

PRC 17/51/360 **Will of John Kempe Esquire of "Wie" [Wye], dated 29th November 1599 (actually 1598) who died and was buried at Wye on 30th July 1599 and whose Will was proved 2nd August 1599**

All spelling is as in the original document.

In the name of God Amen the seaven and twentieth daie of November in the one and fortieth yeare of the Reigne of our Souraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of Englande ffrances and Scotland Queene Defender of the ffaith etc. Anno Dini. 1598

I **John Kempe** of Wie [Wye] in the countie of Kente Esquier being wholl of bodie and of perfecte remembrance praised bee god do make and ordeine this my last wil and testamente in manner and forme following

First I will and bequeathe my Soule to Allmightie god trusting assuredlie through the meritts and passion of Christ Jesus to be partaker of the glorie eternall my bodie I will to bee buried neere to the place where my wife was buried at the discrecon of my Executor

Item I will and bequeathe to the poore people of Wie aforesaid tenne pounds of currant Englishe monie to bee distributed within one monethe aftr my decease by the discredon of my executor

Item I give to Mr. Jackson Minister of Wie aforesaid the summe of tene pouends of currant Englishe monie to bee paid within a quarter of a yeare after my decease if he bee Curate of Wie at that time / and I geve to him more for his sermon at my Burriall twentie shillings to bee put out paid

Item I will and bequeathe to the reparacons of Wie church the summe of tenne pouends of Currant Englishe monie to bee paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I will and bequeather more to the poore people of the parish of Wie twentie pouends pf Currant Englishe monie to bee paid within one yeare after my decease unto suche sufficient men of the same parishe as my executors shall thinke well of That the proffitt by the same monie leured? raise recomende to a yearlie benefitt of the poore for ever

Item I will and bequeathe to my **Brother ffrancis Kempe** the some of one hundred pounds of lawfull Englishe monie to bee paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I will and bequeathe unto my **Nephew Thomas Kempe** of Olantigh Esquier all such arrerages as and shalbe due unto me uppon two several Annities the one of [¥] Twenty marks by the yeare and the other of ffortie marks by the yeare granted out of the Mannor of Boughton [Aluph?] by my **Brother Sir Thomas Kempe Knight** late of Olantigh deceased [*he was buried at Wye on 22nd March 1590*]

I give and bequeathe to my **Nephew Thomas Kempe** of Olantigh the furinture now in my parrlour that is to saie one Joyned Table with a fower drawers and an other spare table with a cupbord in it one ioyned Chaier of wallnutternee [*Walnut*] a paire of greate ketlen [*kettle?*] And alsoe a paire of virteges? a fier panne and a paire of tonges with brasse heads two little stooles and a lowe chuner? saved with suficient stuffe of blewe velvett a towel cupbord f wallnuttree with all the Wanstall and hangings as it nowe standeth furnished

Item I geve unto the same my nephew all the furniture in the chamber and the parler that is one Joined Bedsteedle with the bedd lieing thereon a paire of Spanishe blannketts and a fustian blannkett ij boulsters and ij pillowes five paires? of Canndell with a covering of Roriswith? making yellowe and greene a Covered Cupbord of wallnuttire with ij drawers a greene Chaire embrodered a love? chaire covered with blewe waswall? love stooles coverd with needle pointe ij curteins of greene one for the windowe the hangings of the chamber and a paier of Creerps?

Item I geve unto him in the hall a longe ioned table and ij formes a Courte cupborde of wallnuttire a paier of great iron Colancens? a lattern sponce hanginge there and ij simple sacketts Cinstend? I geve unto him allso in the chamber whych I lie all the hangginge of the chamber the great Cypers [*Cypress?*] Chest and in the Clossett my marchante Cupborde And I geveunto him in the parlar Seaven Joyned Stooles coverd with mackadoe and seaven Curteens three of vardnane? and fower of niddle [*needle!*] worke And I geve unto him in the larder a plate cupbord

Item I geve unto him one ringe of golde to bee made with a deaths head on it of the price of fortie shillings

Item I will and bequeath to my **Nephew Thomas Kempe's wife** of Olentighe one Jewell pf golde with ij diamonde therein one sixe square the other fower square with a dial thereon

Item I geve unto him a ringe of golde with a deathes head thereon of the price of twentie shillings

Item I geve to my **Neece Anne Kempe my Nephew Thomas Kempe his eldest daughter** ij paier of fine hollan sheetes a dozen diap? napkins a square table cloth and a towell of drap?

