

*A Transcription of the Will and Inventory of*

Edward Davies alias Deeley

*Dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 1630*

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society  
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(Translated into modern spelling, and keeping the spelling of names consistent, not always the case in the original)

THE WILL OF EDWARD DAVIES ALIAS DEELEY OF DEDDINGTON, MERCER

Fifteenth of August 1623

In the name of God Amen. The fifteenth day of August Anno Domine one thousand, six hundred twenty and three. I Edward Davies alias Deeley of Deddington in the County of Oxon mercer being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer, hoping assuredly by and through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Lord and only saviour, my soul shall rest in Heaven amongst the company of the blessed Angels and Saints there and I commit my body to the earth from whence it came. As for and concerning my worldly goods which it hath pleased God of his mercy to give and bestow upon me I give and dispose of them as followeth.

Item I give to Margaret Davies alias Deeley my wife all that messuage and tenement with appurtenances wherein I now dwell in Deddington aforesaid and also all that messuage and tenement with appurtenances wherein one William Braggins now inhabiteth and dwelleth and two acres of arable land being freehold the one whereas lyeth in a certain place in the fields of Deddington aforesaid and the other lying in the fields of Hempton in the said county of Oxon to have and to hold, the said two messuages and tenements and two acres of free land with the appurtenances unto the said Margaret my wife until Henry Davies alias Deeley my son shall accomplish and be of full age of one and twenty years and after the said Henry shall accomplish and be of full age of one and twenty years then my will and meaning is and I give and bequeath the aforesaid two messuages and tenements and two acres of free land with their appurtenances to the said Henry Davies alias Deeley my son and the heirs of his

body lawfully begotten and to be begotten and for default of this I give to Edward Aris, Nicholas Aris, John Aris, William Aris, Annis Aris, Katherine Aris and Rebecca Aris, sons and daughters of Maximillian Aris of Deddington aforesaid my son in law and to his heirs for ever.

Item I will and give and bequeath unto Margaret my well beloved wife during her natural life all that messuage and tenement with appurtenances which I bought and purchased to me and my heirs of and from John London and after her decease I will and give and bequeath the said messuage and tenement with the appurtenances to the said Henry my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten and for default of such issue to the foresaid Edward Aris, Nicholas Aris, John Aris, William Aris, Annis Aris, Katherine Aris and Rebecca Aris and to their heirs for ever.

Item my will and meaning is and I desire that my said son Henry as he expecteth and looketh for any blessing from God that he be dutiful and obedient unto the said Margaret his mother and that he be ordered ruled and directed by her as well in ordering and bestowing himself in marriage as other wise and to that end and for that cause I do give and bequeath unto him the said Henry my cupboard in the hall with the locks and keys to the same and the penn (?) table and frame two benches and weinscott chair in the hall the joined bedstead table and frame in the parlour two blankets two pairs of sheets one of flax and another of hemp the best coverlet one Christening sheet of holland two brass pots the bigger and the lesser longer feet. The great brewing kettle two of the best brass candlesticks two platters two porringers two saucers one skimmer one chafing dish one basin of brass one table cloth two towels six napkins one spit and two of the best pitchforks to be delivered unto him at his being of one and twenty years and in the mean time my will is that my said wife shall have the use and custody of them.

Item I give and bequeath to the said Maximillian Aris my son in law the sum of five pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him within one year next coming after my decease. Also I give and bequeath to the said Maximillian Aris all that acree of arable land lying in long furlong within the fields of Deddington aforesaid which I hold by lease for the term of years to come there.

Item I give and bequeath to the foresaid Edward Aris the sum of five pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him when he shall accomplish and be of full age of one and twenty years.

Item I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel to the said Edward, Nicholas, John, William, Annis, Katherine and Rebecca Aris the said sons and daughters of the said Maximillian Aris equally to be divided amongst them by my executors hereafter named.

Item I give toward the reparation of the Church of Deddington aforesaid four pence.

Item I give every one of my God children four pence apiece

Item I give to the aforesaid Rebecca Aris three pounds of lawful English money to be paid to her upon she shall accomplish and be of the full age of one and twenty years.

