

A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of

James Appletree

Dated 5th September 1618

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society
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THE WILL OF JAMES APPLETREE OF DEDDINGTON

In the name of God Amen. The Fifth day of September, Anno Domini 1618. I James Appletree of Dadington in the county of Oxford gentleman being sick in body, but of good and perfect memory thanks be to god, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to the (hand) of the blessed trinity trusting to be saved by the only death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and my body to be buried in the church or chancel of Dadington aforesaid. My worldly goods I distribute and dispose in manner following. Item I give to the mother church in Oxford four pounds. Item I give to Thomas Appletree my son five pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him within one year next coming after my decease. Item I give to Robert Appletree my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and so begotten for ever all that tenement with the appurtenances where in one Richard Nickson now dwelleth in Dadington aforesaid, together with the close adjoining to the same and all other profits and commodities thereunto belonging. And if it shall fortune the said Robert to die without issue of his body lawfully begotten, Item I give and bequeath the said tenement and croft with appurtenances unto Ralph my son and to his heirs and assignees for ever. Item I give to Mary Appletree my daughter the sum of twenty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her yearly immediately after my decease by twenty nobles a year. Item I give unto James, my daughter Mary's son three pounds to be paid unto him when he shall accomplish the age of fifteen years. Item I give unto Mary, my daughter Mary's daughter forty shillings to be paid unto her when she shall accomplish the age of sixteen years. Item I give to Justinian Appletree my son the sum of twenty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him when he shall be five and twenty years old. Item I give to Justinian my son five sheep of which two shall be ewes and the other three lambs to be kept upon my farm winter and summer two years. Item I give to the said Justinian the joined bedstead which standeth in my new house, the table there, one coverlet, one blanket, one pair of sheets, one woolbed, one pillow, one bolster. Item I give to the said Justinian my new house and one yard land which I bought of the king with all appurtenances manor, profits and commodities whatsoever thereunto belonging, to him and to his heirs lawfully begotten or to (sic) begotten for ever immediately after the decease of my wife Anne, and if my said son do die without issue lawfully begotten, then my will is that my son Anthony Appletree and his heirs lawfully begotten shall enjoy the same, and for want of such

issue I give the said house and yard land to Ralph Appletree and to his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Manning the sum of ten shillings lawful English money to be paid to her within one year after my decease. Item I give to James Manning my daughter Elizabeth's son twenty shillings to be paid unto him when he shall be one and twenty years old. Item I give unto the said Robert Appletree my son the sum of twenty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him at the age of five and twenty years. Item I give unto Anthony Appletree my son the sum of three score pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him at the age of five and twenty years old. And if it shall fortune the said Justinian and Robert or any of them to die before he or they have received or their legagatee or legatees having no wife, child, nor children living at the time of his or their death or deaths. Then my will is that the legacy of him or them so deceasing shall remain and come unto the other of them surviving equally to be divided amongst them. Item I give unto the said Justinian Appletree all my wearing apparel. Item I give unto Sara the daughter of my son John Appletree deceased the sum of twenty pounds to be paid unto her when (she) shall accomplish the age of eighteen years and if it shall fortune the said Sara shall die before she be eighteen years old then my will is that Susan Appletree my son John's wife shall have the one half of it and the other to be divided amongst the rest of my children then living. Item I give unto Anne my wife the manor house which I built and all things thereunto belonging and one yard land which I bought of the king with all the profits and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging during her natural life excepting the timber trees. Also I give to Anne my wife the joined bedstead and the parlour, with the feather bed, curtains, valens, bolsters, pillows, coverlet, blankets and all other furniture thereunto belonging or used, the table in the parlour, one chair, a new truckle bed in the upper chamber, two trunks, two coffers, two stools of the best, two of my best kine to take her choice amongst the rest of my kine, ten child (sic) sheep hoggs, two stores, all my spinning wheels, half my silver spoons, my gilt salt, and gilt beaker wholly to her self, half my brass and pewter. Item my will is that whosoever doth get and enjoy the farmhouse and land I do now dwell in and occupy shall plough, sow, till and harvest, that one yard land and the crop of corn and hay thereupon coming and arising during her widowhood for the said Anne my wife freely, she finding all such seed as shall be sowed on the same such place or places in Dadington aforesaid as the said Anne or her assignees shall appoint. Item my will is that whosoever doth hold and enjoy the said farm I now dwell in shall at his or their own costs and charges yearly fetch and deliver to

