ys now enclosed with hedges and ditches to kepe the said stocke of fyve hundred shepe
apon
150 which I have bequeathed to the said John/ And also all my landes and tenementes in
Powndon

151 aforesaide being of the Clere yerely value of xxiiij^{li} or theraboutes towardes the
performans
152 of this my present last will and testament whiche said landes that is to saye the said
153 Landes and tenementes in Twyford and Charndon besides the said pasture called
Padmore
154 furlong and my said landes in Water Stratford Cogges Newton Jewell and begbrowke I
155 esteme to be of the clere yerelie value of one hundred poundes and above/ And further I
156 will that the said John Gifforde my sonne shall have to hym and to his heyres of his body
157 all my landes and tenementes and other hereditamentes set lyeing and being in Helyden
in the
158 Countie of Northte according to a certaine agreement Indented made betwixt me of
159 th'one parte/ and my Sonne Thomas Weyneman of the other parte/ subscribed with owr
handes and
160 Sealed with owr seales/ Provided alwayes that yf it fortune the saide John to decease
161 being unmarried before he shall accomlishe his full age of xxij yeres withoute yssue I
will
162 that the same landes and tenementes in Helydon aforesaid shall remayne unto my
Executours
163 during the terme of fyve yeres next after my decease/ And after those fyve yeres expired
164 Then I will that the same landes and tenementes shall holly remayne unto my right heires
165 Further I will that my landes and tenementes in Akeley in the Countie of Buck shall
166 Immediately after my decease remayne and be to the said John Gifforde and to his
heires
167 of his body lawfully begotten/ Also I will that my landes in Charnedon whiche I late
168 purchased of our Sovereigne lorde the King being parcell of the late Guyldd or
Brotherhed
169 in Buckingham of the yerely value of fyve shillinges shall ymmEDIATELY after my
decease
170 remayne and be unto the said John Gifforde and to the heyres of his bodie lawfully
begotten
171 The residue of all my landes and tenementes in the said Counties of Buck Oxford &
172 Northte or elles where I will shall ymmEDIATELY, after my decease and the decease of
173 my wyfe and this my will performed, hooly remayne and come to my said daughter
174 and to her heyres forever/ And of this my present testament and last will I ordeyne

175 and make my Cosyn George Gifford of Midle Cleydon in the Countie of Buckes esquier
176 and Thomas Denton of Hillesdon in the said Countie of Buck esquier my full Executours
177 Desiring and charging them as my especiall trust is in them and as they will answee
178 before god so to see to the execucion of this my presente testament as maybe to the helth
of

179 my soule and discharge of their owne consciens/ And I ordeyne and make Cosyns
180 John Ardern of Cottisforde in the Countie of Oxforde gent my overseer of this my
181 Testament/ In witnes whereof to this my present testament and last wyll I have
182 subscribed my name and setto my seale the daye and yere fyrst above wrytten, per me
183 Thomas Giffard/ These persones being witnesses/ by me John Hownd/ by me Ric.
184 Strakare/ by me Richard Notingham/ by me Nicholas Todd/. First to Alice
185 Ingelsby fyve markes in money/ Item to William Rysley the younger a Cuppe of Fyve
186 markes/ Item to Deanys Hampton my servaunte tenne shepe and a Cowe/ Item to
Chrystopher

187 Glympton my Shepherd a greate Dark awmblyng Mare/ Item to Norse wife xiiij^s
188 vj^d to be allowed her in her rent due at Michelmas last/ Item to John Hownde a
189 white graye trotting gelding and a dublet of blake satten/ Item to Thomas Horwood
190 a mare Colt of ij yeres old/ Item to Joyce Giffard my servante xxvj^s viij^d yerely for
191 the terme of vij yeres next after my decease to be yerely percevyd and taken of thys said
192 proffittes of John Giffardes Stocke of Cattell./

193 Probatum fuit huiusmodi testamentum coram domino Cantuarensis Arch. apud London
194 Septimo die mensis Februarii Anno Domini Mellesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo
195 Juramente Executorum in huiusmodi testamento nominat. / Ac approbatu. et infirmatu. Et
196 commissa fuit administrato omnium bonorum etc & dicti defuncti prefatori Etc De bene
et fideliter
197 administrand. eadem/ Ac de pleno etc.etc.

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