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**Will of Thomas Jermyn 1590** (NRO)

## Summary

Testator: Thomas Jermyn of Great Plumstead, Norfolk, Husbandman  
Executors: son Raphe and wife Agnes  
Date: 23 February 1585  
Will: 

- about 10 acres in Hempnall and Tasburgh to son Raphe
- £10 to daughter Mary
- 10 acres in Hempnall to son Richard
- £10 to daughters Margery & Elizabeth
- all property in Saxlingham & Shotesham during her widowhood to wife Agnes
- one tenement and land after mothers' widowhood to son Edmonde
- one tenement and land after mothers' widowhood to son Barnard
- various farm animals to each son (Richard, Raphe, Edmond & Barnard) and daughters (Margaret, Margerye, Elizabeth & Marie)
- rest to wife Agnes

## Text

In the name of God Amen

1. the three and twenty day of February in the year of our lord God 1585 and in the 28th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith I Thomas Germyn of Great Plumstead in the county of Norfolk husbandman being sick in body but of sound and perfect remembrance (praised be God) do make constitute and ordain this my Testament and last Will in manner and form following viz
2. First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God with full assurance to be saved by the merits death and passion of Christ Jesus and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in the churchyard of that parish where so ever it shall please God to call me
3. Item I give to the repair of the church of Great Plumstead 12d
4. Item I give to the repair of the church of Hempnall 12d
5. Item I give to the repair of Saxlingham Nethergate 12d
6. Item I give to the poor of every of the said parishes 2d
7. Item I give and bequeath to Raphe my son my enclosure lying by Picmore Way held by copy of court roll of the manor of Hempnall being parcel of Paynes freth and three acres within the same close held by copy of court roll of the manor of Tasburgh and two acres of land lying at the south end of the said close held by copy of court roll of the manor of Hempnall To have and to hold the land pastures & feedings before rehearsed with the appurtenances to the said Raphe his heirs and assigns for ever
8. Item I give to the said Raphe my son five acres of land lying in Westfield held by copy of court roll of the manor of Hempnall To have and to hold the said five acres of land with the appurtenances to the said Raphe his heirs and assigns for ever under this condition viz that he the said Raphe his heirs executors or assigns do pay or cause to be paid to Marie my daughter the sum of ten pounds of good and lawful money of England at the age of 21

years or at the day of her marriage which of them shall first happen, and if it shall chance the said Raphe my son his heirs executors or assigns or any of them shall refuse or not pay the foresaid sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England in manner and form before rehearsed then I will that Marye my daughter shall enter and dispossess the said Raphe his heirs executors and assigns and every of them of the said five acres of land last bequeathed To have and to hold the said five acres of land with the appurtenances to the said Marye her heirs executors and assigns forever

9. Item I give unto Richard my son ten acres of free land lying in diverse pieces in the towne and field of Hempnall be it more or less as it lies together with one meadow lying at the west end of three acres which three acres is part of the said ten acres To have and to hold the said ten acres and meadow with the appurtenances to the said Richard his heirs and assigns for ever under this condition viz that he the said Richard my son his heirs executors or assigns or any of them do pay or cause to be paid to Margerye my daughter the some of ten pounds of good and lawful money of England within the space of one whole next after my decease and to Elizabeth my daughter the some of ten pounds of like lawful money of England within two years next after my decease
10. and if it shall chance that any of my said daughters viz Marye Margerie and Elizabeth do depart this life before the days and times of payment of their several portions my will and meaning is that the portions of either of them so deceased shall be equally divided among so many of daughters as shall be then living and if it shall chance the said Richard my son his heirs executors or Assigns or any of them shall refuse or not pay the foresaid sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England before in manner and form before rehearsed then I will that my two daughters Margerye & Elizabeth shall enter and dispossess the said Richard his heirs executors and assigns and every of them of all the lands pastures meadows and feedings to him and them before bequeathed and them to sell and the money thereof coming to be to the performance of this my will
11. Item I give unto Agnes my wife all my houses lands and tenements meadows pastures and feedings both bound and free set lying and being in the town and fields of Saxlingham and Shottisham during the time of her widowhood under this condition that neither she the said Agnes nor her assigns shall not challenge any third in the lands of the said Richard before bequeathed and if it shall chance that the said Agnes or any of her assigns shall challenge any thirds in any of the said lands to the said Richard before bequeathed then my will and meaning is that Richard my son his heirs executors and assigns shall enter and dispossess the said Agnes and her assigns of all the lands and tenements meadows pastures and feedings to her the said Agnes before bequeathed To have and to hold the said lands and tenements meadows pastures and feedings to the said Richard my son his heirs and assigns forever
12. Item I will the said Agnes my wife shall keep the tenement and houses in good & sufficient repair during the said term of her widowhood
13. Item I give and bequeath unto Edmonde my son after the time of the widowhood of the said Agnes one tenement wherein John Yonge now dwells with the land meadows pastures and feedings to the same belonging which the said John Yonge has now in occupation To have and to hold the said tenement with the lands meadows pastures & feedings last rehearsed to the said Edmonde my son his heirs and assigns forever

14. Item I give unto Barnard my son after the widowhood of the said Agnes my other tenement wherein John Stephenson now dwells with a yard adjoining to the said tenement and one half acre of land free lying in the field of Shottisham or Saxlingham together with five acres and an half of meadow enclosed of the with said five acres and a half four acres bought free of Sir William Pallet one acre of bound land held by copy of court roll of the manor of Saxlingham Netherhall and one half acre of bound land held by copy of court roll of the manor of Mulberton To have and to hold the said tenement with the lands and meadows last rehearsed to the said Barnard my son his heirs and assigns forever
15. Item I give to every one of my daughters cow viz to Margaret Margerye Elizabeth & Marie
16. Item I give to every of my said daughters two ewes and two lambs
17. Item I give to Richard my son my sorrel cole two ewes and two lambs
18. Item I give to Raphe my son two ewes two lambs and two wethers
19. Item I give to Edmonde my son two ewes & two lambs
20. Item I give to Barnard my son two ewes and two lambs and one of my colts which the said Barnard will choose except the sorrel colt before bequeathed
21. Item I give to Edmonde and Barnard two steers to either of them one which steers I will shall be pastured in my pasture at Hempnall till they be fat and then delivered to the said Edmonde and Barnard
22. Item I make constitute and ordain Raphe my son and Agnes my wife executors of this my Testament and last Will and in consideration thereof I give to the said Raphe my best -- gelding
23. The rest of all my goods and chattels corn bedding household stuff implements of household whatsoever un-bequeathed I give to Agnes my wife and she to take my debts and pay my debts
24. Also I make my son Richard supervisor of this my Testament and last Will and for his pains I give him four wethers
25. In witness whereof to this my Testament and last Will I have set my seal and mark these being witnesses John Markan the elder John Bazely and John Cooke the younger

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