the said Anne my wife at Dadington aforesaid during her widowhood, one load of sea coal, provided always and my will is that if she or they shall refuse to plough, sow, till and carry the aforesaid yard land and crop of corn and hay or to fetch the aforesaid load of coals in such manner as afore is mentioned according to the true meaning of this my will, then my will is that the said Anne my wife after any such refusal shall in lieu thereof hold, possess and enjoy during her widowhood, my croft in Clifton, called Gegges Close, and take the issue and profit thereof to her own use during her widowhood, provided always that the said Anne my wife pay for the coals at the pit. Item I give unto the said Anne my wife six pounds of lawful English money, my still in the little chamber, half the sheets in my house, half of all other linen about my house, fifteen pounds of wool, and that hemp that is in the house, one Arras coverlet, two close upright barrels and a cowl, which said five pounds I will to be paid quarterly after my decease for and toward the better education of my youngest son Anthony Appletree. Item my will is that my said wife and Anthony my youngest son shall have their table with mine executor til she take profit of the foresaid yard land. Item I will that my said wife during her widowhood shall have the parlour and two chambers over the same belonging unto my farmhouse with free ingress and egress and regress for her self and friends. Item my will is that my said wife have a third part of the fruit in the orchard and that she have one of the gardens.

In the name of God Amen. The ffift daie of September, An^o Dⁿⁱ 1618. I James Appletre of Dadington in
the countie of Oxon gent^l being first in bedie, but of god a most famous thank be given to god, doe make and ordaine this my last
will & testament in manner and forme following. First I give and bequeath my soule to the hands of the blessed trinitie trusting to be
saved by the only death & passion of my Lord and saviour Jesus christ, and my bodie to be buried in the church or churchyard of Da-
dington aforesaid. My worldly goods I distribute & dispose in manner following. First I give to the mother church in Oxon four
pound. It I give to Thomas Appletre my some five pound of lawfull English money to be paid unto him w^{ch} in our next meeting
after my decease. It I give to Robert Appletre my some and to the friends of his bodie lawfully begotten and to be gotten for and his that
shall not be appoynted w^{ch} in our next meeting in Dadington aforesaid together wth the best advoycinge to the same
& all their gifts and commodities heretofore belonginge. And if it shall fortune to the said Robert to dye wthout issue of his bodie lawfully
begotten, then I give and bequeath the said content and the best w^{ch} appoynted unto Ralph Appletre my some and to his friends &
assignes for ever. It I give to Mary Appletre my daughter the summe of twenty pounde of lawfull English money to be paid unto
her w^{ch} immediately after my decease by twenty shillings a year. It I give unto James my daughter Marryes some five pounde
to be paid unto him w^{ch} at the full age of sixteen years. It I give unto Mary, my daughter Marryes daughter some
fillings to be paid unto her w^{ch} at the full age of sixteen years. It I give to Justiman Appletre my some the summe
of twenty pounde of lawfull English money to be paid unto him w^{ch} he shall five and twenty years old. It I give to Justiman
my some five shillings of my two shillings and the other three shillings to be kept upon my farme winter and summer two years. It I give
to the said Justiman the ironed bedstead w^{ch} standeth in my new house the table w^{ch} one round, one blanket, one paire of sheets, one new
bed out pillowe, one bolster. It I give to the said Justiman my new house and one hand w^{ch} I bought of the King w^{ch} all things
wanted, gifts and commodities heretofore belonginge to him and to his friends lawfully begotten or to be gotten for and immediately
after the decease of my wife Anne, and if my said some do die wthout issue lawfully begotten, then my will is that my some Anne
Appletre & his friends lawfully begotten shall enjoy the same, and for want of such issue I give the said house and hand w^{ch}
to Ralph Appletre & to his friends and assignes for ever. It I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Marryes the summe of some fillings
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some twenty fillings to be paid unto him w^{ch} he shall one & twenty years old. It I give unto the said Robert Appletre
my some ^{my} twenty pounde of lawfull English money to be paid unto him at the age of five and twenty years. Item I give unto
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twenty years old. And if it shall fortune to the said Justiman and Robert or any of them to dye before he or they have received
his or their legarie or legaries having no wife, child nor children living at the time of his or their death or deaths, then my will
is that the legarie of him or her so deceasinge shall receive and have unto the officer of the same part thereof equally to be divided
amongst them. Item I give unto the said Justiman Appletre my some all my wearinge apparell. It I give unto Sara
the daughter of my some John Appletre deceased twenty pounde to be paid unto her w^{ch} she shall five and twenty years old.

