

WILL OF WILLIAM PLANNER 1569

In the name of god amen the xvj daie of Julie in the yeare of o' lorde god a thousande fyve hundred threescore and nyne and in the xjth yeare of the raigne of o' Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of england, Franncce and Ireland quene defendor of the faithe of' I william Planner thelder of wockingham in the countie of wilts clothier beinge sike in bodie but whole and perfect of remembrannce thankes be gyvenn to almightie god consideringe nothing to be for certaine to mind as Death and nothings soe uncertaine as the tyme of Deathe/ doe ordaine & make this my testamente conteyninge my last will as well concerninge certaine of my landes and Tenementes which I am nowe seized of, As of all my goodes and cattelles bothe moveable and unmoveable in manno' and forme hereafter followinge / first I give and bequeathe my Soule to almightie god my creato' desiringe his mercyfull goodnes to forgive and remytt all my synnes, and to make me partaker of the heavenlie heritage thorowe the mearite of Jesus christe my readeamer whose precious death hath mearited for all, and savethe all that doe pute their whoale truste and confidence in god the father by Jesus christe, Item I give and bequeath my earthelie bodie to the earthe to be buried in the churche of alhallowes in wockingham aforesaide on the sowthe side where my anncesters doe lie, Item I give and bequeathe to the mother churche of Sar' iiijd, Item I give and bequeathe to the poore mens boxe of wokingeham aforesaide S / Item I give and bequeathe to Thomas Planner my sonne my Tenemente in the peachestreete in wokingeham aforesaide called fletchers wherein the same Thomas late dwelled / and one littell Tenemente theretoe adioyninge, sometyme one william Glovers, and my Tenemente in the Rowthe Streete called hatches wherein nowe dwellethe Richarde Gennene, And my closes of lands called Scanncheir lieng together. and sometyme percell of the chantrie lands, and one close of lande called the holteclose nowe in the teanure of Cleamente Danburie sometyme pertcell of the saide channturye lands, beinge nighe the highe waie leadinge from wokingham aforesaide towarde Readinge To have and to hold all the saide landes and Tenements with their appurtenances to the foresaide Thomas Planner and to theirs of his bodie lawfullie begottenn / To hold of the cheefe loade or lordes of the fee or fees by the rentes and services thereof dewe and of righte custome, And for lacke of yssue of his bodie lawfullie begottenn so revert and retorne to the righte heires of me the said william Planner forever / And alsoe I give and bequeathe to the saide Thomas Planner a standinge bedsteede, A fetherbedd / a bolster, a paire of canvas sheetes / a coverlett, A planck table with a paire of tresles, and Tenne poundes of lawfull monnye of england / Item I give and bequeathe to Richard Planner my sonne my Tenement with a gardeneor plott thereto adioyninge wherein nowe dwellethe william Sowthy scituate and beinge in wokingham aforesaide on the south este side of the foresaide streete called the peachestreete / And one close of land with a littell meadowe plott thereto adioyninge henge on the northe side of Patins Asshegrene, and nowe likewise in the teanure of the same william Sowthy / and one other close of lande nowe alsoe in the teanure of the same william Sowthy beinge beyonde the littelle oke besides the cawsie leadeinge froe wokingham aforesaide towards nomdeso' and my Tenemente called Tapeners with the close of lande thereto adioyninge w'ch I boughte of one Richarde Hone nowe in the teanure of John Hawtrells, and ij closes of lande lieinge over againste the same Tenemente which was sometyme percell of saide chantrie lands, and nowe likewise in the tenure of the saide John Hawtrells / and three Tenementes adioyninge in wokingham aforesaide in the foresaide peachestreete in thone nowe dwelleth John otwaie / in an other Betteris watson, and in the third margarete Pegatt To have and to houlde all the saide landes and Tenements w'th their appurtenances to the foresaide Richard Planner and to theirs of his bodie lawfullie begotten / To hold of the cheefe lorde or lordes of the fee or fees by the rentes and services thereof dewe and righte custome / And for lacke of yssue of his bodie lawfullie begottenn to revert and retorne to the righte heires of me the said william Planner forever / And also I give and bequeathe to the saide Richard Planner / A standinge bedsteede / a brass pott vj platters iiij or eare disshes, on kettell of iij gallons, and my buckecome

