

**PRC 17/24/49 Will of Thomas Kempe, Husbandman of St. Peter's in the Isle of Thanet,
Dated 24th January 1545 and Probated (unreadable) also in 1545**

*All words are transcribed as they were originally written and are not corrected.
Where unclear, the meaning is given in square brackets directly after the word(s) in question.*

In the name of God Amen The xxiiijth daye of Januarye in the yeare of our Lord god a thousand
[rest unreadable] 1545

I **Thomas Kempe** of the parishe of Sainte Peters wthin thIsle [*within the Isle*] of Thanet in the
countie of kente husbandman being sicke in body neverthelesse having my mynd and of good
remembrance make my laste will and testamente in this manner and forme folowing

ffirste I bequeth my Soule to almighty god my maker & to our blessed Ladye Sainte Marye and
to all the holly companye of heaven and my body to be buryed in the churche yearde of Sainter
Peter aforesaide

Item I bequethe I bequethe * to the high aulter of the same Churche for my tythes and oblacons
neclagently [*obligations negligently*] forgotten a xx^d

** I bequethe written twice in Will.*

Item I give and bequeth to **Johane my daughter** att the daye of her mariage a iiij^l ponde [£4]
owte of my moveables

Item I bequethe to **Elinore my daughter** the wife of Rychard Hunt att the yearse mynd a iiij^l
owte of the moveables

And yf yt happen that annie of my saide daughters decease wthin the tyme aforesaide The I
will that the foresaide money shall remayne to **Thomas my sonne**

Item I bequethe to my lord? Sacket a vjs viiiij^d paide owte of my moveables
[*Lord Sacket could be the Lord of the Manor to whom fees would be due annually.*]

Item I bequethe unto Thomas Hiles my godsonne a iiij^d paide owte of my moveables

Item I will that **Thomas my sonne** shalhave the custodye of the saide iiij^l That **Johane my
daughter** shalhave untill the tyme she come to the foresaide age of mariage

Item I give and bequethe to **Alyce my wif** all my moveables excepte **Thomas my sonne** shall
have the fowethe p^{te}. [*fourth part*]

This ys the laste will of me the foresaide **Thomas Kemp** made the daye and yeare abovesaide
and in the xxxvijth [37th] yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Henry the viijth [8th]

Off and uppon all my landes lyeing and being wthin the parishe of Sainte Peters foresaide in
the Isle of Thanet

I will that **Alyce my saide wyf** and **Thomas my sonne** shalhave all my said Landes betwene
them for the terme of her life soe as she kepe her self sole wydowe And after her decease I will

Source: *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*

the aide **Thomas my sonne** shalhave all my saide Landes To him and his heires in *fee simple**
for ever

* Fee simple: means holding the freehold from the Lord of the Manor, on which an
annual fee was normally paid. Lord Sackett was a principal landowner in St. Peter's.

Item I ordeyne **Alyce my said wif** myne executrix and **Thomas my saide sonne** my executor of
this my p'sent testament and Laste will and Vincente Tyrrye [*Terry*] my overseare and the saide
Vincente to have for his Labors and paynes a iij^s iij^d

Theis being witnes of this p'sente will and testamente

W^m Jordan Curate of the foresaide parishe
Robt^e Lythers? Rychard Long Ric. Wastwell Wylliam Essex
with others

And yf **Alyce my saide wife** doe marry then I will that **Thomas my saide sonne** shall paye to
Alyce my wif x^s by the yeare every yeare duryng her naturall lyf

Probatum fuit: unreadable [1545].

Notes: Parish registers for St. Peter in Thanet did not commence until 1560 and nearby St.
Lawrence (St. Laurence) started just one year earlier in 1559. Accordingly, the people
mentioned are not found.