

Will of William Newce 1611 (TNA, PROB 11/117/223)

Summary

Testator: William Newce, Much Hadham, Herts, esquire
Executor: son Thomas Newce
Overseers: sons-in-law Jasper Garnett & John Hyde
Date: 14 July 1608, proved 9 March 1611
Witnesses: Jasper Garnett, Allen Howe, Thomas Crompton
Will:
- monument with brasses & 4 arms: Newce, mother's, Billingsley and Cuttes
- £150 per year, her things & use of houses & goods in Much Hadham and London to beloved wife Bridget for life
- goods to son Thomas
- manors in Much Hadham, Little Hadham, Stondon, Thorley, and Sabridgeworth in Herts to son Thomas
- manor in Clifton, Gloucs to son William after 2 years, in meantime £20 per year, food and lodging
- £333 to daughter Johane Newce after marriage, her brother Thomas and brother-in-law Jasper Garnett to approve
- £20 to poor of Much Hadham
- 1 yard of black cloth for a coat to all servants
- black cloth for a gown to all maidservants

Text

In the name of God Amen

1. The fourteenth day of July one thousand six hundred and eight I William Newce of Much Hadham within the county of Hertford esquire being of whole mind and in perfect remembrance for which I give God thanks do declare make and ordain this my present Testament and last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say
2. First and principally I do commend my soul unto almighty God my maker and to our lord Jesus Christ my redeemer in whom and by the merits of whose blessed death and passion is all my whole trust to have clean remission and forgiveness of all my sins
3. and my body to be buried in such place in the parish church of Much Hadham in the county of Hertford as it shall please almighty God to provide and ordain by the discretion of my executor And I will that a convenient stone be laid upon my grave and that there be fixed plates with the pictures of myself and my wives and all my children and at the four corners for each of them an arms at the first corner my own arms at the second corner my mother's arms at the third corner the Billingsley's arms and at the fourth corner the Cuttes' arms
4. Item I will that my body shall be buried in the parish church of Much Hadham before said in the forenoon as high unto my father as conveniently it may be shortly after my decease without any manner of pomp or pride by the discretion of my executor at which time I will that some godly learned man in divinity do preach a sermon unto the land and praise of almighty God for the setting of his most high and blessed words and to the declaration of my faith and testimony in the same And I give unto the preacher for his pains twenty shillings
5. Item I will have no mourners but only my wife and children so many of them as it shall please God to be at my burial at the discretion of my executor

6. First and foremost I do give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Bridget Newce one hundred and fifty pounds a year to be paid her out of my manor of Berwick and out of my farms of Bygging wherein Bretton now dwells and out of my farm of – wherein Skynkell now dwells or so much clear rent as I do now receive for the said farms (she paying the copy rent and lease rent of Skinkell's farm) for the true performance whereof I am bound unto Clement Kelke and Henry Beecher
7. Item I give unto her her chains her bracelets and all her jewels and all things that does appertain unto her own wearing
8. I will that she shall dwell and remain in my houses in Much Hadham and London and have the use of the goods in the said houses during her life (if she keep herself sole and unmarried) and agreeing with my son Thomas Newce for her own diet and such as she shall have with her in reasonable sort
9. Also I will that all such debts and duties which I owe of right and conscience to any person or persons be well and truly paid by my executor hereafter named and after my debts paid my funeral expenses and legacies being discharged and performed I give all the rest of my movable goods chattels plate ready money debts horse implements and stuff of the household and all other my goods as well real as personal whatsoever unto my son Thomas Newce for the better payment of my debts funerals and legacies whom I do constitute and ordain my only and sole executor for the true and faithful performance of this my last Will and Testament
10. Item I will and bequeath unto my said son Thomas Newce all and singular my manors lands and tenements hereditaments and leases within Much Hadham Little Hadham Stondon Thorley and Sabridgeworth within the county of Hertford
11. And also whereas I do hold the lease of the manor of Clifton in the county of Gloucester from the right honourable Sir Ralph Sadler knight for diverse years yet to come if that my son Thomas and my son William shall so long live the which lease my mind and meaning is that my said son William Newce shall have and enjoy to commence from two years next ensuing after our Lady next and in the meantime that my executor shall pay unto him until the said two years shall be expired twenty pounds a year towards his maintenance and he to have his chamber and meat and drinks during his natural life with my son Thomas Newce so as he keep himself sole and unmarried if the said Thomas shall so long live
12. Also I give unto my daughter Johane Newce three hundred thirty three pounds six shillings eight pence to be paid unto her within one year after her marriage so as she shall marry with the consent and liking of my son Thomas and my son Garnet until which time my son Thomas Newce shall give unto her lodging meat drink and convenient maintenance
13. Item I give unto the poor people of Much Hadham ten pounds in money to be paid to them within one year next after my decease and to be distributed at the discretion of my executor
14. Item I do give unto every one of my servants one yard of black cloth for a coat
15. Item I do give unto my maidservants to each of them so much black cloth as will make them a gown

16. And of this my present Testament and last Will I make and ordain my foresaid son Thomas Newce my only executor
17. and of the execution of the same I make and ordain my loving sons-in-law Jasper Garnett and John Hyde my overseers
18. In Witness whereof to this my present Testament and last Will have set my hand the day and year above written

Willm Newce

Memorandum that whatsoever is interlined in this will was done with the full consent of the testator before then sealing and delivery thereof viz the one and twentieth day of February one thousand six hundred and ten

Allen Howe

Thomas Cropley

Sealed and delivered as his last Will and Testament the one and twentieth day of February one thousand six hundred and ten in the presence of Jasper Garnett, Allen Howe, Thomas Cropley

Probate 9 March 1610 Thomas Newce son executor