

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/147/200.

Abstract of the Will of Thomas Botheby The Elder, Citizen and Merchant Tailor of London, written 31 Aug 1623, proved 28 Oct 1625.

Desires to be buried in the parish church of St. Antholin's, London (where he now dwells), near the graves of his two wives, Elizabeth and Ann.

One half of his goods he gives to **his children William, Richard, Walter, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha**, to be equally divided between them.

Bequeaths to the poor children of Christ's Hospital, London £13 6s. 8d.; to St. Bartholomew's Hospital £6 13s. 4d.; and to other poor in London.

To the poor of Chingford, £5 4s. a year to be paid out of the tenement bought of Mr. Richard Butterfield, where Anthony Perren dwelt and where James Tholland now dwells.

His nephew Thomas Botheby of Marchington owes him a great deal of money, which he doubts his being able to pay, forgiving £100 of it. To **his three brothers, Robert, William and Walter**, £10 each. Whereas their father, **his brother, Richard Botheby** owed him a great deal of money and which his sons, being executors, should have paid but did not, which he took unkindly, he now lets them off the same.

To **his daughter Ellen**, whose husband's name he knows not, £6 13s. 4d.

To **Richard Botheby, son of his late brother Robert**, £20.

To **his three sisters, Joyce Dade, Elizabeth Weatherall and Margery Mors**, £5 each.

To **Thomas Gilbert, son of his sister**, £10.

To **his four sisters, Anne Cocke, Dorothy Holmes, Margaret Byrd and Sara Parkins**, £6 13s. 4d. each.

To the children of his **late sister Porter**, £6 13s. 4d. each.

To the children of **his sister Boulton**, £6 13s. 4d. each.

To **his nephew Botheby Hurt**, £50.

To **Thomas, Henry, Richard and Robert, and Elizabeth, Lady Corbett, children of his late brother William**, £50 each.

To **his son-in-law Thomas Grafton** £100, and whereas he stands bound for **his son-in-law Mr. Richard Grafton**, to Lady Pell in the place of her former husband Mr. Alderman Ratherann, £100 less the sum he owes her.

To **his daughter-in-law Margaret Livesay** £200 toward her marriage.

To her daughter Ann Livesay £50 at her age of 21.

To the four children of **his late daughter Ann Bedell** £300 at their ages of 21.

To the six children of **his daughter Elizabeth Stiles** £50 each at their ages of 21.

To the five children of **his daughter Mary Edmons** £50 each at their ages of 21.

To the three children of **his daughter Martha Flyer** £50 each at their ages of 21.

To the child of **Mary, wife of his son Robert Botheby**, £100 at the age of 21.

To **his cousins John Dade, Thomas Wetherall, Thomas Mors, and Roger Grimes**, a ring each.

To **his cousin Martin Botheby** £5 for a piece of plate with his arms thereon.

To the Merchant Tailors' Company a cup with his arms.

To Martin Billingsley £5.

Small money legacies to Roger Jackson, John Spiller, Ephraim Thorne, servants Anne Smith and Mirable Latham, Kath. Berry; servants Wm. Barrett, Wm. Noone, John Lake, and John Blisdall; Mr. Marlinge, preacher of Chinkeford, Dr. Whitinge; his sister Wilson and Mary Morgan; Lawrence Wood of Chinkford; **his sister Lady Judith Corbet**; friend of Mr. Alderman Pyott's wife; sister of Mr. Alderman Stiles wife; friend of Mr. Thomas Johnson, merchant tailor.

To **his son Robert Botheby** £100 and all wainscoting in all the rooms of his house called Friday Hill house.

To **his son Walter** the furniture in his London house.

To **his son Thomas** £100 (merchant in Spain).

To **his son William** £500 out of his adventure into Spain, and a further £300.

To the making of a causeway from Chinkford Hatch to Woodford, and in the needful places from Woodford to Epping, and a causeway from Woodford Ch. to Leyton Causeway £100.

He has already conveyed all his lands to his four sons, Robert, William, Richard and Walter.

Overseers, son Robert and **sons-in-law Humphrey Stiles, Symon Edmons and Francis Flyer**.

Signed.

Witnesses: Geo. Nodes, John Noades, Richard Cooper, Robt. Higinson.

Further bequests to friends in a codicil dated 23 Dec 1623.