

Transcription of the Will of Thomas Bobbet of Ipswich
4 September 1576
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Persons Named in the Will

Wife: Thomazyn

Children: Roger, Edmund, John, William,
Alice, wife of Thomas Crebe
Margerye, wife of Thomas Browne
Margaret, wife of William Davye

Servants: Marye, Rose, Robt, Anne, Elizabeth Truker, Charles

•All Word Definitions come from the Oxford English Dictionary (OED)

1. **In the name of god amen** In the
2. forth daye of September Anno D[o]m[ini]
3. 1576 And in the eighteenth yeare
4. of the raigne of o[u]r Soverigne Lady Quene
5. Elizabeth I **Thomas Bobbet of Ippeswich**
6. in the county of Suff[olk] in holar being of hole and
7. perfect rememberance thanks be to almightie
8. god revoking all other former willes and testaments
9. doe make this my last will and testament
10. in manner and forme followinge First I commend
11. my soule to almightie god, my Savior and Rede[e]m[e]r
12. trusting only to be saved by the meergets [merits] of
13. Christe [] and my body I will shalbe
14. buried in the church of St. Lawrence in Ippeswich
15. aforesaid and I gyve to the poore people of
16. Ippeswiche five marks of lawfull englishe
17. money to be distributed after my decease by my
18. wyfe And as touchinge all my landes tenementes
19. hereditaments wheresoever they lye I make
20. declarac[i]on as heareafter followethe that is to saye
21. I will and bequeathe to **Thomazyn my wyffe**
22. all~ that my house I dwell in Ippeswiche
23. aforesaid called the Whight Harte and also all
24. other my landes and tenements withersoever
25. as shall bond as free to have and to holde to
26. her for and during the terme of her naturall
27. lyfe [] and under condic[i]on that if she doe
28. marry any person or persons after my decease
29. Then I will that immediately after such

30. marriage her estate shall [] of and in
31. all the promisses Item I gyve unto **my**
32. **Sonne Roger Bobbet** all my houses landes
33. and tenementes in **Freston** in the said county
34. to have and to hold to hym the heires and
35. assignes immediatlye after the decease of
36. my saied wyfe Item I give unto **my Sonne**
37. **Edmunde Bobbet** all that my house and
38. tenement in the parishe of St. Nicholas in
39. Ippeswich aforesaid wherein **Thomas**
40. **Eberhard** now d[] have and to hold
41. to hym and his heires immediatlye after
42. the decease of my saied wyfe And I further
43. will that if the saied **Edmunde** be deade at
44. the tyme of my decease that then **my Sonne**
45. **Joh[a]n[nis] Bobbet** shall have the same house and
46. tenement to him and his heires immediatlye
47. after the decease of my saied wyfe to have
48. and to holde to hym and his heires for ever Item
49. I give and bequeath to **Will[ia]m my Sonne**
50. all that my capitall Messuage wherein I
51. now dwell in Ippeswich aforesaid comonly
52. called the Whight Harte and alsoe my close
53. of pasture or meadowe in the par[i]she of St.
54. Hellens in Ippeswhiche aforesaid and all that
55. my garden in the parishe of St. Marye at the
56. Elmes in Ippeswiche aforesaid to have and to hold
57. the saied capitall messuage close of pasture or
58. Medowe and garden with the appurtenances to the
59. saied **Will[ia]m my Sonne** his heires and assignes
60. immediatlye after the decease of my saied wyfe Item
61. I give to my saied **Sonne Joh[ann]is Bobbet** my twoo
62. Tenementes in Brokestreate in the towne of
63. Ippeswiche aforesaid with the appurtenances to have
64. and to hold to him the saied **Joh[anna]is** his heires
65. and assignes immediatlye after the decease of my
66. saied wyfe And also I further will unto my
67. saied sonne for his further ad[] in
68. learninge that **my saied sonne Willi[ia]m** or his
69. heires from and next after the decease of my
70. saied wyfe shall paye unto **my saied sonne Joh[ann]is**
71. yearelye and every yeare then next after
72. Followinge one yearely annuity of forty shillinges

