

The following Will was obtained from the National Archives (PROB 11/789/439) on the 26th of July 2021. And belongs to Rev Henry Lee, it is dated from 3rd Dec 1749. With it being proved on the 21st of August 1751

This is the last Will and Testament of me Henry Lee of Keyston in the County of Huntington Doctor in Divinity whereby I give and devise all my Real Estate Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever to my loving Wife Dorothy Lee for and during the term of her natural Life remainder after her in such manner as shall be hereinafter declared

Likewise, I give and bequeath to my said loving Wife all my Personal Estate Monies Goods Effects and Chattels &c whatsoever

Subject nevertheless to the payment of all my Just and lawful Debts and Legacies whatsoever they shall appear to be and also Subject to such Limitations and Contingencies as are hereinafter set forth that is to say in case my Wife if she survives me shall thro' Surprise inadvertency forgetfulness or by any other Accident whatsoever omit or neglect to make disposition of my Personal Estate by Will or otherwise during her life

upon such a Contingency my Will is that my Neice Anna Maria Leete shall have all the Household Goods and Furniture in the new erected Capital Messuage or Mannor House at Keyston aforesaid wherein we now dwell

and also, all the Household Goods and Furniture in the Parsonage House at Keyston aforesaid wherein she herself now dwelleth she shall have in use and property

And as to all other parts and Branches of my Personal Estate whatsoever in case my Wife shall not make disposition thereof by Will or otherwise during her Life time in order to bar and preclude all claims or claimants from by or under her so dying intestate

such representations my Will is and I do hereby appoint and direct that my two Nieces Margaret Doughty and Mary Lee Daughters of my brother Lee and my proper heirs at Law shall be my residuary Legatees after the life of my said Wife dying intestate as aforesaid or not having made a Disposition as aforesaid in her life time of any such part of my Effects as are not Subjected to Legacies or other Lawful Debt on demand

And my Will is that no Principal Money due to me from my brother Lee upon Bond or otherwise Howsoever in writing shall be demanded of him after my decease but interest money in arrear shall be demanded and paid and also interest money that shall grow due after my life and during the joint lives of him and my wife as executrix shall be paid after the rate of three per cent only and only if demanded but the principal sum I do wholly remit to him and his assigns forever on the condition aforesaid

And now for and touching my real estate lands tenements and hereditaments given and devised to my wife as aforesaid during her natural life, my will is that after her decease my lands and tenements at Titchmarsh in the county of Northampton and

now in the possession and occupation of Thomas Cary his tenant or undertenants there shall go and descend to my niece Margaret Parker and to her lawful issue forever if any such issue there be and for want of such lawful issue of her remainder after her life to my niece Margaret Doughty and her heirs forever likewise after my wives decease my will is that my estate at and Thrapstone house and land shall go and descend to my niece Anna Maria Leete and the lawful issue of her (if any be) forever and for want of such issue remainder after her life to my niece Mary Lee and her heirs forever

also, my estate at Raunds in the county of Northampton now in the occupation of John Druhole there after my wife's decease and when free from a rent charge hereafter to be mentioned I give and devise to my said niece last named and to her issue lawful (if any be) forever and for want of such issue remainder after her life to my niece Mary Lee and her heirs forever

the estate lands and tenements at Denton aforesaid which I lately purchased of One Wickham and his wife Mary being the partition estate of Mary Bridges late of Gotham in the county of Nottingham deceased in favour my wife to whom it is devised by a former clause general in this my will during her natural life and which I now devise to her specifically to do therewith as she pleases I say dispose thereof by her last will or otherwise in her lifetime I give and devise to my niece Anna Maria Leete and her heirs forever subject to a rent charge or annuity payable at four quarterly payments of thirty pounds a year during the joint lives of the said Wickham and his wife Mary and twenty only to the survivor of them two only nevertheless in case my executor administrator or assigns shall fail in that payment in manner aforesaid out of my personal estate which is first liable to the said annuities

and whereas also my estate at Raunds aforementioned is subject to the said annual payments only in case there be a failure in my personal estate as aforesaid for that purpose I do therefore on condition of such failure give and devise to my said niece Anna Maria Leete that estate at Raunds solely as aforesaid to defend herself against loss or damage in making good the said payment But I give it only for that Purpose and for so long time only as it shall be necessary for that purpose and when it shall appear free from a necessary demand for that use only it shall pass directly (after my Wife's Life) to the devisee aforenamed to my Neice Anna Maria Leete in manner as before set forth in this Writing and so limited in the Contingent remainder as before declared