hangeinges inthe parlo' / Item I give and bequeath to william Planner my sonne all my howses, and all my landes lieinge and beinge in the p'ishe of bynfield nowe in the teanure of Edward Holton, and iij closes of lande now likewise in the teanure of the same Edward beinge in the parisshe of wokingeham aforesaide sometyme percell of the saide chantrie lande / and iij puddelles of lande being at Assheridge, and nowe in the teanure of Thomas Gorwaie / And halfe an acre of lande beinge in the parisshe of warefeelde nowe in the teanure of the foresaide Edward Holton To have and to houlde all the saide houses and landes w'th their appurtenances to the foresaide william Planner and to theirs of his bodie lawfullie begottenn / To holde of the cheefe lorde or lordes of the fee or fees by the rentes and services thereof dewe and of right custome / And for lack of yssue of his bodie lawfullie begottenn / to revert and retorne to the righte heires of me the said william Planner forever / And alsoe I give and bequeathe to the saide william Planner my sonne fouretie pounds of lawfull monnye of englande to be paide to the same william Planner at the daie of his mariage orelles at his full age of xxiiij yeares w'ch of them as shall happen to be firste / The w'ch fouretie poundes is in the handes of his m' John Gilborne as it appeareth in and by A recteinie obligacon' / And if it happenn the saide william Planner to die before he shalbe married orelles be of the saide full aige of xxiiij yeares then I will that my executors hereafter to be named shall receive of the saide John Gilborne the saide fouretie poundes w'thin one monneth nexte after the decease of the same will'm Planner / and paie it to all my children then overlyveinge the saide william equallie to be devidid amongst them / And further I give and bequeath of the saide william Planner my sonne my silvertt / my golde ring, a pewter basonn vj pewter platters foure eare dyshes and ... Item I give and bequeath to Cleamente planner my sonne my Tenemente standinge againste the markt place in [wokingham parysh?] aforesaide nowe in the teanure of Roberte myddleton, and one close of lande lieinge at keepe hache nowe also in the [teanure of?] the same Rob'te w'ch was sometyme percell of the saide channtreye lande / And one Tenement in the rowethe streete the.....henrie Hamstrell / And one Tenemente in the high streete wherein nowe dwellethe Ransfe Avis / And one pudle ...and iij closes of lande nowe alsoe in the teannure of the same Ransfe / And all my Tenemente at Mathend grene w'ch I late bought of one william Kirrann sometyme percell of Senys lande / and ij puddelles of lande nowe belonginge to the same Tenemente sometyme percell of the saide chantreye lande nowe in the teanure of the same John Blackman / And a certaine grounde called haysrf.... lirnge at barron hill likewise in the teanure of the same John Blackman / And a certaine grounee alsoe nowe in the teanure of the same John henge nighe the highwaie leadeinge froe wokingeham aforesaide towards barrom / and ij closes of lande called whites thone in the teanure of the saide John blackeman, and thoder in my owne teanure, and ij closes called gyes, and ij tenementes in the showte end in thone nowe dwelleth, Agnes nohoodd, and inthoder Willm Cook To have and to holde all the saide landes and Tenements with their appurtenances to the aforesaide Clemente Planner, and to theirs of his bodie lawfullie begottenn / To hold of the cheefe lorde or lordes of the fee or fees by the rentes and services thereof dewe, and to right custome / And for the lack of yssue of his bodie lawfullie begottenn to revert and retourne to the righte heires of me the saide william Planner forever / And alsoe I give and bequeathe to the saide Cleamente Planner fouretie pounds of lawfull monnye of england to be paide to the same Cleamente at the daie of his marriage orelles at his full age of xxiiij tie yeares w'ch of them as shall happenn to be first. And if it happenn the same cleamente to die before he shalbe married orelles be of the saide full aige of xxiiij yeares then I will that the saide fouretie poundes shalbe paide to all of my children then overlyveinge the same Cleamente equallie to be devidid amongst them And further I give and bequeathe to the saide Cleamente Planner my silver salte with the cover fyve silver spoonnes A standeinge bedsteede w' a fetherbedd and a fether bolster / A coverlet the thirde beste, my beste fouldinge table in the hall w'th the ioyndfom one thereto belonginge / my cobberde in the haulle w' the basonn and ewer w'ch standethe thereon , A cobbarde clothe twoe bell candelstickes, A greate candewens A brass pott of the myddell sorte, a chafinge disshe my beste water chaffer of brass, A coffer w'ch nowe standethe in the parlo' / A paire of the c.... sheetes ij ioyned stooles, and an Ironebeame with a paire of scalles / And halfe hundred weight of larde, A todde weight of ledd a vL a vjL a vijL, an viijL / all of led / Item I give and bequeathe to my