Item I give to the said Ane (Annis?) Aris the sum of three pounds of lawful English money and the Christening sheet that was her mothers which is wrought with red silk and the pillowebeare belonging to it and one candlestick of brass to be paid and delivered to her at the age of one and twenty years.

Item I give to the said Katherine Aris the sum of three pounds of lawful English money and one pewter platter to be paid and delivered to her at the age of one and twenty years.

Item I give to the said Nicholas Aris the sum of three pounds of lawful English money and one pewter platter to be paid and delivered to him at the age of one and twenty

years.

Item I give to the said Rebecca Aris one chest and pair of stools one blanket one platter one saucer and one porringer one brass pot and one brass candlestick.

Item I give to the said John Aris and William Aris both of them the sum of three pounds of lawful English money to be paid and delivered to both of them severally as they shall be of age of one and twenty years.

Item My will and meaning is that if any of the children of the said Maximillian Aris shall fortune to die before they shall accomplish the years of one and twenty that then the legacy and portion by me given as aforesaid to him her or them for dying shall remain and come to the other of them surviving.

Item I give to the poor of Deddington aforesaid twenty shillings in money to be paid and distributed amongst them in manner as my over seers shall see fit.

All the rest of my goods and chattels herein not given or bequeathed of what sort worth or kind so ever or any of them be and whatsoever within the realm of England my debts being paid (word under blots) and (word under tear) expenses discharged I give and bequeath to the said Margaret my wife whom I do make and do appoint to be executors to this my last will and testament.

And I do request and appoint<sup>t</sup> to be my overseers of this my last will and testament and to see that the legacies by me given to be paid and performed accordingly and I do give each of them for their pains.....

INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF EDWARD DAVIES ALIAS  
DEELEY OF DEDDINGTON MERCER 1630

The first day of November in the years of the reigning of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, year the sixth Anno Domini 1630. An inventory taken and made the date and year above written by those parties whose names are hereunder written of the foods and chattles of Edward Davies alias Deeley of Deddington in the County of Oxon, mercer deceased and praised in manner and form following.

Imprimis	His wearing apparel and in ready money	£2 – 13s – 2 ½ d
Item	Mercery wares	£1 – 8s
Item	A joined bedstead a feather bed with all bedding to the same in the chamber over the hall	£3 – 10s
Item	Another bed there with bedding	£0 – 16s
Item	Pillows and other bedding there	£0 – 13s – 4d
Item	A press there	£0 – 10s
Item	Coffers and other lumber there	£0 – 10s
Item	Barrels and other implements in the chamber over the entry	£0 – 11s
Item	Apples and lumber in the apple chamber	£1 – 0s
Item	All the linen	£4 – 5s

Item	A joined bedstead 2 feather beds and bedding in the parlour	£3 – 10s
Item	A table frame stools benches a chair a coffer and other things there	£1 – 0s
Item	A cupboard dish bench a table and frame stools benches and chairs in the hall	£1 – 10s
Item	Brass and pewter	£6 – 16s
Item	A Bible other books and implements in the hall	£0 – 12s
Item	Wares in the shop and other implements there	£0 – 12s
Item	Corn in the barn and in the other house with hay	£7 – 10s
Item	Things in the Dairy house	£0 – 5s
Item	A vessel of lead	£0 - 5s
Item	A malt mill	£0 – 13s – 4d
Item	A heifer and a yearling calf	£2 – 6s – 8d
Item	A hog	£0 – 13s – 4d
Item	Boards and wood	£2 – 10s
Item	Brass and lead weights	£0 – 4s – 8d
Item	Spits and old iron	£0 – 6s – 8d
Item	A chest in Coles? House 5s a ladder 20s a yewting vat (for brewing) 10s peas in the barn 40s and other things there 3s	£3 – 8s
Item	A lease of land	£14 – 0s
Item	A land of winter corn sowed	£1 – 0s

Item	Debts owing	£10 - 10s
Item	6 sheep	£1 - 0s
Item	Pullen ( pullets?)	£0 - 3s
Item	Peas thrashed	£0 - 10s
Item	More in debts owing	£2 - 3s
	Sum Total is:	£78 - 18s - 2 ½ d

Probate Clause Proved at Oxford 6<sup>th</sup> day November 1630