

The following Will was obtained from the National Archives (PROB 11/137/215) on the 27th of July 2021. And belongs to Elizabeth Bate, it is dated from 23rd Jan 1621. With it being proved on the 9th March 1621

I have chosen to convert the language used at the time into something more akin to that we would see today. Due to the age and state of the document it is difficult to read so it is only as accurate as I can extract.

The proving of the will was written in Latin so what appears here is a translation.

In the name of God amen the three and twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and twenty-one I Elizabeth Bate of Keyston in the County of Huntington widow in whole and perfect memory (praised be God) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

First, I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god and my body to be buried in the Chancel of Keyston aforesaid And I give to the Minister of Keyston some shillings therefor

Item I give unto my Son Robert Bate and to his heirs and assigns for ever all my lands Tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances whatsoever lying and being in Keyston in the County of Huntington

Item I give unto my son Robert my best piece of plate & his choice of one mattress one featherbed one Bolster one fustian Bolster one pair of fustian pillows three blankets with my best counterpane (a decorative bedspread, quilt, or coverlet that is placed on top of all the other bed sheets) four pair of flaxen sheets, three pillow beres (pillow cases) one Cupboard cloth of fine cloth, one diaper tablecloth one square boardcloth (dense, smooth, plain-woven fabric historically made from wool), one dozen of draper napkins and two dozen of flaxen napkins

Item I give unto my son Henry Bate two pieces of plate next to the best and twenty pounds that is in Thomas Negus his hands, four pair of flaxen sheets, four pair of pillow beres two Dozen of flaxen Napkins one long boardcloth of coarse Draper and one square boardcloth one long towel and one boardcloth of fine flaxen

Item I give unto my son Robert Bate all my other feather beds mattresses bolsters and fustian bolsters pillows blankets curtains cushions velvet cushions and needlework cushions

Item I give unto my grandchild Elizabeth Garrett one gold ring with the picture of death upon it

Item I give unto my son Robert Bate all my writings and evidences belonging to my Lands in Hawklive (Is this supposed to be Keyston?) being thirteen in number which are remaining in my sister Raynes hands

Item I give unto my son Edward Bate twenty pounds whereof ten pounds of it is to be paid to my brother Wayne

Item I do further give unto my son Edward Bate the ten pounds that is remaining in Thomas Grankes hands All which sums of money that is given to my son Edward, my will is that my son Robert Bate do pay unto my brother Wayne for the debt of my son Edward

Item I give unto my son Edward all my firewood turf and fuel

Item I give to my sister Rayne my gown last made of stuff with the apron and my best hat my velvet georgette and my russet Taffeta kittle my petticoat with the billament lace (**metallic trimming or lace—often made of silver**), my best cloak and my scarf, my best gloves my mask and five pounds of money which my brother Wayne owes me

Item I give to my daughter Ellen, my second gown, dressed with pointing with the kirtle and bodies and my best taffeta kirtle and my Chamlet petticoat (**undergarment or skirt made from Camlet**)

Item I give to my daughter Frances, my son Edwards wife, my best gown and the waistcoat belonging to it, and my side saddle and furniture belonging to it

Item I give unto my grandchild Frances Bate, the bedstead in the parlour one presse (**wooden wardrobe-style closet**) of her choice, one Bigger heyfer (**an older or alternative spelling of the word heifer**), the pair of two sowed hogs and running hogs and one great kettle, the table in the parlour and three stools

Item I give unto my grandchild Jane Bate three joined stools one little table one presse

Item my will is that if my son Henry Bate do not return again then that portion which I have bequeathed him be equally divided between my son Edward Bate and my daughter Ellen

Item the sum pounds which is remaining in Mr Silvester Bedells hands, my will is that my daughter Katherine shall have forty shillings of it

Item whereas there was an agreement heretofore between myself my son Robert and my son Edward before Mr Browne touching and concerning the certain sums of money which my son Robert did challenge to be due unto him from my husband and my son Edward for which he detained certain bonds wherein my husband and son Edward stood bound for the said sums. My will is that according to that agreement, my son Robert do deliver up those bonds to my son Edward, for at that time he acknowledged himself satisfied for the said sums.

Item my will is that Mr Browne shall have for his efforts the best brass pot and one great pewter dish of the best quality. All the rest of my goods, chattels, and debts of whatever kind un-bequeathed, I give them wholly to my son Robert Bate to dispose of as pleases him, whom I make and ordain my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills, gifts, or bequests heretofore at any time by me made.

Item and lastly my will is that my son Robert Bate shall spend at my funeral the sum of three pounds.

In witness whereof I have set my hand

Elizabeth Bate her hand;

witnesses hereto

William Browne,

Sara Forde her mark.

My son-in-law Eston owed me four pounds which is paid; I have the note of the debt but cannot find it. My will is that he takes no worry for the lack of it.

My will is that this my testament be not opened before my son Robert Bate and Edward Bate are fully agreed.

