

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/25/221.

*Abstract of the Will of William Billing [of the Parish of Deddington in the County of Oxfordshire], proved 10 Oct 1534.*

Wills that his body be buried in the church of Deddington in the Trinity Guild beside his wife Elizabeth.

Makes his executors his wife Tybalde and his son John.

Bequeaths to his wife Tybalde £15 for her jointure according to indenture. He also bequeaths to her during her widowhood his house in Deddington where he currently lives. After her decease he gives his house to his son John.

Item. He bequeaths his lands to his son John Byllynge, said lands to be put into the hands of feoffees to his advantage. He makes his feoffees Doctor London, William Gouston, George Owen and Raufe London, to each of whom he gives 4 marks for their labours.

Item. He gives to Rafe London and his wife Mary, William's daughter, £40 and a goblet with a cover having his father's mark.

Item. He bequeaths to Anthony Skynner and his wife £20 and a 'mawdlyn boxe' gilt with a cover.

Item. All the rest of his goods and chattels he gives to his wife Tybalde, on condition she delivers to his son John the sum of £400 when he reaches the age of 24 years.

Item. Wills that if his wife Tybalde remarry before his son John turns 24 then she is to deliver the said £400 to the new college in Oxford for the behoof of his said son.

Item. Bequeaths to Sir Lambert 9 marks to sing for his soul for a year, beginning at Michaelmas next.

Item. Gives 3 shillings 4 pence to the church of Lincell?

Item. Wills that £5 be distributed at his burial for his soul etc...

And out of the rest of his lands he tithes £10 yearly to his daughters Mary and Jane, and to each of his wife's daughters Margaret, Elinor and Anne, he gives 20 shillings yearly, and to Robert Skynner he gives 33 shillings 4 pence yearly.

Item. Gives half his plate to his son John and the other half to his wife. If his son John dies before turning 24 then the said £400 is to go to his wife and to his son John's wife Elinor.

Makes as overseers of his will Doctor London and his brother Guston, paying to each of them £3 6s. 8d. for their pains.

Witnesses: George Owen, D. Thurston.....