
Will of Edmund Jermyn 1625 (NRO)

Summary

Testator: Edmund Jermyn, Saxlingham, Norfolk, Yeoman
Executors: wife Prudence
Date: 7 August 1624
Witnesses: George Burton, Robert Beckett & Nicholas Gooch
Will:
- House called 'Backhouse' and three acres to son Thomas, when 24 (1638)
- Rest of property in Saxlingham Nethergate & Thorpe to wife Prudence until son Edmund 22 (1632)
- Prudence to retain use of part of house (parlour) and receive £4 per year from Edmund
- £10 to daughters Temperance (wife of Thomas Beckett), Maria, Elizabeth and Anne from Edmund after 10, 11, 12 and 13 years respectively (1635-8)
- animals to Edmund and daughters
- 6s 8d to grandchild Robert Beckett
- rest of possessions to wife Prudence

Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord God 1624 in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England France & Ireland King Defender of the faith the 22nd and of his highnesses reign of Scotland the eight & fiftieth
2. I Edmund Jerman of Saxlingham Nethergate in the County of Norfolk yeoman being in good & perfect remembrance knowing that death to all men is certainly appointed and decreed by almighty God but that day and time thereof uncertain & unrevealed and being willing to divide & dispose of such lands & goods as God hath committed unto me in this life I do ordain devise & declare this my last Will & Testament in writing in name & form following
3. First of all I do most willingly and faithfully commend my soul unto the most safe protection of almighty God trusting & verily believing that I shall be saved & made to partake of the eternal & blessed joys prepared by God in the kingdom of heaven together with the rest of God's dear children saints & servants by & through the merit of the death and passion of my lord and only saviour Jesus Christ and my body I will shall be buried in decent & Christian-like manner in the churchyard of Saxlingham Nethergate aforesaid according to the discretion of the executrix of this my last will
4. Also I bequeath unto the poor of the said parish three shillings four pence of lawful English money to be paid & divided amongst them by my executrix within one month next after my decease
5. Also I do give & bequeath unto Prudence my loving wife all my tenement in Saxlingham aforesaid wherein I do now dwell with all my houses lands meadows pastures feedings & hereditaments with their & every of their appurtenances situate lying & being in Saxlingham Nethergate aforesaid or Saxlingham Thorpe or in any other town or towns adjoining To have & to hold the said tenement houses lands meadows pastures and hereditaments whatsoever to her the said Prudence my wife until that Edmund Jermyn my son shall attain & come to the age of two & twenty years or should have attained to the

same if he had so long lived and she the said Prudence my wife to keep all my said houses in good repair during all the said time & make no estrippment or waste upon the same nor upon any premises and after such time as he the said Edmund my son shall attain to his said age of two and twenty years if he shall so lone live or should have attained to the said age if he had so long lived, Then I will & my mind is that the said Prudence my wife shall have the free and only use of my parlour & the parlour chamber over it and next the wans? roof Chamber right over the said parlor Chamber the joint use of the yards and rooms sufficient in any part of the yards to lay her firing or to stack it there And also free liberty to bake in the backhouse with free liberty of ingress egress & regress passage & access at all times for the said Prudence my wife her servants guests or assigns into out of and from the same parlor chambers garden yard or yards backhouse at all times during the widowhood of the said Prudence my wife and no longer

6. And also my will and mind is that the said Prudence my wife shall have free liberty to wash her linen in the said yards and to hang the same upon any the bushes during her natural life so as she do not marry again but continue a widow as aforesaid
7. Also my will and mind is that the said Prudence my wife shall have the sowing of half a bushel of hempseed where usually I prefer to sow my hemp during her natural life so as she the said Prudence doe remain a widow
8. And also my will is that my said son Edmund shall orderly plough and sow the same for her yearly as he doth his own
9. Also my will & mind is that the said Edmund my son shall after such time as he shall attain to his age of two and twenty years his heirs or assigns shall well & truly pay in or at the parlour aforesaid unto the said Prudence my wife yearly and every year during the natural life of her the said Prudence four pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her quarterly by even and equal portions in every year as aforesaid during her life
10. Also my said son Edmund his heirs or assigns shall provide bring home & deliver unto my said wife in my said yards yearly during her natural life after such time as the said Edmund my son shall attain to his said age of two and twenty years half a hundred of good sale-wood otherwise so called two bond-wood for and towards her fuel or firing yearly
11. Also I do give and bequeath unto Thomas Jermay my youngest son my house called the backhouse with free ingress and egress in and out by the gate at the west end of the said backhouse into the said house and from the same And also so much liberty of freedom spare of pardon some as shall be needful on the south side and west end thereof to repair the said house and to set ladders unto the same and also so much yard room at the other end thereof as in breadth doth answer and agree with the breadth of the said Backhouse & in length doth extend from the said Backhouse end unto the hedge that devides my said yards and the meadow eastward
12. Also I do give & bequeath unto the said Thomas my son three acres of land & pasture ground lying in divers pieces in Saxlingham aforesaid which I do hold of the manor of Mulberton by copy of Court roll To have hold enter use occupy possess & enjoy the said Backhouse with ingress egress passage & access into out of and from the same as aforesaid with so much yard-room & privilege there as is bequeathed aforesaid and to have & to hold the said three acres of land and pasture ground with all & singular their

appurtenances unto the said Thomas Jermay my son and his heirs for ever next and immediately after that he the said Thomas my son shall attain & accomplish his full age of four & twenty years