Probate of the above-written testament was enacted at London before the venerable Master Arthur Duck, Doctor of Laws and Surrogate to the venerable Sir John Borough, Knight, also Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissioner of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury legitimately appointed, on the ninth day of the month of March in the year of our Lord according to the course and computation of the Church of England, one thousand six hundred and twenty one by the oath of Robert Bate, the natural and legitimate son of the said deceased and Executor named in the same testament. Administration of the goods, rights, and credits of the said deceased was committed to him, he being sworn upon the Holy Gospels of God to well and faithfully administer the same

In the name of God amen the fyve and twentieth daye
of Januarye in the yere of ourre Lord god one thousand five hundred and twentiethe of
Elizabeth Queene of Scotland in the Countie of Durham byen in whole and yow
minor y^e praiser be god. We make and ordeyne this our last will and testament in maner
and forme followinge this is y^eme and bequeathe my Soule to Almighty god and my
Soul to be buried in the Church of St. Cuthbert in a fore sayd And I give to the Minister of
Lerston some shillings therefore Item I give unto my Sonne Robert Drake and to his heirs
and assignes for ever all my landes Tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances
whatsoever lying and being in Parochie in the Countie of Durham. Item I give unto
my Sonne Robert my best peece of plate at his choice one mattress one feather bed and
one bolster one Cushion one paire of fustian pillowes, three blanketts my
best counterpane five paper of flayen sheetes, three pillowcases one Swardward
of fustian sheetes, one Swardward of flayen sheetes, three pillowcases one Swardward
of fustian sheetes, one Swardward of flayen sheetes. Item I give unto my Sonne Henry Drake
two peece of plate next to the best and twentieth poyndes that is in Thomas Drake
his handes, fower paire of flayen sheetes, two paper of pillowcases, three Swardward
of flayen sheetes one long boardboard of fustian, one Swardward of flayen sheetes
one long towell and one boardboard of fustian. Item I give unto my Sonne Robert
Drake all my other featherbeds mattresses bolsters and Cushion bolster pillowes
blanketts Turkey quishions, peccet quishions and needleworke quishions. Item I give
unto my grandchild Elizabeth Drake one gowne. Yngnate the y^eme of plate
upon y^e. Item I give unto my Sonne Robert Drake all my writings and evidences
belonging to my landes in Parochie beinge fourteen in number whiche are remay-
ning in my Sister Wagnes handes. Item I give unto my Sonne Edward Drake twenty
poyndes of my gowne, twenty poyndes of my Swardward, twenty poyndes of my
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that is remaying in Thomas Drakes handes. All the se same of money do
I give to my Sonne Edward my will is that my Sonne Robert Drake doe paye unto
my brother Wagne for the debt of my Sonne Edward. Item I give unto my Sonne
Edward all my fere wood turf and semill. Item I give to my Sister Wagne my gowne
last made of stuffe with the apyon and my best gatt my velvet gorgett and my varler
assata little my petticoate with the William late, my best cloake and my
scarfe, my best glouch my maske and five poyndes of money which my brother
doe owe to me. Item I give to my daughter Eston my stroud gowne, dressyng
apoynting with the little and bowd and my best turffassata little and my Gamlet
petticoate. Item I give to my daughter Francke, my Sonne Edward my se, my best
gowne and my wastrooke belonging to y^e, and my fere saddle and furrement belonging to y^e
Item I give unto my grandchild Francke Drake the Swardward of the parlor one presse
at her choice one bigger boxe for her use of fustian fower hales and running hales and one
grate little, the table in the parlor and three stools. Item I give unto my grandchild
Anne Drake three roped stales one little table one presse. Item my will is that my Sonne
Henry Drake do not receive anyne part of that portion which I have bequeathed ym be-
equallie divided betwene my Sonne Edward Drake and my daughter Eston. Item the
same poyndes which is remaying in my Sister Wagnes handes my will is that my
daughter Eston shall have for the shillings of y^e. Item whereas there was an
agreement made betwene my selfe my Sonne Robert and my Sonne Edward before me
expressed touching and concerning the same somme of money which my Sonne Robert
doe challenge to be due unto ym from my husband and my Sonne Edward for which he
doe paye the same bond whereon my husband and Sonne Edward stand bound for the paye
somme of my will is that according to that agreement my Sonne Robert do deliver ym

these bondes to my sonne Edward for at that tyme he did acknowledge hym selfe satisfied
 for the said summe. Item my will is that in any one shall have for his payme of the best
 brass pott and one great peroter and the othe best all the rest of my goodes whatt so ever
 Debtes of what kinde so ever unbeknowne to my sonne Robert whatt
 to Dispose as please hym whome I make and ordaine my whole and sole Executor of
 my last will and testament Revoking and Disannulling all former willes gifts or bequeathes
 heretofore at any tyme by me made. Item and lastly my will is that my sonne Robert whatt
 do bestowe of my ffynell the summe of ffye poundes. Witnesse herunto I have set to
 my hand. Elizabeth Bate: her hand. Witnesse herunto William Barrowe Sara forde her
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 that this my testament be not opened before my sonne Robert whatt and Edward whatt be
 fully agreed. ~ ~ ~

Probatur fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili
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 Placet militis legum etiam Doctore Curie ad rogatione Cantuariensis magri Cantuariensis
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 Compntatorem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo sexcento simo vicesimo Juramento Roberti whatt
 filij realis et legitimus dicitur Defuncti et Executoris in eodem testamento nominati. Qui a
 commissis fuit Domini strato bonorum suorum et Creditorum dicitur Deposuit De bene et
 fideliter administrando et ad sancta Dei Evangelia Juravit. ~ ~ ~