sonne in lawe John Whitlock / and to Agnes my daughter nowe the wife of the same John, a pidle of land lieing at beare lane nowe in the teanure of the same John sometyme percell of the saide channtreye lande / To have & to holde the saide pudle of lande with thappurtenannces to the saide John Whitlock and Agnes his wife, and to theires of their two bodies begottenn / To holde of the cheefe lorde of the fee by the rentes and services thereof dewe and of righte custome and for lacke of yssue of their ij bodies, begottenn to reverte and retourne to the righte heires of me the saide william Planner forever / Item I give and bequeathe to marthae Planner my daughter fouretie poundes of lawfull monnye of england to be paide to the same Marthae at the daie of her marriage orelles at her full aige of xx yeares w'ch of them as shall happen to be first / And if it happenn the same Marthae to die before she be married orelles be of the saide full aige of xx yeares / then I will that the saide xlb shalbe paide to all my children then overlyveinge the same marthae equallie to be devided amongeste them / And alsoe I give and bequeathe to the saide marthae a cove / a ioyned bedsteede standeinge in my owne chamber where I doe use to lodge w't the curteines of grene and redd saie no't my beste fetherbedd a feather boulder ij feather pillowes with ij of the beste beste pillowbearers / a flock bedd, a paire of blannettes, my beste coverlet, A paire of hollon sheetes, A xperinge sheete with A blacke seame / a draper table clothe, ij table napkins of hollon mybeste greate caudron my beste panne my beste chafinge disses my beste cammock table clothe vi table napkins Twoe of the beste candelstickes iij brasse pottes / A greater and a smaller my beste kettle viij platters iij pottingers ij saucers, a posuet, A longe blank ..dresser standeinge in my owne lodgeinge chamber / ij ale tubbes ij kevers, a warming panne vj silver spoannes a hangeinge chaffers a basen mortar w't the pestle, A charger, a stone mortar with the pestle my beste trivett a paire of pott hokes my rodden chaire w'ch standethe in my foresaide owne lodgeinge chamber / A quishoin of neadell worke and the side sadle / Item I give and bequeathe to bridget Planner my daughter fouretie poundes of lawfull monnye of england / To be paide to the same Bridgett at the daie of her marriage orelles at the full aige of xviiij yeares w'ch of them as shall happen to be first / And if it happenn the same bridget to die before she be married orelles be of the saide full aige of xviiij yeares then I will that the saide xll shalbe paide to all my children then overlyvinge the same bridget equallie to be devided amongeste them / And alsoe I give and bequeathe to the said bridget a maser with a bande of silver and guilte A standeinge bedsted w't featherbedd a flockebedd / A feather boulder a covered of red and blewe lyste a paire of hollon sheetes .. copfers vj bell candellsticks vj platters v potingers and ij saucers / Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Margarete Whitlock's fyve children evry one of them vjs viiid a pece / Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Agnes whitlock fyve children evry one of them vjs viiid a pece / Item I give and bequeathe to my daughter Joanne [heath?].evry one of them vjs viiid a pece / Item I give and bequeath to Alice Sergente of readeinge xs, Item I give and bequeathe to Agnes Parkins xs / Item I give and bequeath to my godsonne william planner the sonne of william Planner of Stevens....[Item I] give and bequeathe to Alice Planner one of the daughters of my brother Thomas Planner deceased vjs viiid Item [I give and bequeathe] to Anne Planner the daughter of Richarde Planner A cove / Item I give and bequeathe to Cleament Planner the sonne of the same Richarde vjs viiid Item I give and bequeathe to Dorothe Planner & frannces Planner and ... Planner the children alsoe of the same Richard evrye one of them iij viiid a pece Item I give and bequeath to Johane Pittle the wife of John Pittle the younger iij viiid Item I give and bequeathe to henrie Butler my servanntre a bedsteede / a flockebedd, A boulder and a coverlete the same which he liethe on, a littell kettell a candlestick and xxs of monye Item I give and bequeathe to william Gennene my godsonne, and sarvannte ij paire of fullers sheares my course of handles my Curlinge Irones and xs in monnye The residue of all my goodes and cattalles bothe moveable and unmoveable and not bequeathed I doe give them freelie and whoalie unto my eldest sonne John Planner whom I doe consitute ordaine and make to be my true and soale executo' of this my p'nte testamente and last will / and I doe ordaine and make my ij sonnes in lawe John Whitlock and Jerome Whitlock and the forenamed Richard Planner my cosynne, to be my supervisors of this my p'nte testamente and laste will desireinge // them to take the paines to see that it maye be truelie performed accordinge to my true intende & meaninge herein / and I give ...and evry one of them

