

Dated of Will 15 January 1629.

Proved before Anthony Gregory, cleric surrogate 16 November 1644.

To the poor of Meeth 10s., of Hatherlieghe 10s., of Huish 6s. 8d., of Paderickstow 6s. 8d.

To my sister Marie Cottell £10.

To my brother Leonard Yeo my best horse.

To my brother Leonards' children as many as shall be living at the time of my death £5 each.

To Rebecca Yeo and Margerett Yeo, daughters of my brother Jherome Yeo, deceased £10 each.

To my brother George Yeo his children £5 each as many as shall be living at the time of my death.

To my brother Nicholas Yeo £8 to be paid to him yearly during his life out of a tenement called Gyffards Hele in Meeth, if George Yeo, son of my brother Leonard Yeo or John Yeo son of my brother George Yeo or either of them so long live.

To Margerie Tawton wife of George Tawton 40s., to be paid to her yearly during her life out of Giffards Hele aforesaid, if said George and John so long live.

To my brother George Yeo during his life the said tenement called Gyffards Hele provided that said George my brother do shortly upon my death put in assurance unto my brother Nicholas Yeo and unto Marjerie Tawton for their several annuities, and if George Yeo my brother shall refuse to do this my will is he shall pay to my brother Nicholas Yeo £50 and £20 to Margerie Tawton.

After the death of my brother George I bequeath Gyffards Hele to John Yeo son of the said George Yeo my brother.

To all covenant servants with me at my death 10s. 6d.,

Residue to John Yeo son of my brother George Yeo, executor.

My brother George to be executor in trust.

Signature & Seal covered with paper.

[sketch of Yeo coat of arms]

Witnesses: John Hutchings, Richard Slowly.

Memorandum that on 28 December or thereabout 1643 the above John Yeo, gent, the testator did declare some alterations of his will and by word of mouth ordained same to be observed faithfully in presence of George Yeo, gent., the elder, George Yeo the younger, gent., Humfrye Rowe and Margerye Tawton.

First that John Yeo, gent., should have for himself and for his own use immediately after the testators death the new built houses, the two little orchards, the two Sand Parks the sand Parke Meadowe, the Higher and Lower Wood, both known by the name of the East Wood, the little piece adjoining the orchard and the East Marische being parcel of the tenement of Giffards Hele.

Also he willed that all his quick goods and corn should be equally divided between George Yeo, the elder, gent., and the abovesaid John Yeo the executor by some indifferent persons.

Witnesses: George Yeo, George Yeo junior, Humphry Rowe, Margerie Tawton.

Inventory 4 November 1644.

One Chattell valued at £300.

Wearing apparell and money £20.

Farm stock.

Household goods.

One Bible and some other books 10s. 0d.

Plate £5.

Sum £477. 17s. 10d.

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Will of John Yeo of Meeth

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