Any other Estate at Titchmarsh aforesaid purchased of Loftis and Brown sometime since in a reversion now fallen into my possession consisting now of two New Built Tenements a Butchers Shop Backs Stables and a Large and Ample Homestead with Arable Land and Meadow, I Give and devise the same to my Wife for Life and after that to my brother Lee for Life Remainder in fee to my Neice Doughty and her heirs forever

Lastly, I Give and Bequeath to the Poor of Titchmarsh and Keyston fifty pounds each

To the Society for propagating Christian knowledge fifty pounds and to the Society lately erected in the County of Huntington for Relief of Poor Widows and

Orphans of Clergymen fifty pounds to be paid Six Months after my Decease or
Sooner if it may be

Written with my own hand and signed

Dec 3rd 1749: H Lee Signed

Sealed and declared to be the last Will of H Lee abovenamed before us who
Subscribed the Same in his Presence as Witnesses thereto at his request

Nov 25th 1749

Will Robinson

Thomas Rollings

Jane Davison

This Writing on this page by my own hand this 10th day of February 1750: is a
codicil or Supplement to my last Will and Testament Signed December 3rd 1749 and
published the 25th of the Same Month and year and shall retain the Same force as
the Will it self-declaring my mind and determination concerning a parcel of Land at
Titchmarsh in the County of Northampton now lately purchased of Thomas and
Sarah Brown of the Same place to wit that I Give and devise all that Estate to my
loving Wife for and during her natural Life after that to my Brother Lee for Life
remainder to my Neice Doughty and her Heirs forever

H Lee

Signed Sealed Published and declared to be a Codicil to the Will appendant of H Lee

The Testator before us who Subscribed the Same in his Presence as Witnesses
thereto at his request

February 10th 1750

James Sykes

Maria Leete

Jane Davison

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil Annexed the Twenty first day of
August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty One before
Right the Worshipful John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or
Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath
of Dorothy Lee Widow the Relict of the deceased and Sole Executrix named in the
Said Will To whom administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels
and Credits of the said deceased being first Sworn by Commission duly to
Administer the same &c.

This is the last Will and Testament *Sho Rev^d
Henry Lee. D.D.*
of me *Henry Lee* of *Keystone* in the County of *Sumtredon*
better known whereby I give and devise all my Real Estate
Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever to my loving-
wife *Abigail Lee* for and during the Term of her natural
Life remainder after her in such manner as shall hereafter
be declared hereunto I give and bequeath to my said loving wife
all my personal Estate Arrears Goods Effects and Chattels &
whatsoever Subject nevertheless to the payment of all my just-
and lawfull Debts and Legacies whatsoever they shall appear-
to be and also Subject to such Limitations and contingencies as
are hereinafter set forth that is to say in case my wife
the Survives me I shall thro' Surprize inadvertency forgetfulness
or by any other Accident whatsoever omit or neglect to make
disposition of my personal Estate by will or otherwise during
her life upon such a Contingency my will is that my Right
Quia Eraria I doo shall have all the Household Goods and
Furniture in the now outted Capital Dwellinghouse or Chamber
House at *Keystone* aforesaid wherein we now dwell and
also all the Household Goods and Furniture in the Parsonage
House at *Keystone* aforesaid wherein she herself now dwelleth
she shall have in use and property and as to all other parts
and Arrears of my personal Estate whatsoever in case my
wife shall not make disposition thereof by will or otherwise
during her life time in order to save and provide all claims
or Claimants from by or under her so dying intestate jure
representationes my will is and I do hereby appoint and direct
that my two Daughters *Margaret* Doughty and *Elary Lee* &
Daughters of my Brother *Lee* and my proper Heirs at a
Law shall be my residuary Legates after the Life of my said
wife dying intestate as aforesaid or not having made a
Disposition as aforesaid in her life time of any such part of
my Effects as are not Subjected to Legacies or other Lawfull
debt on Demand And my will is that no principal Money due
to me from my Brother *Lee* upon Bond or otherwise a