Item I give unto my Neece Dorothye Kempe my silver tankard

Item I geve to my **Neece Anne Kempe** cheese a dozen of Silver Spoones with gilte handles zand anothr saide sheete and gilte with a str? of Silver

Item I geve to my **Neece Mary Kempe** a next of Silver ttnes? with and done to them Silver and gilte

Item I will and bequeath to my **Nephew Raynolde Kempe** ffive pouonds of Currant Englishe monie in lieu of my house stuffe which heretofore proposed to have geven him to be paid within one yeare after my decease Item I geve unto him my Cloake as it now standeth in the halls and I geve unto him a ring of gold with a deathes head of the price of xx^s

Item I geve unto my **Nephew Raynold Kempe his wife** a ring of goulde with a deathes head of the price of xx^s

Item I geve unto **John Kemp my godsonne** my great Silver Salte with the cond. thereunto and a dozen of gilded silver spoones with the Kempe Sheafe gravven on them

Item I will and bequeath unto my Nephew Edethias ffogge fiftie pouondes of Currant Englishe monie and to his sonne William ffogge my godsonne Tenne pouondes of like lawfull monie of England to bee paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I geve to my Nephew ffogge aforesnamed the bedd whereon I nowe lie and the bedsteddle nowe used with the same the Canapie feather with the Curtens and Curtenrodds as it now standeth my Coverlett of Arwas? worke three Spanishe blankets and a fustian blankett ij bouldsters and ij paier of pillowes and the truckle bed goeng under it with the Cord thereunto

Item I geve unto him a ring with my seals of Armes

Item I geve unto him my ij Silver bowles parcell guilte

Item I geve unto him five paier of sheetes and all my lynen brasse and pewter which is not by name in this my will appointed nor intended but which now is drewe hath under my hand and seale and in the Custodie of the said Edethias ffogge

Item I geve unto him a rinng of goulde of the price of fourtie shillings to bee made with a deathes head thereon

I geve unto my Nephew Ezekiahas ffogge his wife a ring of gould with a deathes head of the price of twentie shillings

Item I will and bequeath unto my Nephew Anthonie Boughton the some of fourtie pouondes of lawful monie of England and to his daughter Marie Boughton tenne pouondes of lawfull Englishe monie to bee paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I will ad bequeath unto my Nephew Duddlie Lillgrave? the some of ffifteene pouondes of lawfull Englishe monie to bee aid within one yeare after my decease

Item I will and bequeath to Mr. Thomas Moile of Molashe Tenne pouondes of lawfull monie of Englande to be paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I will unto my neece Richard Fogges widowe a ringe of goulde with a deathes head thereon of the price of fortie shillings

Item I will to Anne ffogge my Nephew Richard ffogge's daughter tenne pouondes of lawfull Englishe monie to bee paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I geve unto Mrs Drewe my servant Tenne pouonds of lawfull monie of England to bee paid within one yeare afrtr my decease if shee remaine and witsesse in my service untill I departe this life

Item I geve unto Mrs. Drewe uppon the same condicon the bedsteddle and bedd whereon shee liethe and all such thinges as are menconed in a bill remayninge in the Custodie of my Nephew Ezethias ffogge with my owne hand and seale unto it the Copie whereof is in hos onelie keaping

Item I will and bequeathe to William Carter my servant twentie pouondes of Currant Englishe monie if he continue in my service untill my departure of this life to bee paid within one yeare after my decease

Item I geve unto him fower paires of sheetes

Item I geve unto him my bastard musket with the flaske and tenth boxe my Spanishe murzions graven and the girdle sworde and dagger to the same

Item I geve unto him my wearing apparell which is not hereafter in this my will appointed unto my Nephew Anthonie Boughton

Item I geve unto him all my Tooles and Implements and hammers chissels and suche like and a cheste covered with leather a bedsteddle on the gatehouse with a Coverlett Teasher? a longe settle in the hall chamber a chaier in the hall chamber two little tables? one in the chamber where I lie the other in the butterie Item I geve unto him a Coverlett furnished and a bowe and sheafe of arrowes