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twenty years. And if it shall fortune by the said Justinian and Robert or any of them to die before he or they have received
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and Robert or any of them, his, her, or their heirs, assigns, and assigns, the said five hundred pounds of Lancashire English money to be paid
unto the said Justinian Apperent or some of his or their heirs, assigns, and assigns, at the age of five and twenty years.

Inventory to the Will of James Appletree died 21st December 1619

In the Hall

2 square tables with the frames and 2 forms and 2 stools 2 chairs and 2 stools with the bench and the wainscot and ----- with other implements one grate for the fire and pothangers? 1 pair bellows one pair andirons 1 fire shovel and 1 pair of bellows 1 pair of tongs	42/4
1 fowling piece	20/-
1 musket	20/-

In the Parlour

1 table and frame and 1 form and 1 bench 1 cupboard 1 p----- 1 chest and 1 parcel? of wainscot	32/4
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In the Chamber over the parlour

1 standing bed 1 ----- other bed 1 flock bed and 3 blankets 1 ----- coverlet 2 bolsters? 2 pillows 1 square table 2 stools	4/-
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In the Chamber over the Hall

1 table 1 chair? 3 trunks? and 3 chests?	20/-
1----- bed one feather? Bed and all hangings? belonging	?
1 truckle bed	4/-
11 pairs of sheets	?
2 doz napkins with other linen	£3—10s

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 in the County of Devon you shal find
 the year of our Lord 1536
 John Worsleyman by his wife
 Thomas Appleton

In the Hall

ij square tables with the frames and ij forms and
 ij stools ij chaises and ij stools with the benches and
 the wainscots and panels and other ornaments
 i pairs of chandlers i pair of horns and i pair of
 i fowling coats
 i my stool

In the Parlor

i table and frame and i form and i bench and
 i chubbard i portole i eggcase i wainscot of wainscot

In the Chamber over the Parlor

i standing bed i fether bed i staks bed and
 blankets i novize i cushioned ij hofers
 ij willowes
 ij square table ij stools

In the Chamber over the Hall

i table i chaise ij trunks and ij chaises
 i fether bed i fether bed and all
 i trunk bed

ij pairs of sheets with take sheets ij doys
 of ataxine with other linen

i siluer board and i siluer fall w siluer spoons
 ij silke cushions

In the Chamber over the little Chamber

i proffe i trunk bed i chaise with other lumbard
 i bed furnished with other of ornaments
 w wools and other ornaments
 in chamber and house

In the little Chamber

i bedstead i staks bed and furniture i coffee and i still
 and other ornaments

i chaise boards i chaise wainscot ij chandlers w panels
 of fether with other of ornaments

In the butery

i safe w bolles wj dumble barrels with
 ij dripping pans
 ij spoons i brandy i wine i
 ij brass wails ij bolles ij brass pans
 i brewing lead
 i moffet i culing fat i malt milles with other lumbard
 i roling stons

In the Far house

ij powdering tubs and i chaise proffe with siluer
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In the stable

wj horse and ij wails with harness
 i chaise wails w i staks and bar
 wj horse and i staks and bar

In the barn

wj quarters of beards
 i staks of molins and barley
 i wine wainers
 i wine and other lumbard

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