

The last will and testament of Robert Collison PROB 11/296 1659

In the name of God Amen the twenty sixth day of June in the yeare of owe Lord one thousand and sixe hundred fifty and nine I Robert Collison the elder of Pirton in the county of Hertford Yeoman being sick in body but of perfect memorie thanks be given to the Almighty God doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner and forme following

First and above all I commit my soul to Almighty God the Creator of heaven and Earth and to Jesus Christ the Redeemer of sinners my body to the earth to brought thither and decently buried by the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as for my temporall goods I bequeath as followeth

I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Collison the now wife of Peter Warner the sume of five pounds a year of lawfull money of England during her naturall life at two equall and ---- porcions that is to say fifty shillings at the feast of St Michaell the Archangel and the other fifty shillings at the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be paid to her by my executors hereinafter named

I give and bequeath unto the three children of my sister Mary Collison the now wife of Peter Warner the sume of five pounds a piece of lawfull monie of England to be paid to them by my nephew John Collison my only heire as they shall accomplish to their severall ages of one and twenty years and if either of them dye before that time then my will and mind is that may that are alive shall have the same porcion equally divided amongst them at the same time as it should have been paid to that which is dead. And if him the said John Collison shall refuse to pay the sum or any part thereof at the dayes and times appointed that then it shall and may bee lawful for the children aforesaid or any of them to enter upon take possess to them and their heires forever all that my freehold messuage or tenement lying and being in Pirton aforesaid withal the free ground adjoining to it at home together with all the profits and comodities whatsoever hereunto belonging or appertaining and alsoe all my freehold arable land lying dispersedly in the common fields of Pirton aforesaid with all and singular their appurtenances to have and to hold to them and their heirs for ever without any let hindrance or molisation of the said John Collison or any other person whatsoever by from or under him.

I give and bequeath unto my niece Elizabeth Sam the now wife of William Wells thirty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid to her within six months next after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto George Sam that married my sister Elizabeth Collison halfe the lopps and Topps of the trees growing in and upon my grounds in Pirton aforesaid.

All the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed I freely give to Bennet Collison the elder of Pirton and to Christopher Bigge whom I make and appoint the sole Executors of this my last will and testament my debts being paid and funeral expenses discharged - In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and year first above written. The mark of Robert Collison Read Sealed and Published in the presence of T. Vaux George Sam
Probate London 6th December 1659