I geve to Alice Marche my maide servannt fortie shillings of lawfull Englishe monie over andabove hir wages of she remaine and bee with me when I departe this life to be paid within one monethe after my decease

Item I geve unto my Nephew Anthonie Boughton one night gowne of Turke grograine * laid with two billement faces and furred with Coine and a blacke clothe cloake furred and laid with a lace and a lather [leather?] dubblett and my Tuffe Taffatee hose and my Silke grograine cassocke

** grograine is a tough silk material, nowadays used for ribbons round hats, etc.*

And I geve to his wife a Turkee grograine gowne withe a yard of velvett

Item I geve to ffrancis hill and to his wife and to Goodwife Crim? of Wie to eche of them twentie shillings of lawfull Englishe monie

Item I geve to William Morehouse Roger Master Richard Cooke John Titterden Edward Harnett and Thomas Colltische to eache of them tenne shillings of lawfull Englishe monie to bee paid within one moneth of my decease

Item I geve Henrie Denne of Molashe the three pouonds six shillings eighte pence he borrowed of me and I geve him a paier of course sheetes

Item I geve to Goodwife Bassakce ? to do maister's home and to Goodwife Godlie? to eache of them tenne shillings of lawfull Englishe monie and to the goodwife Johillputt tenne shillings to bee paid within one quarter of a yeare after my decease

Item I geve to wydd [*widow*] Nethersole Mr. Druer?'s father a ringe of goulde of the price of fortie shillings with a deathes head

Item I geve to Mr. Naholls [*Nicholls?*] parson of Eastwell a ringe of goulde of twentie shillings price with a deathes head in it

Item I geve unto each of them that are the witnesses of this my last will and Testament a ringe of goulde with deathes head upon everie of them of the price of xiiij^s viij^d

The residue of my goods and chattles not geven and bequeathed by this my last will and testament my debts paid my legacies and funerall expences discharged my will and mynd is that they shalbe and remayne to be disposed as shall best seeme goode and convenient by the

discrecon of my **Nephew Thomas Kempe of Olantigh** aforesaid and my Nephew Thomas ffogge of Chilham both which I make and ordeine executors of this my last will and testament

And touching all and everie the parties which have any thing geven and appointed unto him in this my last will and testament and touching the legacies and bequeathes geven expressed my will and minde is that if any partie shall appeare ot have himselfe discontent or not well pleased with such bequeathes and appointed unto him or shall seeke, commande? or require more of other than is herein expressed woude sett downe then that the same partie or parties whatsoever shall be utterlie void of any gifte or legacie in this my last will and testament any thing herein expressed or conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge and that the same gifte or gifts legacies or bequeathes of everie such partie or parties shalbe and remaine to my executors to be discrecons

This is the last will and testament of me the aforesaid **John Kempe** made and declared the daie and yeare first above written touching and concerning all my lands and tenements within the parishe of Wie aforesaid

first I will and bequeathe to my **Nephew Thomas Kempe** of Olantigh in Wie afforesaid Esquier all that my house or tenement called "Jannock" ? wherein I nowe dwell in Wie aforesaid with all gardnes backesides closes and other easements with all and Singular the appurtencances To have and to hold to him and his heires for ever

Item I geve and bequeathe to Mr. Drewe my servant my house or tenement neare to knockseale in Wie aforesaid purchased of Henrie Proude? of Canterburie wherein Robert ffriar and John Kingsland nowe dwell withall the closes gardens and backesides thereunto belonging together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto To have and to hold to him and to his heires for ever if he continues in my service and be neathe me as long as I live in this Worlde

In Witness whereof I have sett my hand and seale to this my last will and testament the daie and yeare first above written

John Kempe

Witnesses **Thomas Haull** **Jervas Corke** **Thomas Cooke**

Probatum fuit: Secundi die Augustus (1599)

Notes:

From SS Martin & Gregory, Wye parish register: 30th July 1599 Buried **Mr. John Kemp**, Householder.

¥ 1 mark was worth about 2/3rd's of a pound in 1599.