

The last will and testament of Margaret Hanscombe Prob 11/372 1680

In the Name of God Amen I Margaret Hanscombe of Pirton Grange in the Co0unty of Hertford widow being ill of body but of perfect memory blessed bee God doe make and this my last will and testament in manner and forme following

First I commend my soule unto the hands of almighty God my maker trusting and assuredly believing by the Sole Merritts of Jesus Christ my saviour to have all my sinnes remitted and to be made partaker of eternal life and for my body I commit to the earth whereof it was made to be buried in such seemly sort as my Executors hereafter named shall think fitt And for that worldly estate which God hath blessed mee withal I dispose thereof as followeth

Imprimis I give and devise all and every my lands tenements and heriditments with the appurtenances in Pirton aforesaid by cobby of Court Roll unto John Hanscombe my sonne and to the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue I give and devise the same lands tenements unto my two daughters Sarah and Margarett and to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotton equally to be divided betwixt them and for want of such issue I give and devise the same lands and tenements to James Hanscombe my sonne and to the heires of his body lawfully to bee begotton and for default of such issue I give and devise the said lands and tenements to my loving uncles John Rumboll and Henry Rumboll and their heires and assignes forever equally to bee divided betwixt them of which premisses I have made a surrender thereof to the use of my will.

Item I give and devise all and every my cottages lands tenements and heriditments with the appurtenances in Shitlington in the county of Beds holden of the Mannor of Shitlington in the county of Bedford aforesaid said by cobby of Court Roll unto the said John Hanscombe my sonne and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten and for want of such issue I give and devise the same lands tenements unto my two daughters Sarah and Margarett and to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotton equally to be divided betwixt them and for want of such issue I give and devise the same cottages lands and tenements to James Hanscombe my sonne and to the heires of his body lawfully to be begotton and for default of such issue I give and devise the said cottages lands and tenements to my said two loveing uncles John Rumboll and Henry Rumboll and their heires and assignes forever equally to bee divided betwixt of which premisses I have likewise made a surrender thereof to the use of my will.

Item I give and devise unto my said foure children James John Sarah and Margarett all and every my brasse pewter linen and household stufte whatsoever remaining in and about the house wherein I now dwell equally to be divided betwixt them at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named

Item I give to my executors hereafter named forty shillings a peece to buy each of them a ring

Item I give to Francis Sharpe my servant forty shillings

Item I give to the maid servant who shall happen to live with me at the time of my decease twenty shillings

Item I give to the poore people of Pirton aforesaid two pounds and tenne shillings

Item I give to the poore people of Shitlington aforesaid tenne shillings

Item All the rest of my money goods and chattels before by this my will not bequeathed I give and devise to my said three children John Sarah and Margaret Hanscombe equally to be divided betwixt them at their severall and respective ages of one and twenty yeares or daies of their severall and respective marriages which that is first to happen

Item My will and meaning is that in case my said three children John Sarah Margaret and James Hanscombe my sonne shall all happen to ye before their severall and respective ages of one and twenty yeares or dayes of their severall and respective marriages then I give and devise all my money goods and chattels hereby to them devised unto my two loving uncles John Rumbell and Henry Rumbell and to my dear mother Joan Field and to my couzen John Hammond equally to be divided betwixt them and I doe make and appoint them the said John Rumbell Henry Rumbell Joan Field John Hammond executors of this my last and testament revoking all former wills whatsoever in witness whereof of the said Margaret Hanscombe the testator have hereunto sett my hand and seale this first day of September Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and eighty and is the two and thirtieth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith Margaret Hanscombe signed sealed published and delivered as the last will and testament of the said Margaret Hanscombe the testator the presence of William Hanscombe Margaret Rumbell Anne Laurence

Probate 5th February 1682 at London