

Thomas White

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Thomas White of Pirton in the County of Hertford Esquire doe make this my last Will and testament and do hereby revoke all my other wills and testaments whatsoever and First I commit my soule into the hands of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ by whose merritts I expect Salvation and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I do hereby make and ordaine my sonne Daniel White, my trusty friends Robert Vigorous of Arlesey in the county of Bedford and John Underwood of Littleborough in the County of Northampton which married my wife's sister my executors and trustees for the true performance and exercising of this my last will and testament.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Executors and Trustees and to the survivours and survivor of them all my Rectory and Manor of Pirton aforesaid in the County of Hertford together with the parsonage house barns stables outhouses yards gardens orchards and all other appurtenances thereunto any waiers belonging and all the manor land and glebeland and all the tithes both great and small prodiall personal and mixt with all other rights in _____ and appurtenances unto the said Mannor and ectory belonging or any waies appertaining upon this trust and confidence and to the intent and purpose that my said Executors and Trustees or the Survivours or Survivor of them shall in a convenient and reasonable time and without willfull and unnecessary delay for the raising of moneye for the purpose intended and herein after ----- bargaine and sell the said Mannor Rectory house lands tithes and other premises with their and every of their appurtenances for the best price and at the highest vallue they can and with the moneye arising of the said sale shall pay all my just debts and shall alsoe pay and discharge all the legacies and portions given and bequeathed by this my last will and testament.

Item My will and meaning is that all the rentes, issues and profits of all my said Mannor Rectory houses lands tithes and all other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances which shall or may arise grow due or payable before the said sale thereof shall bee assets in the hands of my said Executors and Trustees and shall bee lyable to the payment of my said debts legacies and Childrens portions of the severall and respective times they shall become due and payable as in this my last will and testament is hereafter expressed and declared.

Item I give and bequeath unto the said Robert Vigorous Esq twenty pounds of lawfull money of England and to the said Mr John Underwood forty pounds of like lawfull money to be paid by my said Executors and Trustees within one yeare next after my decease which I desire them to accept as a gratuite for their care and kindness in the performance of this my last will and testament.

Item My will and meaning is that after my said debts legacies and childrens portions shall bee fully satisfied and paid my said sonn Daniel shall have halfe of all the money which shall bee left and in surplusage of what is made or shall arise both by the sale

of my goods and chattels and personall estate and by the sale of my said Mannor Rectory houses lands and all other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances if hee bee then alive but if it shall please God that he bee then dead then I hereby give and bequeath only five hundred pounds of the said money so left and in surplusage as aforesaid unto the eldest sonne of my said son Daniel which shall be then alive and all the rest and residue of the said money soe left and in surplusage as aforesaid I hereby give and bequeath to the rest of my Children which shall bee then alive to be equally divided amongst them and if my said sonne Daniel or his said eldest son shall not then be alive my will and meaning is that all that parte and share of the said money so left and in surplusage as aforesaid which I hereby have willed and bequeathed to each of them respectively shall alsoe goe to and be equally divided amongst all the rest of my children which shall then bee alive

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Joseph three hundred pounds of lawfull English money to be paid unto him by my said Executors and Trustees within one yeare after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my deare wife Elizabeth White fifty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid within one yeare after my decease and all the furniture of any out of my Roomes which she shall chuse beside what is herin after bequeathed and given to her by this my last will and testament.

Item My will and meaning is and I hereby give my remainder to my sonn Daniel and my request to all which shall live to bee my executors and trustees respectively as aforesaid that in the bargaining and selling of my said Mannor Rectory houses lands tithes and all other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances they first take the advice and direction therein of the supervisors of this my last will and testament hereinafter mentioned.

Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest sonne Thomas White one hundred pounds of current English money to be paid unto my said sonne Thomas out of the first monys so raised by the sale of the aforesaid if he be then alive and if he shall give his legall consent to the sale aforesaid under his hand and seale but if he shall bee then dead then to such children of him the said Thomas as shall bee then alive shall give their legall consent to the sale aforesaid under their hand and seale to bee equally divided amongst them by my said Executors and Trustees but if my sonne Thomas or any of his children shall refuse to give his or their legall consent to the sale of my said Mannor Rectory houses lands tithes and all other the premises with their appurtenances as aforesaid or shall give any let hindrance or disturbance whatsoever to my said Executors and Trustees or to any of them in the sale thereof then my will and meaning is that my Executors and Trustees shall not pay unto my said sonne Thomas nor any of his children soe refusing or disturbing --- the said six hundred pounds or any part thereof but shall pay unto him or them five shillings and nor any more in lieu of office and their portion

Item I give and bequeath unto my deare wife Elizabeth White five pounds to buy her a ring and I give and bequeath unto my said wife all the household stuffe which she shall say she brought me upon my marriage with her and all the linen which she shall say she and her maides have made into cloth since she hath been my wife and I further commend sonne Daniell one of my Executors and Trustees and all my other children

that they bee loving kind and dutiful to her who hath been a good wife to mee as they will answer their fathers command before this and the reason why I do give my wife noe more by this my will is because I have settled a joynture of forty pounds per annum upon her before marriage