inrecompence for their paines xxs a peece / In witnes that this is my verey true testamente and last will that all other willes and note of willes whatso ever heretofore by me made or caused to be made in what place or in whose handes forever they are shalbe utterlie frustrate void and of noe effect / I the saide william Planner have hereunto put my seale and alsoe subscribed my name w't my own hande the daie and yeare abovewritten in the p'nce of theies whose names are hereundereth subscribed w'ch are witnesses to the same that is to saie, by me william Planner, bartholomew bromley anratethert Edward by Thomas boxe and Allexander Steple boxes marke////

Probatum fuit testamentum supra scriptum coram magro walter haddon legum doctore ... prerogative canto comissario apud london terrio die Maij Anno domini Millimo quingentesimo Septuagesimo / Juramento Johannis Planner executor in testamento fuit administrato omni et singlor bonoAd sra dei Evang Jurate ///

The Will of William Planner 1569 is a perfect example of a document from a collateral family that reveals unknown information about the Whitlock family. William Planner was a Clothier from Wokingham in Wiltshire (now Berkshire). He made his Will July 16, 1569 and it was proven in May 1570.

This Will corrects a mistake in the WHITLOCK02H chart where John Whitlock's wife is shown as Agnes Planner the daughter of John Planner. This Will makes it clear William Planner was Agnes' father not John as was shown on Julian Wyatt's documents R0013. Even more interesting is that William Planner mentions his daughter Margaret Whitlock and her five children in his Will. Plus he makes his two Whitlock sons in law John Whitlock and Jerome Whitlock supervisors of his Will. This confirms Margaret was married to Jerome Whitlock. There was some indication that Jerome's wife was Rachel but his Will showed his wife as Margaret. We now know she was Margaret Planner. While the children are mentioned, we only know the names of two of Jerome's children, William and Rachel. We now know that in 1569 there were at least five children. The Will also tells us that in 1569 John Whitlock and his wife Agnes were living in Beare Street, in Wokingham as the lease of the property they lived on was left to them. The Will uses the expression "*To holde of the cheefe lorde of the fee by the rentes and services thereof dewe and of righte custome*" which would indicate the property was not freehold.

Jerome Whitlock is mentioned in several documents from the 1500's. Two of his children were named in the Will of his brother, Richard Whitlock (1533-1570), father of Sir James Whitlock (1570-1632). William and Rachel (Mychell) were Richard's godchildren. He left them £3 5s 8d each. When Thomas Godwin the Bishop of Bath and Wells died in 1590, he left Jerome Whitlock one of his great horses called Boulting. Jerome died in 1593 and his Will was proved by his wife Margaret and his son William.

Our thanks to John Cook for finding and donating a copy of this Will to our collection.

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