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Will of John Shirley, Yeoman, of Sarsden, 1714

In the name of God Amen this fifteenth day of October in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred ninty & eight I

John Shirly of Sarsden in the County of Oxon yeoman being in health of body & of p[er]fect memory praised be god for t[he] same

doe make & ordain this my last will & Testam[e]nt in manner following first I com[m]end my soul to god my Creator hoping to bee

saved through the mediation & merits of Jesus Christ & my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried by my

Exec[utor]s hereafter named And as for my worldly estate I dispose thereof as followeth Impri[mi]s I give devise & bequeath

unto my wife Sarah ^{Shirly} One third part in three parts to be devided of All that my Halfe Yard land w[hi]ch was formerly in the

poss[ess]ion of Elizabeth Hall widow de[cea]sed & now in the poss[ess]ion of me the said John Shirly And alsoe one third part in three

parts to be devided of All that one quarter of a yard land late in t[he] poss[ess]ion of Elizabeth Box widow de[cea]sed & now alsoe in

the poss[ess]ion of me the said John Shirly both w[hi]ch said one halfe yard land & one quarter of a yard land are lying & being in

Sarsden afore[sai]d and w[hi]ch were by severall Indentures of Lease, devised & granted unto me by S[ir] William Walter Barr[one]t

de[cea]sed for th[e] severall terms of fourscore & nineteene yeares (if the said Sarah my wife & John Darby & Richard Darby or

either or any of them should soe long live) To have & to hold th[e] said one third part of the s[ai]d half yarde land & the said

third part of the said one quarter of a yard land unto my said wife from & after my decease for & during soe many yeares

of t[he] said severall terms in the said severall Indentures men[t]ioned as my said wife shall happen to live Item I give & bequeath unto my Sister Anne Shirly the[e]lder of Sarsden afores[ai]d spinster All that one halfe yard land lying & being in

Sarsden afor[sai]d now in the poss[es]ion of Joane Bourton widow w[hi]ch was devised to me by S[ir] John Walter Barr[one]t for fourscore & nineteene yeares to com[m]ence after the death of the said Joane Bourton & from the me next ensuring & fully to bee compleat & ended (if John Shirly the younger & Anne Shirly the younger Son & daughter of me the said John Shirly the elder or either of them shall soe long live) To have & to hold the said halfe yard land unto ^{my} said sister Anne Shirly from & after my decease for & during soe many yeares of the said terme in the said Indenture of Lease mencioned as my said sister Anne Shirly shall live Item I give devise & bequeath unto my said Son John Shirly All & Singularly said lands and p[re]misses by the said three severall Indentures of Lease granted & all such terms estates & numbers of yeares w[h]ich I have in the said premisses or any part thereof by vertue of the said severall Indentures of Lease or any of them (except Such part thereof & for such part of t[he] said severall terms of yeares as and before given to my said wife & my said sister as aforesaid) To hold unto my said son John Shirly his Exec[utor] Admin[s] & Assignes from & after my decease for & during all t[he] rest residue & remainder of t[he] said severall terms of yeares in t[he] said severall ~~aaa~~ Indentures of Lease mencoined w[hich] shall bee then to come & unexpired provided nevertheles & my will is that my said son John Shirly shall satisfy & pay unto my said daughter Anne Shirly the younger out ~~the~~ of the said lands & p[re]misses before given to him as aforesaid, the sum of Forty pounds of lawfull money of England for the porciⁱon of the said Anne w[ith]in one month next after my said daughter shall attain unto the age of twenty & one yeares And shall alsoe provide find & allow unto & for my said daughter Anne sufficient maintenance & educacoin ~~until she shall~~ from & after my decease untill she shall attaine unto the said age

of twenty & one yeares Item my will is that my said wife shall have t[he] use of all my household goods from & after

my decease for & during her naturall life she not imbezilling, or impairing the said goods otherwise than by ordinary using

the same Item I give devise & bequeath unto my said Son John Shirly the younger as well my said household

goods (from & after t[he] decease of my said wife) As alsoe all the rest of my goods Chattells & reall & p[er]sonall Estate

w[hat]soever not herein before given & bequeathed my debts being paid & funerall expences discharged And I doe

make & apoint my said sister Anne Shirly & Giles Medcroft of Sarsden afors[ai]d yeoman & John Medcroft & George

Medcroft sons of t[he] said Giles Medcroft Executors of this my last will & testament In trust for my said son

desiring them to see this my will pe[r]formed according to the true content & meaning thereof In Witness whereof I have

hereunto set my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written.

Signed sealed & published by the abovenamed John Shirly the

Testator for & as his last will & testam[en]t in the p[re]sence of us who subscribed our names in the p[re]sence of the Testator

John Shirly (wax seal)

Thomas Diston

John Darby

John Eaton

*Probate 24 September 1714 Thomas Stafford John Medcroft Executor
George Cooper registrar*

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