

A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of

Henry Brome of Clifton

Dated 21st August 1661

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society
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Will of Henry Brome of Clifton

In the name of God Amen I Henry Brome of Clifton in the parish of Dedington in the county of Oxon gent being of perfect memory (blessed be God) and considering the frailty of mans life do on the one and fourteenth day of August Anno Domine 1661 and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the second over England and I make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following revoking and hereby annulling all and every other will by me at any time heretofore made First I bequeath my soul in to the hands of God my creator having and confidently believing to be saved by the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ my Lord and I will my body to be decently buried in the Cloisters of New College in Oxon And I will that the sum of thirty pounds be expended for of my funeral And for such temporal estate God hath blessed me with I give and dispose of the same as followeth Item I give to my son Nevill Brome my lease and lands at Clifton aforesaid which I hold of St Mary Magdalen college in Oxon Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Brome my lease and lands in Cassington in the said county which I hold of Exeter college in Oxon Item I give more to my said daughter Mary one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England which I have already delivered to herself or some friends for her use Item I further give and

bequeath unto my said daughter Mary these goods following viz my down
bed and bolster and a bedstead standing in my little parlour three down
pillows the best flock bed four pairs of sheets with one of.....flaxen the
second best arras covereda diaper a damask sheet for childbed three
blankets three dozen of flaxen napkins and one dozen of hempen napkins
three towels half a dozen of diaper or damask napkins twenty pounds
weight of pewter at the least viz of dishes and the stewpan the lesser trunk
trunk marked EB withal things that shall be with at my decease which trunk
I have betruſted with a friend already to her use one diamond ring having
seven diamonds which was my dear wifes as also my said dear wifes
childbed linen and apparel with one riding furniture for a woman and my
Cypress chest and ſtone mortar with the peſtle and it is my expreſs will and
direction that my ſon Nevill ſhall at his charge find and provide or my ſaid
daughter at my houſe at Clifton aforeſaid anddiet lodging and
waſhing for the ſpace of ſix months next after my deceaſe if ſhe ſhall be ſo
long unmarried or elſe ſhall pay unto her the ſum of ten pounds in lieu
thereof and I ſolemnly enjoyn my ſaid ſon to deliver all the goods before
bequeathed to my daughter which ſhall be in his cuſtody within ſix weeks
after my deceaſe without ſtrife or contention as he ſhall answer it at the
dreadful day of our Lord Item I give unto my loving friend Mr Robert

Wherweed? Forty shillings All the rest of my estate real and personal
(my debts legacies and funeral expenses first discharged) I give to my son
Nevill Brome and for the same as also for the legacy before bequeathed him
I make him my executor but of all bequeathed unto my said daughter I make
her my executrix exhorting and straightly charging them to live in peace and
amity one with the other and in testimony thereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and year above written Henry Brome signed sealed
published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named
Henry Brome in the presence of

..... Houghton

Ralph Whitfold

John Bell

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I Henry Brome within named being of sound and perfect memory do define
that what is undoubtedly added on the of this my last will and
testament may be taken as.....of my last will and testament and as if it had
been included in the body of my will within written and therefore make and
ordain it so and make and express my will as followeth that is to say
I give unto my daughter Mary Brome a ring of twenty shillings

In the name of God Amen I Henry...
of Orlston in the parish of Dodington in the county
of Oxon gent being of perfect memory (thanks be
to God) and considering the frailty of human life
on the one and inevitable day of August Anno Domini
1667 and in the thirtieth year of the reign of our
sovereign Lord Charles the first in England
made and ordaind this my last Will and testament in
manner and forme following. I do bequeath hereby
leaving all & every other Will or Wills by me at any time
heretofore made first I bequeath my soul into the
hands of God my exalted heavenly and merciful Father
to be saved by the merits and intercession of Jesus
Christ my Lord and my body to be decently buried
in the church of New College in Oxon And I Will that
the sum of thirty pounds be payd for of my friends
And for such temporal estate as God hath blessed me with
I give and dispose of this sum as followeth I give
to my son Abigail Broms my lease and lands at
Orlston aforesaid with the hold of St Mary Magdalene
College in Oxon I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Mary Broms my lease and lands in
the said County with the hold of Exton College in Oxon
Item I give moneys to my said daughter Mary and her heirs
and fifty pounds of lawful money of England &c. I
have already delivered to herself or some friends for her
use I further give and bequeath unto my said
daughter Mary the goods following vizt my down bed
and bolster and a bedstead standing in my little parlour
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of red & white flaxen the second best curras covered
drapen a damask shodie for this bed three pair of
three dozen of flaxen Napkins and one dozen of
napkins three towels halfe a dozen of diapers or damask
waichs twenty pound weight of rowlin at the least
vizt of dykes and the stone pan the lyeon can & more
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I have entrusted with a friend already to

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her self and diamonds ring having for her diamonds it was
 my deare wife as also my said deare wife's child had liued
 and married with one widow's sunnith for a woman and
 my daughter's eldest and stone's nextor with the pastor and
 it is my daughter's will and direction that my son shall have
 at his charge find and provide for my said daughter at my
 house at Dighton aforesaid fitting and convenient dyet
 lodgings and washing for the space of six monethes
 next after my decease if she shall be so long unmarried
 or else shall pay unto her the summe of twenty pounds
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 to deliver all the goods befores bequeathid to my
 daughter which shall be in his custody with in six weekes
 after my decease without strife or contention as hee
 shall answer it at his dearefull day of our Lord
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 my debts legacies and funerall expenses first discharged
 I give to my son & heire Brome and for his share as also
 for the legacy befores bequeathid him I make him my
 executor but of all bequeathid unto my said daughter
 I make her my executor. Wherbyng & straightly charging
 them to live in peace & amity and with the other and in
 Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale
 the day and yeare first above written Henry Brome
 Signed sealed published and declared to be the last
 will & Testament of the above named Henry Brome in
 the presence of
 Tho: Houghton Ralph Whitford
 John Bell

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Henry Brome's will in named being of sound and
 right memory doth desire that what is indorsed & added on
 the back side of this my last will & Testament may be taken as
 a part thereof of my last will & Testament and as if it had bin
 included in the body of my will written and thereto for
 the honor make & declared it so and doth further provide
 & conclude made and execute my will as followeth that is
 to say I give unto my daughter Maria Brome a ring of
 twelve shillings & the said what is written & indorsed bequeathid
 unto her. Item I give unto my daughter John Lead & cohe
 and her heirs & theirs a ring of twenty shillings
 a new. Item I give & bequeath unto my deare loving
 friends Daniel Worke John Smith & Maria his wife