

The following Will was obtained from the National Archives (Prob 11/257/685) on the 28th of July 2021. And belongs to Rebecca Hunt, it is dated from 1655. With it being proved on the 24th of October 1656

I have chosen to leave it as it was transcribed rather than trying to convert it into modern English as I think it is fairly easy to understand what is meant.

December the one and twentieth one thousand six hundred fifty ffive: **In the name of God** the most holy and blessed Trinitie Amen

I Rebecca Hunt of Keyston in the Countie of Huntington widdow being sicke and weake in body but (God be praised) of good and perfect memorie and understanding doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following, ffirst I bequeath my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god trusting to be eternally saved by and through the alone merits of my onely Saviour and gracious Redeemer Jesus Christ And my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named Alsoe I give bequeath and Assigne unto my daughter Maria Mowgford Hunt being the onely issue which I had of Mr William Hunt gentleman my late husband deceased and to her Heires fforever, all that my right Title and interest which I have unto that portion livelyhood and estate in Keyston which belongeth unto me and was given and appointed to me by my ffather Sr James Mowgford Knt lately deceased Deducting thereout onely soe much as may satisfie the Debts which I owe, and as may discharge the Legacyes herein by me bequeathed and defray my funerall expences.

Also, my will is that my loveing Sister

Mrs Elinor Page have the Wardshipp or Guardianship of my said daughter during her Nonage. Also I bequeath to my sisters Dorothy and Katharine Wingfeild to each of them five pounds of good English monie Likewise to my sister Pasken three pounds Also to my Neice Mary Wingfeild daughter of my brother Bodendine Wingfeild deceased three pounds to buy her a Ringe Also to my brother Edward-maria Wingfeild and to my sister Dorothy his wife fortye shillings a peece to buy each of them a Ring And to every one of their Children my Nephews and Neices twenty shillings a peece Also I give to my sister Page my yellowe petticoate and my best suite of linnen. And my sister Dorothy my blacke Satten petticoate and to my sister Katharine my blew petticoate And all the rest of my apparrell I leave for the use and benefitt of my onely daughter above named And I give to M[ri]s Rugbye of Bythorne twenty Shillings to buy her a Ring And to my maide servant Mary Baxter forty shillings All which legacyes aforesaid I desire that they may be paid with as good speede as possible may be after my decease by the hande of my loving brother Mr Richard Page of Paxson in the countie of Northampton gent whome I nominate and appoint Executor of this my last will and Testament In witnes whereof I have set to my hand and seale the day and yeare above written. / Rebecca Hunt her marke Signed sealed and published in the presence of us Edith Rugby Will Hatcher the marke of Dorothy Wingfeild Katharine Wingfeild and of the Mary Baxter her marke: /

This will was proved at London before the Judges for probate of wills and granting of Administrations lawfully authorized the Twentieth fowerth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty six, by the oath of Richard Page the Executor named in the said will to whome Administration was committed of all and singuler the goods Chattells and Debts of the said deceased he being first sworne truely to Administer &c:

Robert, Esq.
December the one and Twentieth ^{and thousand}
 six hundred fifty six. ^{and} In the name of ^{the} Almighty and blessed Trinity I Robert Esq. of Kingston in the County of Northampton widower being full and of sound memory do hereby let (and to be passed) of good and perfect memory and understanding do make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following, I first bequeath my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god trusting to be eternally saved by and through the blood merite of my only Saviour and great Redeemer Jesus Christ And my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named I first bequeath and assign unto my daughter Maria Worsfold that being the only issue which I had of M^r William Esq. gentleman my late husband deceased and is her lawful executor, all that my rightfull estate and interest which I have unto that portion dowerhood and estate in Kingston which belongeth unto me and was given and appointed to me by my father M^r Worsfold her father deceased without only fee much as may pay the said debt which I owe, and all my debts the Legacies herein by me bequeathed

and to pay my funeral expenses I give my will is that my loving Sister M^r Francis Esq. have the M^r Edward Esq. or Guardian of my said daughter during her minority I first bequeath to my sister Dorothy and Katharine Worsfold to each of them five pound of good English money likewise to my sister Pauline five pound I give to my Son Mary Worsfold daughter of my brother Edward Worsfold three pound to buy her a Ring I give to my brother Edward Maria Worsfold and to my sister Dorothy his wife forty shilling a piece to buy out of them a Ring And to every one of them I give on my Nephew and Niece twenty shilling a piece I give to my sister Esq. my yellow pottivock and my best suit of linnen And my sister Dorothy my black Satton pottivock and to my sister Katharine my blue pottivock And all the rest of my appoynt I leave for the use and benefit of my only daughter above named And I give to M^r Hugh of Bythorne twenty shilling to buy her a Ring And to my maid servant Mary Esq. fifty shilling All which Legacies aforesaid I desire that they may be paid with all good speed as possible may be after my decease by the hands of my loving brother M^r Richard Esq. of Nayles in the County of Northampton gent. whom I nominate and appoint executor of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have got to my hand and Seale this day and yeare above written. / Robert Esq. and her mark Signed sealed and published in the presence of us M^r Hugh M^r Paul Esq. the marks of brother Worsfold Katharine Worsfold and of Mary Esq. her mark. /

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