

Transcription of the Will of Cecelye Bobbett of Blaxhall

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Persons Named in the Will

Husband: The late John Bobbett

Children: John Whight, Thomas Whight, Dorathey Bramhe

Grandchildren: William Whight and Cecelye (children of John Whight)

Thomas Whight (son of Thomas Whight)

Servant: Robert Palmer

Kynswoman: Cycelye Luter and her husband, Thomas Luter

Goddaughter: Cycelye Osborne, Cycelye N[]

- Many other individuals are mentioned with no statement of their relationship to Cecelye Bobbett
- All definitions of Old English words come from the Oxford English Dictionary (OED)

1. **In the name of god amen the xvijth [17th]**
2. day of Aprill in the fynetenth yeare of 1577
3. dread sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of
4. god Quene of England France and Ireland defender
5. of the faythe I **Cycelye Bobbet of Blaxhall**
6. **late wyfe of John Bobbet late deceased** being sound
7. in body but of good and perfeict rememberance blessed
8. be god therefore doe ordaine and make this my last will
9. and testament in manner and forme Followinge
10. Fyrst I bequeath my Soule into thands of the
11. most holye glorious and blessed tryntyte the father
12. the sonne and the holy ghost thre perfect and one god
13. in whome I perfightlye beleve to be saved and my bodye
14. to be buried in the church [] of Blaxhall in
15. suche manner and place as my executors shall thinke
16. more Item I gyve to the poore of the towne of
17. Blaxhall twentye Shillings to be distributed unto
18. them immediatlye after my decease by my executors
19. with the consent of the churchwardens of the same
20. towne Item I gyve to the poore of **lytle Glenh[a]m**
21. vj shillings viij pence to be distributed in suche manner and
22. forme as before Item I gyve to **William Whight**
23. **the sonne of John Whight my sonne** my ball¹ in the
24. parlor as it standeth with hanginge therto
25. belonginge one great hutch in the parlor forty
26. wethers twoe payer of shetes, one of the best sylver

¹Ball. In this will, known as a bed.

27. spones, one cowe to be delyvered at the age of xviiij
28. yeares Item I gyve to **Cycelye Whight his sister**
29. fower chargers twoe porringers, my best candlestick
30. one pillowe, one payer of shetes, one of the best
31. bode chests, one brass pott next the best [] coffer
32. standing in the parlor which was my **husband**
33. **Bobbett**, my salts next the best tenne Ewe[r]s twoe
34. mylke neat² my best rayle³, my best kercher⁴ twoe
35. coves kertle⁵ of wursted one red peticote one sylver
36. spone to be delyvered at the age of xviiij yeares
37. Item I gyve to **Agnes Whight** and **Dorathey Whight**
38. tenne pounds that is five pounds be per ec[h]e of them
39. to be delyvered at the age of xviiij yeares Item I
40. gyve to **Thomas Whight the sonne of Thomas Whight my**
41. **Sonne** my copper kette, one fetherbedd with one
42. [] and all other things belonging therto one
43. poster bedd in the hall sollar⁶, one [] hanging
44. with a tester⁷, one coveringe, twoe payer of shetes
45. my dunne~ mare and my colte one cowe to be delyvered
46. at the age of xviiij yeares. Item I gyve to **William**
47. **John and Robt Whight** twenty one of them fyve pounds
48. and one payer of shetes to the oldest of the thre twoe
49. payer to be payed at the age of xviiij yeares Item I give
50. to **Marye Whight** my best cupbord one sylver spone
51. my great hutch in the parlor with the flatt lyd the
52. [] of the twoe one coffer, my best pewter salts
53. one brasse possnett⁸ thre porringers, twoe chilinges twoe
54. pewter platters, my best chafindishe twoe candlesticks
55. of the best, twoe payer of shetes, one of the best
56. [] a bearinge shete⁹, one payor of my best shetes
57. twoe of my best chargers, one fetherbedd, one
58. one [], one pillowe, [] with []
59. one pillowe bere¹⁰, one bode clothe with a tassall and
60. and one cowe, my newe brasse pott the ce[] save

²Neat. A cow or heifer.