Howsoever in writing shall be demanded of him after my
decease but interest money in arrears shall be demanded and
paid and also interest money that shall grow due after my
life and during the joint lives of him and my wife a
sum of ten pounds shall be paid after the rate of three per cent
only and only if demanded. But the principal sum I do
wholly remit to him and his assigns forever on the condition
aforesaid And now for and touching my real Estate Lands
Tenements and Hereditaments given and devised to my
wife as aforesaid during her natural life my will is that
after her decease my Lands and Tenements at Cuthmarsh
in the County of Northampton and now in the possession
and Occupation of Tho: Carly his Tenant or undertenant there
shall go and descend to my wife Margaret Barber and to a
her lawful issue forever if any such issue there be and for a
want of such lawful issue of her remainder after her life to
my wife Margaret Daughtry and her heirs forever Likewise
after my wife's decease my will is that my Estate at a
Chapstone house and Land shall go and descend to my wife
Anna Maria Barber and the lawful issue of her (if any be)
forever and for want of such issue remainder after her life
to my wife Mary Lee and her heirs forever also my Estate
at Hammo in the County of Northampton now in the Occupation
of Mr Drichols there after my wife's decease and when free
from a Rent charge hereafter to be mentioned I give and
devise to my said wife last named and to her issue lawful
(if any be) forever and for want of such issue remainder
after her life to my wife Mary Lee and her heirs
forever the Estate Lands and Tenements at Heystone
aforesaid which I lately purchased of one William and
his wife Mary being the partition Estate of Mary Bridges
late of Gotham in the County of Nottingham deceased in two
my wife to whom it is devised by a former Clause general in
this my will during her natural life and which I now
devise to her specifically to do therewith as she pleases I say
in two my wife shall sell or by any other way or means
dispose thereof by her last will or otherwise in her lifetime
I give and devise to my wife Anna Maria Lee and her
heirs forever subject to a Rent charge or annuity payable
at four quarterly payments of thirty pounds a year during the
joint lives of the said William and his wife Mary and
twenty only to the survivor of them two only. And the less
in two my Executor Administrators or assigns shall fail in
that payment in manner aforesaid out of my personal
Estate which is first liable to the said annuity and which as
also my Estate at Hammo aforesaid is subject to the
said annual payments only in case there be a failure in
my personal Estate as aforesaid for that purpose. So therefore
on condition of such failure give and devise to my said
wife Anna Maria Lee that Estate at Hammo so liable
as aforesaid to defend herself against loss or damage in
making good the said payment. But I give it only for that

purpose and for so long time only as it shall be necessary
 for that purpose and when it shall appear free from a
 necessary demand for that use only it shall pass directly
 (after my wife's life) to the devise aforesaid to my wife
 Anne Maria Parker in manner as before set forth in this
 writing and so limited in the contingent remainder as a
 before declared my other Estate at Cichmarsh aforesaid a
 parcel of Roff's and Brown some time since in a
 Reversion now fallen into my possession consisting now of
 three or four Acres of land a Dutchers Shop and Stables
 and a large and ample Barn with Arable Land and a
 broad Road I give and devise the same to my wife for life
 and after that to my Brother Lee for life Remainder in
 fee to my wife Doughty and her heirs forever Lastly I give
 and bequeath to the Poor of Cichmarsh and Royston a
 fifty pounds each to the Society for propagating Christian
 Knowledge fifty pounds and to the Society newly erected in
 the County of Huntingdon for Relief of poor Widows and a
 Orphans of Clergyman fifty pounds to be paid six Months
 after my decease or sooner if it may be written with my
 own hand and signed Dec: 3^d 1749. At Lee Signed a
 sealed and declared to be the last Will of Mr Lee aforesaid
 before us who subscribed the same in his presence as a
 Witnesses thereto at his request Nov: 25th 1749. W. Wilkinson
 Tho: Hallings Jane Davison

This Writing on this page by my own hand -
 this 30th day of february 1750: is a Codicil or Supplement to
 my last Will and Testament signed Dec: 3^d 1749, and
 published the 25th of the same Month and year and shall
 obtain the same force as the Will it self declaring my mind
 and Determination concerning a parcel of Land at Cichmarsh
 in the County of Northampton now lately purchased of
 Tho and Sarah Brown of the same place to wit that I
 give and devise all that Estate to my loving wife for
 and during her natural life after that to my Brother Lee
 for life Remainder to my wife Doughty and her heirs
 forever At Lee Signed sealed published and declared to be
 a Codicil to the Will appendant of Mr Lee the Testator before
 us who subscribed the same in his presence as a
 Witnesses thereto at his request Feb: 30th 1750 James Sykes
 Maria Lee Jane Davison

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil
 Annexed the Twenty first day of August in the year of our
 Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty One before Right the
 Worshipfull John Duttonworth Doctor of Laws Drafter Keeper
 or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully
 constituted by the Oath of Brotherly Lee Widow the Relict of
 the deceased and Sole executrix named in the said Will to

whom administration was granted of all and singular the
Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased being first sworn
by Commission duly to administer the same &c.