

The last will and testament of Richard Copot de Purton [Pirton] 1563

In the name of god Amen the XXVij [28th] day of Octobr [October] in the yere [year] of
oure [our] lord god 1563 and in the fyfte [fifth] yere [year] of the reigne [reign] of oure [our]
most ?dreade [?] soveryn [sovereign] lady Elizabeth by the grace of god quene [Queen] of
englande [England] Ffrance [France] and Irelande [Ireland] defendare [defender] of the
faithe [faith] and also of the churche [church] of englande [England] and also of Irelande
[Ireland] the supreme governeres [governess] undere [under] christe [Christ] I Richard Copot
of Purton [Pirton] within the countie [County] of hertford being hole [whole] of mynde
[mind] and of good and perfecte [perfect] remembrance thanks be geven [given] unto
almyghtie [Almighty] god do ordeyn [ordain] and make this my present testamente
[testament] and last Will in manere [manner] and forme [form] folowyng [following]

Ffirst [First] I bequeth [bequeath] my soull [soul] unto almyghtie [almighty] god my makere
[maker] and redeman [redeemer] trustyng [trusting] unto his mercee [mercy] and my body to
be buriede [buried] with in the chansell [chancel] of the parish church of Purton [Pirton]
aforesaide [aforesaid]

Ffirst [First] I do geve [give] and bequeithe [bequeath] unto Alice my Wiff [wife] the lease
of the manore [manor] and pasonage of Purton [Pirton] untyll [until] Raff [Ralph] Copcot
my sonne [son] shall atteyn [attain] and cume [come] to the age of XXV [25] yeres [years]
And she to keape [keep] it in good and sufficient repracons [repairs] during the tyme [time]
of her yeres [years]

Also I Will my saide [said] Wiff [wife] shall have her dwellinge [dwelling] with Raffe [Ralph] Copcot my sonne [son] after that he do come [come] to the occupying and Imoying [?employing] of the said manore [manor] and parsonage of Purton [Pirton] aforesaid so longe [long] as my said Wiff [wife] and he can agre [agree] to gether [together] and then can not agre [agree] thay [then] I Will that my Wiff [wife] shall have yerelie [yearly] paid hir [her] at the home of Raffe [Ralph] Copcote my sonne [son] duryng [during] hir [her] naturall [natural] ligfe [life] the sume [sum] off [of] Vith [6th] of good and lawfull [lawful] money of englande [England] and she to have the comaditie [commodity] of the one halff [half] of the parsonage housse [house] that is to sye [say] the parloure [parlour] bynithe [beneath] wher [where] under I do lye [lie] with the buttrye [buttery] and the loft over the burrye [buttery] and my sed [said] chamber that I lye [lie] in so long as she kepe [keep] hir [her] selff [self] unmaryed [unmarried]

Also I Will that my sed [said] sonne [son] Raff [Ralph] Coppcot he shall have which he cummyth [cometh] to XXV [25] yeres [years] of age my good plowe [plough] and plowe [plough] gores [gears] and all that belongith [belongs] ther [there] unto Also I Will that my sed [said] Wiff [wife] shall have duryng [during] her liffe [life] yerelie [yearly] my acrys [acres] of Weate [wheat] and my acres of barley [barley] out of my sonnes [sons] crope [crop] to be chosen oney [only] the best of his groyn [grown] when she will chose it

Also I will that my sed [said] Wiff [wife] shall have the destrybucon [distribution] of all my movable goods amongs [amongst] my sed [said] children and have at hir [her] dicression [discretion] sayng [saying] that I Will that frame my bed with in my chamber wher [where] I nowe [now] lye [lie] in and the cubberd [cupboard] in the hall shall remayn [remain] to Raff [Ralph] my sonne [son]

Also I geve [give] and bequeathe [bequeath] unto William Copcot my sonne [son] all my fre [free] lande [land] lying with in the bounds and parishe [parish] of Purton [Pirton] aforesaid
Also I Will that Raff [Ralph] Copcoott my sonne [son] shall have halff [half] the croppe [crop] with my Wiff [wife] when that he shall cume [come] to the mayagyage [manage] of the sed [said] manore [manor] and pasonage [parsonage] aforesaid

Also I Will that Alice my Wiff [wife] shall have the governamute [government] of my sed [said] children porcions [portions] untill [until] they cume [come] to lawfull [lawful] age
And ffurther [further] I will that yf [if] Raff [Ralph] Copcot my sonne [son] do fryte [fight] and will not agre [agree] to this my Will concernyng [concerning] my fre [free] lande [land] that I have geven [given] to William my sonne [son] that then I Will that he shall have no thinge [nothing] to do with the manere [manor] and parsonage of Purton [Pirton] aforesaide [aforesaid] so that it shall remayn [remain] in the custode [custody] of my Wiff [wife] untill [until] William Copcot my sonne [son] shall cume [come] to lawfull [lawful] age and then he to Imoye [employ] it

Also I geve [give] and bequethe [bequeath] to my ij [2] daughters Margaret and Mary to ether [either] of them XVth [25] to be paide [paid] by the hand of my executors & with in Vj [6] yeres [years] after the day of ther [their] marryng [marrying]

Also I geve [give] unto Doye [David] Turner my ?just. halff [half] a quarter of Barley
Also I geve [give] unto Raff [Ralph] Copoote my sonne [son] the fronding [folding] bedd [bed] wher [where] he doith [does] lye [lie] on with att [that] that belongith [belongs] to yt [it] at the discession [discretion] of my Wiff [wife]

Also I do geve [give] unto the sed [said] Raff [Ralph] all the payntedcloths in the chamber wher [where] he doth liv [live]

Also I Will that Alice my Wiff [wife] shalbe [shall be] bownde [bound] to brynge [bring] up my children untill [until] they cume [come] to lawfull [lawful] age

Also I Will that Raff [Ralph] Copcot my sonne [son] shall have certeyn [certain] lande [land] sown for to maynteyn [maintain] lying astocke [as stock] by the hands of my executorys [executors] that is to sye [say] XV [15] acres the first yere [year] after my departynge [departing] out of a certeyn [certain] copie [copy] which his grandfather dide [did] geve [give] hym [him] called Shotts after that first yere [year] my Will is that Alice my Wiff [wife] shall tyll [till] his XV [15] acres for Raff [Ralph] my sonne [son] he to fynde [find] seede [seed]

And I Will that yf [if] enye [any] of my sed [said] daughters do dye [die] byfore [before] they cume [come] to the Imoyinge [employing] of ther [their] porcions [portions] to be devyded [divided] amonge [among] the rest of my sed [said] children

Also I geve [give] to keep the mayntennice [maintenance] of the beles [bells] XXty [20]

Also I geve [give] to the poure [poor] with in the parish of Purton [Pirton] ?iiij [4d] a house

The rest of my goods both movable and unmovable unles [unless] quothed [bequeathed] my detts [debts] paid and the legacies of my last Will fulfilled and my bodye [body] honestlie [honestly] buryede [buried] and all thyngs [things] performyde [performed] I geve [give] unto Alice my Wiff [wife] whom I make my hole [whole] execnt [executrix] to dispose all thyngs [things] to geve [give] pleasure and the helthe [health] of my sull [soul]

Also I geve [give] unto John Phillips iijs [3 shillings] iiijd [4 pence]

Also I geve [give] and bequeth [bequeath] to Raff [Ralph] Copcott my sonne [son] my acrys [acres] of fre [free] lande [land] with a close called Stutting ?Thomey [?] berynge [bearing] witnesse [witness] Richard Ancell William Same Phylippi [Phillip] and Jasper Smythe with other men