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne John White one hundred pounds of current English money to be paid unto him by my said Executors and Trustees within one yeare after the sale of my said Mannor Rectory lands tithes and other premises as aforesaid or sooner if they please and the reason why I give him noe more is because I have given him a large portion formerly.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Horn now married two hundred pounds of current English money to be paid unto her within a yeare after the said sale if she then bee alive and if it happen that she is then dead then I hereby bequeath the said two hundred pounds to so many of her children as shall bee then alive to be equally divided among them by my Executors and Trustees and the reason why I give her noe more is because I have formerly given her a portion.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Benjamin White six hundred pounds of current English money to be paid unto him one yeare after the said sale if he be then living.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Ephraim White five hundred pounds of current English money to bee paid to him within one yeare after the said sale if he be then living.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Samuell White five hundred pounds of current English money to bee paid to him one yeare after the said sale if he be then living.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna White five hundred pounds of current English money to be paid to her within one yeare after the said sale if she bee then living.

Item My will and meaning is that if any of my children shall be living after my death shall happen to dye before their marriage or their age of one and twentie yeares respectively that then the portion or legacy of such child or children -----shall not to ??? be equally divided amongst all the rest of my children which shall be now living.

Item My will and meaning is that all my younger children's portions and legacys which at my oath shall be under the age of one and twentie ??? to them severally in the ???----- purchasers of my said Mannor Rectory houses lands tithes and other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances by the said Mannor Rectory houses lands tithes and other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances shall in the hands of the said purchasers stand and be charged with and lyable to all the said portions and legacies of all my said younger children respectively (except one hundred pounds a peece hereby diverted for the putting htem out to trades or other employment until each of them respectively shall come or arrive unto the age of one and twenty yeares or their daye of marriage which shall first happen if they or any of them respectively shall so long live and my will and meaning is that the said purchaser

or purchasers shall pay only five pounds of rent per annum for every hundred poundes of my said younger childrens portions soe accrued on their hands for their present maintenance and augmentation of their portions of my said younger children respectively into the hands of he Guardian or Guardians of my said younger children respectively yearly and every yeare until each of them respectively shall come to or arrive at the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage.

Item My will and meaning is that Elizabeth my wife shall have the education bringing up and disposing of all my children which I had by her and tghat she or her Executor or any other whom she shall appointe as Guardian or Guardians to my said children while they are under age of one and twenty yeares and unmarried shall receive the interest of thier said portion for their maintenance and education and augmentation of their portions respectively and shall have and receive of my said Executors and Trustees what moneys she or they shall think fit at reasonable times out of the portions I have given my said children whom I had by her and as part thereof not exceeding one hundred pounds a piece for each child to put them at apprentices to trade or some other employment.

Item My will and meaning is that my son Benjamin shall if it be required acquit and discharge my brother John Underwood and my sister Susanna Underwood of and from one hundred poundes received by me for his use of my said sister Susanna Underwood Executors of my brother John Sheppard deceased and given to my said son Benjamin by will from my said Brother John Sheppard and if my said son Benjamin shall refuse so to doe then my will is that my Executors and Trustees shall pay one hundred poundes Part of their portions which I have intended for my said sonn Benjamin to my said sister Underwood to satisfy her and her husband for the said one hundred poundes which I received of my said sister Underwood for my said sonn Benjamin as aforesaid and their soe paying of the said hundred poundes and an aquittance from my said sister or brother Underwood or both of them for the receipt of the same shall bee a full discharge to my said Executors and Trustees against my said son Benjamin for soe much of his said portion or legacy.

It is my will and meaning is that if all my Executors and Trustees aforementioned shall dye before they or any of them respectively shall have bargained and sold my said Mannor Rectory houses lands tithes and all other the premises to the intent and purpose as aforesaid then their part of my said Mannor shall go to my sonn Thomas White and his heires and all their other two parts shall goe to and be equally divided amongst all the rest of my children then living and their heires.

It is my will and meaning that I do appoint Thomas Greene of Lombard Street in London Goldsmith and Samuell Story of Bull and Monk Street near Moorgate in London Linnen Draper be Supervisors of this my last will and testament and doe earnestly desire them to direct instruct and devise my said Executors and trustees in the sale to use their utmost part and endeavour that my will is performed according to the true intention of my will.

If defference shall happen to arise between them they have recourse to aid advise with Robert Audley of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford Esq whom I have acquainted with my will and meaning to compose and settle the same. I will give Robert Audley twenty poundes of current English money if he be living and if he is not

they should consult my cousin John Rotheram of Much Walton in the county of Essex Esq and I give him £20 to be paid after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Greene and my sister Jane Greene and my sister Elizabeth Harrison twenty shillings a peece to buy them rings if they or any of them bee then living at my decease..

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Abraham Parrot five pounds of current English money if he bee then living at my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to Mr Thomas Vaux five pounds of like English money if he be living at my decease.

Thomas White sealed acknowledged and declared to bee my last will and testament in the presence of Carles Audley Robert Collison William Thoman Thomas Burowes

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