13. Also I do give & bequeath unto Edmund Jermay my eldest son and to his heirs for ever all that my tenement and their houses wherein I do now dwell the water house stall barn yards together with all my houses edifices orchard garden lands meadows pastures feedings & hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their appurtenances & except the Backhouse and some yard room and three acres of land & pasture ground before in this my last will and testament given unto my younger son Thomas Germey at his age of four and twenty years
14. And also except my wife her dwelling in my parlour the parlour chamber wanse? roof over that joint use of the yard and other freedoms & privileges in the yards before in this my last will given unto my said wife for term of her natural life so as she keep her self a widow & no longer nor otherwise To have and to hold all my said tenement houses edifices yards orchards gardens lands meadows pastures feeding & hereditaments whatsoever with their & every of their appurtenances situate lying & being in Saxlingham aforesaid or in any other town or towns adjoining (except before excepted) unto the said Edmund my son next & immediately after that he the said Edmund my son shall attain to & accomplish his said age of two & twenty years conditionally notwithstanding that he shall pay such legacies as before in this my last will I have given unto my said wife or hereafter I shall give & bequeath unto my daughters in this my last will & testament
15. Also I give & bequeath unto Temperance my daughter the wife of Robert Beckett the some of ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her the said Temperance within ten years next after my decease out of the profit of my houses & lands before in my last will given & bequeathed unto Edmund my son and to be paid unto her the said Temperance as aforesaid in the porch of the parish church of Saxlingham Nethergate by the said Edmund my son his heirs or assigns
16. Also I give & bequeath unto Maria Jermyn my daughter ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her the said Maria within eleven years next after my decease out of the profit of my lands at the place aforesaid by the said Edmund Jermyn my son his heirs or assigns
17. Also I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Jermyn my daughter ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her the said Elizabeth within twelve years next after my decease out of the profit of my lands at the place aforesaid by the said Edmund Jermyn my son his heirs or assigns
18. Also I give & bequeath unto Anne Jermyn my youngest daughter ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her the said Anna within thirteen years next after my decease out of the profit of my lands at the place aforesaid by the said Edmund Jermyn my son his heirs or assigns
19. And further my will & mind is that if default of payment of all or any the said legacies by me given & bequeathed as above said unto my said four daughters in manner & form as aforesaid shall be made by the said Edmund Jermyn my son his heirs & assigns That then it shall & may be lawful for any of my said daughters unto whom such default of payment shall be made as aforesaid to enter into all my said tenements houses lands meadows

pastures grounds and hereditaments whatsoever before in this my last will and testament given and bequeathed unto the said Edmund my son as aforesaid and the said Edmund Jermyn my son his heirs & assigns and whomsoever shall then be occupiers of my said tenements houses lands meadows pastures grounds and hereditaments whatsoever utterly from the same & every parte thereof to expel remove ejecte and quite put out

20. And the whole profit thereof to take and enjoy until that she my said daughter unto whom default of the true payment of her said legacy of ten pounds shall be made as aforesaid be lawfully paid and satisfied together with all her charges and arrearages if any shall happen to be and no longer nor otherwise
21. Also my will and mind is that if any of my said daughters shall depart this life before she shall receive their portion & legacy and before such time as it shall be due unto them having then no issue living of their body or bodies lawfully begotten then I will their or her portion and legacy shall be equally divided and paid unto and amongst the rest of my said daughters then surviving but if they every of them shall depart this life before their every of their legacies be due and payable then I will that their of her child or children shall have the same if any child or children lawfully begotten they shall leave behind them and her then living
22. Also my will & mind is that if my son Edmund his heirs & assigns shall refuse neglect or defer to pay the said some of four pounds of lawful English money quarterly unto the said Prudence my wife at such time & times & in such manner and form during her natural life as before in this my last will & testament I have willed and bequeathed the same unto her That then and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Prudence my wife and her assigns to enter into all my tenement houses lands meadows pastures grounds and hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their appurtenances before in this my last will given & bequeathed unto the said Edmund Jermyn my son as aforesaid and the said Edmund Jermyn my son his heirs & assigns and whomsoever shall then be occupiers of the same utterly from the same & every part thereof to expel remove evict & quite put out And the said Prudence my wife then to take reap & enjoy the whole profit thereof until that she the said Prudence my wife shall be well & truly satisfied and paid her said legacy and years portion of four pounds of lawful English money together with all costs expenses & arrearages if any shall happen to be & now longer nor otherwise
23. Item I give & bequeath unto the said Edmund my son to be delivered unto him by the said Prudence my wife at his age of two and twenty years my cart horse & harness my plough & trays
24. Item I give unto him the said Edmund my mare colt to be delivered unto him within one year after my decease
25. Item I give unto every one of my four daughters one ewe a piece to be delivered unto them immediately after my decease
26. Item I give unto Robert Beckett my grandchild 6s 8d to be employed for his use and profit by my wife until he come to the age of 14 years
27. Also I give and bequeath all my household stuff unto the said Prudence my wife for term of her natural life and after her decease I will the same shall be equally divided amongst my Children then living

28. All the rest of my goods cattle chattels utensils of household corn & moveable goods whatsoever before in this my last will not given & bequeathed I give them & every of them to the said Prudence my wife
29. and I do ordain & make her the said Prudence my wife sole executrix of this my last will & testament written in one sheet and this half sheet of paper my hand & seal being fixed to either of them
30. the said Prudence my wife to take my debts & pay my debts & to see my body decently buried
31. given declared & published the day & year first above written

The mark of Edmund Jermyn

these being witnesses George Burton Robert Beckett Nicholas Gooch