73. of lawfull money of England to be paidd unto
 74. the saied **Johan[n]is** and his assynes yearelye []
 75. and [crossed out] as will such tyme as he **the saied Johan[n]is**
 76. shalbe advanced unto a [] of some~ good
 77. yearely balance and then immediatlye after
 78. suche advancement I will the saied yearelye
 79. annuitye to cease And I will the saied
 80. annuitye shalbe yearelye spring and goinge out
 81. of the saied capitall Messaage and then the premisses
 82. unto **my saied sonne Will[ia]m** given as aforesaid Item I
 83. give unto **my saied sonne Roger** forty poundes
 84. of lawful money of England to be payed to him
 85. by my saied wyfe in manner and forme following
 86. that is to saye within one yeare next after
 87. my decease twenty poundes and within twoo
 88. years next after that first yeare after twenty
 89. pounds in full payment of the said fortye
 90. poundes Item I give to **my saied sonne Edmund**
 91. twenty poundes of lawfull money of England
 92. to be paied to him by the Executors or administrators
 93. of my saied wyfe Item **I give to my**
 94. **daughter Alice the wyfe of Thomas**
 95. **Crebe** twenty poundes of lawfull money of
 96. England Item I give to **my daughter Margerye**
 97. **the wyfe of Thomas Browne** twenty poundes
 98. of lawfull money of England Item I give to
 99. **my daughter Margaret the wyfe of Will[ia]m**
 100. **davye** sixe poundes thirtene shillinges fouer pence
 101. All which saied [] all somes of money given
 102. to **my saied daughters Alyce Margery and**
 103. **Margaret** I will shalbe paied unto them
 104. severally by the executors or Assignes of my
 105. saied wyfe within one yeare next after her
 106. decease And I further will that if any
 107. of my saied daughters shall happen to be
 108. deceased at the tyme of there saied paymentes
 109. as aforesaid that then the parte and porcion of
 110. them deceassinge or deceased shalbe equally paied
 111. amongst her children so deceased and the decease of
 112. [] to the other of the said Sisters then
 113. Survi[v]inge parte and parte [a]like **And I further**
 114. **give and bequeathe** unto the saied **Thomaz[y]n**

115. **my wyfe** all and all maner my household stuffe and
 116. my [] and leasees and all other my goodes cattlall []
 117. debtes and credibtes whatsoever of and toward
 118. the performance of this my last will and testament
 119 And I ordayne and make her my saied my
 120. saied wyfe my sole and only executrix of
 121. this my last will and testament and I
 122. ordaine **my [] Frennd Will[ia]m Atwood gent**
 123. to be my S[] of this my last will and
 124. Testament to whome I give for his payment
 125. forty shillings Item I give to **my Servant**
 126. **Marye** tenne shillings Item to **Rose my servant**
 127. xi shillings xiiij pence Item I give to **Anne my servant**
 128. iij shillings iiij pence Item to **Elizabeth Truker my**
 129. **servant** iij shillings iiij pence Item I give to **Charles**
 130. **my servant** a fleck ball¹ and a bolster in
 131. Witness whereof I the said **Thomas Bobbet**
 132. have set my hand and Seale unto this my
 133 in these five shetes of payper The daye and yeare
 134. first above writton **Thomas Bobbet** In the
 135. presence of us **Will[ia]m Atwood Charles**
 136. **Lopse and Thomas Stosser**

137. **Probatum** fuit honor Testamentum apud
 138. C[] corris Mag[is]tro Rob[er]to
 139. Norton [] theologie p[]ssore coubrena in []
 140. p[] et [] [] [] per[] domina []
 141. [] infra William et de[] Exporori Commissario en
 142. Mill[i]simo quingentesimo sextuagesimo sexto [] comissa
 143. fuit administracio bonorum [] Executori in []
 144. testa[men]to no[m]i[n]ate et in debita [] forma Jurato.

Will probated 14 October 1576.

¹Fleckball. It is actually a fleckbed - a mattress filled with wool refuse.