

Will made by Richard Wright 1653; beneficiaries 7 sisters  
Proved 1654; Mary Wright surviving executrix

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Richard Wright,  
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In the name of God Amen, This  
 Twentieth daie of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, six  
 hundred fiftie and three; I Richard Wright of Deynham, in the County of  
 Northampton, doe ordyne and make this my last will and testament, in  
 manner and forme following: First I bequeath my Soule into the hands  
 of Almighty God my bless'd Father; And my body I comitt to the earth to  
 be buried in Christian buriall; Item I will and desire that my portion of  
 arable land being freehold, and rentincings by estimation five acres lying  
 in the open fields of Deynham aforesaid, shalbe sold by the Executors of  
 this my last will and Testament hereafter named, or by one of them, so soon  
 as with contentment it may be after my decease, for so much money as wilbe  
 given for the same, and the money arising of the said thing, I will shalbe for  
 to pay my debts by me owing, And the sume which arise thereof more then the  
 paying of my said debts, I will shalbe divided amongst all my seven sisters  
 equally; Item all the residue of my Messuages, lands, tenements, messuages,  
 pastures, foldings, and hereditaments whatsoever, in myne owne occupation in  
 Deynham aforesaid, and in norly and Northwood next adjoining, I give and  
 devise unto all my seven sisters equally to be divided as copartners at the  
 Lawe, or as Tenants in Common to them, and their heires and assignes for  
 ever, in satisfaction and discharge of all and every such legacy and  
 bequest or gift whatsoever made given to them, or any of them by my  
 Fathers will and Testament; And so as if any of my said sisters shall at any  
 time hereafter bring any action against, or trouble my Executors hereafter  
 named, or either of them for any legacy given by my Fathers said will and  
 Testament, or shall not release such legacy upon demand by my said  
 Executors or either of them, that then the party so bringing action, or  
 refusing to release shall forfeit her and their part in all the said  
 legacies, until such release be made, and in due forme of Lawe devised to  
 my said Executors, or to one of them; Item I give and devise my reversion, when it shall  
 happen, after the decease of Agnes Wright of Morly aforesaid widow, of and in  
 all those messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, situate lying, and  
 being in the said town of Morly, and more late of Richard Wright my  
 brother deceased, unto all my seven sisters likewise to be divided as  
 copartners at the Lawe, or as Tenants in Common to them, and their  
 heires and assignes for ever; Item I give to John Smith of Deynham  
 aforesaid twenty five pound lawful English money, to be paid within  
 three months after my decease; And I give to the poore people of  
 Deynham twenty shillings; And all the residue of my goods and  
 chattels, and some on the ground whatsoever, I give unto five  
 of my said sisters being now single and unmarried, with the Barne at  
 my tenement to lay and through the said Barne until the five and  
 twentieth day of March next after my decease; Item I doe ordyne  
 Mary Wright, and Francis Wright two of my said sisters Executors  
 jointly and severally of this my last will and Testament. In  
 witness whereof I have sett to my hand and seal. Richard Wright. This  
 being witnessed, John Pyke, and Anne Smith his marks.

This will was proved at Westminster; Before the Judges for probats of  
 wills and granting Administration, the tenth daie of June, in the year of our  
 Lord God, one thousand, six hundred, fiftie and three; By the oath of  
 Mary Wright the surviving Executrix named in the said will; To whom  
 Administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of the said  
 deceased was committed: And she being first sworn by oath of a Commissioner to that  
 effect, well and truly to Administer the same.

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