

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/72/90.

Abstract of the Will of Thomas Cosham of the Parish of Heathfield in the County of Sussex, written 23 Sep 1587, proved 30 Jan 1587/8.

Gives 20 shillings to the poor people of the parish of Heathfield.

Gives 20 shillings to **his wife Joane**, his best flock bed, a feather bolster, the best coverlet, a pair of blankets, eight pairs of sheets, and a bedstead. Also gives his wife a brass pot, the best dishes, two saucers, two salts and other items, along with a quarter of wheat, a quarter of oaten malt, half the butter and cheese, and the hens.

Gives £40 to **his daughter Joane Cosham**, to be paid to her when she turns twenty-one. Also bequeaths her four pairs of sheets, the best chest and ten ewes.

Gives 20 shillings to **his sister Christian Water**.

Gives 20 shillings to **his brother Gregory Cosham**.

Gives 20 shillings to his servant John Pankherst.

All the rest of his goods &c. he gives to **his son Adam Cosham**, whom he appoints sole executor of his last will and testament. Because his son Adam is under age, the testator makes **his brother John Cosham** trustee of his will, giving him 40 shillings for his efforts.

Names as overseers of his will his friends Thomas Goddall and John Miles, ministers, paying them for their pains 40 shillings and 20 shillings respectively.

Witnesses: Thomas Sheppard, Josias Davye, William Raynsford, Humfrye Sommer