

AN ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF RICHARD BISSHOP, OR BISHOP, OF SOUTH WARNBOROUGH, ESQ., SON AND HEIR OF WILLIAM BISSHOP, OF HOLWAY, IN THE PARISH OF CATTISTOCK, CO. DORSET, ESQ., DATED ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1656-7.

I, RICHARD BISHOP, of South Warneborowe, in the County of South'ton, Esquier. In good health, etc., commits his soul to God, etc. "And as for my body, my desire is to be committed to Christian burial in a decent manner without funeral pompe or ostentation at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and if it may be my chance to dye in London then to be buried in St. Dunstan's Church in the East, London, as near as may be to the place where my wife MARY was there lately interred. Item I give and bequeth to the poor of the Parish of Catestoke in the County of Dorset, where I was borne, the sum of ten pounds of lawful money, five pounds of it to be for the poor within the manor of Holway within the Parish of Catestoke aforesaid, to be disposed unto them at the discretion of my son Richard now dwelling there. Item I bequeth to the poor of the parish of South Warneborowe the sum of ten pounds.

"My eldest son Richard of Holway shall have and retain all the profits and revenues of all those my manors, farms and lands of Holway alias Holwall and Inparke, with all appurtenances within the parish of Catestoke and in Stoklands alias Stokcwood in the parish of Stokewood in the said county of Dorset, to him the said Richard and his heirs male for ever. If he my said son Richard should die without issue male and leaving daughters only, and that my son William shall have living heirs male, then the said lands in Dorsetshire shall be charged for the raising of portions for the said daughters not exceeding half the value of the said lands, the same shall descend to my son William and his heirs male.

"My second son William shall have and receive all the profits and revenues of all those my manors, farms and lands of South Warnborowe and Crowdishall in the County of Southampton, together with a tenement, orchard and garden in Odiham in the County of Southampton, now in the tenure of Thomas Hurlston, clerk. If my said son William shall die without issue male lawfully begotten, and shall leave only daughters as issue, then these lands in Hampshire to be charged to half their value to raise portions for the said daughters, and shall descend to my son Richard and to his heirs male. If one son should die without issue then the other surviving son to have the aforesaid lands, etc.

"Item whereas upon the marriage contract of my daughter Bridgett with Edward Goddard of Standen (besides her present portion) I did then engage by bond to give her £350 by way of legacy after my decease if she survived me, which promise I do now hereby confirm, to be paid according to the terms of the said bonds.

"My daughter in Law, my son Richard's wife, etc.

"My son Richard's four children, William, Anne, Mary, and Katharine to each a legacy of £50.

"To Richard Hardy, Samuel Bishop, Richard Moore and Bride Bishop, my nephews & godchildren, fifty shillings apiece.

"To Alice Moore, my sister Moore's daughter, five pounds.

"To my son William Bishop these two houses in North Warnborowe, with the lands belonging to them, which were purchased of Anthony Bushell in the nature of a mortgage.

"My son William Bishop to be sole executor, etc.

"My son Richard Bishop to be overseer of this my last will, etc.

"To my daughter in law, Flower Bishop, a diamond ring worth five pounds."

The Testator, Richard Bishop, confirmed this his last will and testament and signed it on 30 September, 1658.

Proved at London, November 11th, 1658, before the Judges for the probate of Wills, etc., by the oath of William Bishop, sole Executor named in the said Will. In Book Wotton, Quire 615.