

In the name of God Amen the xxvth daie of Julie in the yere of or Lord God 1548 and in the Seconde yere of the Raigne of or Sou'aighe Lorde Edwarde the VIth by the grace of God of England ffrunce and Ireland Kinge defender of the faithe and in earthe next vnder christe of the Church of England and also of Ireland the supreme hed I Richard Yea of the prishe of Wyviliscombe in the dioces of Bath and Welles whole of minde and pfitte of Remembrance make my testament and last will in man' and forme following.

ffirste I bequethe my soule to Almightye god and my bodie to be buried in the church of Wyviliscombe aforeside. Also I geue and bequethe to the Repacion of the same Church for my bueriall there a vjs viid. Also to the Repacon of the Cathedrall church of Welles I geue a xijd.

I geue and bequethe to John Yea my seconde beste salt of silu' pcell gilte and half a dosen of silu' spones of the beste Dosen, a fetherbede, a paire of Shetes, a paire of blanketts, a cou'lett, and a box bolster, the twoe middle brasen crocks, the third beste brazen pan, vj platters, vi poteng', and vj sauc's, one oxe, one cowe, half a skore of yeoes and half a skore of wethers, not of the beste nor yet of the wurste sorte.

Also I geue and bequethe to David Yea the third beste salte of silu' pcell gilte, half of a dosen of silu' spones of the beste dosen, a ffetherbedd, a paire of shetes a paire of blanketts, a cou'rlett and a bolster the beste, and the leste newe brazen crocks, the seconde beste brazen pan, vj platters, vj poteng's, vj sawc's, one ox, one cowe, half a skore of yewes, and half a skore of wethers of the same sorte that his brother John is srued.

Also I geve and bequethe unto Radegond Yae a cowe and a little brasen crock; Provided always that if the same Radigond doe depart this world before she be mairried that then she be browghte honestlie in earthe and the residew of her bequests to be retorned vnto John Yae and to David Yae her brothers equallie to be devided.

Also provided John Yae or David Yae doe dpte this world before they be of the age of xxj yeres if they or anie of them be vnmarried that then I woulde that he who first deptethe should be honestlie brought in earth and the goodes to him bequethed shall be restored to him that lyveth, whether it be John or David. And if chance they doe depart out of this world both of them before they be married that then I woulde they be honestly browghte in earthe; And Radigond Yae there sister to haue of their goods a vjli xiijs iiijd [£6 8s 4d].

And all the residue thereof to remain vnto David Slocombe and Alice his Wief and to there children. Also I will yt if the foresaide John Yae, David Yae, and Radigond Yae, or any of them will not be ordered, ruled, governed, and married, by the advice and counsell of David Slocombe and my ou'seers, that then my bequests to the bequethed, to be devided vnto the [text missing] by the discretion of the same David Slocombe and my said ou'seers.

Also I geue vnto Alice Yae my wief xiiijli vjs viijd [£13 6s 8d] to be paide to her in money or monie worth. Also I giue and bequethe to the same Alice my wief all the beddinge that is left which she brought from Whitfeld, and all her apparell, naprie, beades, girdles and taches that she likewise brouwghte wth her.

Also I give to the same Alice my wief yerleie during her lief a xxs by the yere for her Dowrie of my freelands, to be paide of my heires that shall enioye my ffreelands, to be paide of my heires that shall enioye my saide ffreelands.

Also I geue and bequethe to the same Alice my wief, to be good to the pore children beforenamed xxs.

Also I geue bequethe to Richard Collard the sonne of my Dawghter Johane Collard xxs.

Also I give and bequethe to Christopher Norman a heaffer of iij yeares in the stede of a viijs wch he claymeh of me.

Also I giue and bequethe to Agnes Norman a xxs.

Moreu' I will that my executors do delu' unto David Yae or John Yae when they or anie of them shall, chance to enter into the farme of Okehampton, all my plowghe stuff, that is to saie my beste waine wth the wheels bownde with yron, and the worste butt wth the wheals likewise bownd wth yron, and all my pte of Ropes, yokes, sooles, and all other man' of instruments for the plowghe.

And that if David Yae doe die before he be maried that then to leave all the plowghe stuff and all the instruments before rehearsed to John Yae his brother.

Also I will yt. when David Slocombe and Alice his wief, doe depte this worlde, they to leave to the said David such ymploymts as hereafter foloweth, Twoe Vates, ij coffers, ij chaires, a cobbard and a Tablebord yt. is nowe in the hall, and the barre of Iron in the chymney and parte of the potthangings.

And if that David Yae depte this worlde before he be married then he to leave it to his brother John Yae all the saide Imployments.

ffarthermore I will that David Slocombe and his wief have the kepinge of the said John and David Yae vntil they be of a suffyciente age.

Mou' I constitute ordaine and make my ou'seers John Benett, John Kinge, Thomas Collard, and Christopher Howell, to see this my last will in eu'ie condition well and trulie performed, and they to have eu'ie of them for their labours and paines a iijs iiijd.

The resydue of all my goodes and cattalls not bequethed, my debts, bequests, and fun'all trulie contented and paide, I geue and beqethe to David Slocombe and Alice his wief whome I make my executors, to dispose them for the wealth of my soule as they shall seme best.

To this witnesseth Thomas Collard, John Kinge, John Benett and Xpofer Howell, wth Dyu's others.

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Will of Richard Yea of Wiveliscombe
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