³Rayle. A garment, a cloak, a cloth (also) clothing.

⁴Kercher. A garment worn round the neck or over the head by women.

⁵Kertle. A man's tunic or coat.

⁶Sollar. An upper room in a house or other dwelling.

⁷Tester. A canopy over a bed supported on the posts of the bedstead or suspended from the ceiling.

⁸Possnett. Small metal pot with a long handle and three feet for boiling

⁹Bearinge Shete. A child's christening robe.

¹⁰Pillow bere. A pillow case.

60. one to be delyvered at the age of xviii yeares Item
61. I gyve to **John Palmer the sonne of John Palmer**
62. **of Snape** tenne wethers to be delyvered at michelmas
63. next after my decease Item I gyve to **Thomas Palmer**
64. **his brother** forty shillings to be paid at the age of
65. xviiij yeares Item I gyve to **Hellen Palmer his**
- 66 **sister** fortye shillings to be payed at xviiij yeares
67. of age Item I gyve to **Elizabeth Palmer his sister**
68. thre pounds to be paid at the age of xviiij yeares
69. of age Item I gyve to **William Palmer the sonne**
70. **of William Palmer of Farnh[a]m** xx weathers
71. one charger twoe platters one payer of shetes one
72. fetherbedd one blanket, one coveringe one boulster
73. to be delyvered at michelmas next after my decease
74. Item I gyve to **Thomas Palmer his Brother**
75. one cowe, twenty shillings in money to be delyvered
76. at the age of xviiij yeares Item I gyve to **Edward**
77. **Palmer his Brother** one cowe and twentye
78. Shillings in money to be paid at the age of xviiij
79. yeares Item I gyve to **Robt Bobbett my baye**
80. horse bought of Pulh[a]m] fyve Ewes to be delyvered
81. at michaelmas next after my decease Item I
82. gyve to **Joh[anni]s Osborne** my lytle fetherbedd one
83. sylver spone to be delyvered at the age of xviiij
84. yeares Item I gyve to **Frances Osborne his**
85. **Brother** one charger twoe pewter platters
86. one sylver spone, to be delyvered at the age of xviiij
87. yeares Item I gyve to **Cycelye Osborne my**
88. **goddaughter** twoe platters twoe saucers one payer
89. of shetes one trundleball¹¹ in the parlor to be
90. delyvered at the age of xviiij yeares Item I give
91. to **John the sonne of Robt Whight** one cowe to be
92. delyvered at the age of xviiij yeares Item I gyve
93. to **Anthonye Whight of Tunstall** twentye
94. Shillings one paier of shetes to be delyvered
95. immediatly after my decease Item I gyve to
96. **Dorathye Bramhe my daughter** fyve pounds
97. to be paid at michaelmas next after my
98. decease Item I gyve to **[J]Osborne** halfe
99. a dozen table napkyns, thre newe thre olde one

¹¹Trundleball. A trundlebed.

100. longe Joyned forme in the house one b[] to be
101. delyvered immediately after my decease Item I
102. gyve to **William Whight of Blaxhall and his**
103. **wyfe** my [] coffer one combe of malte the best
104. stepingsalt, in the malting house one flockball¹²
105. one coverlight one bolster twoe payer of corse shetes
106. and other things belonging to the flockball, one trammel¹³
107. in the backhouse, one lytle [], one pashall¹⁴ thre
108. pare of [] of the [] shete, one charger, one
109. spitt, the last of thre the other cupborde in the kytchinge
110. twoe mylke Bowles fower weathars twoe mylk
111. neates to be delyvered immediately after my decease
112. Item I gyve to **Margaret Brother** one mylke cowe
113. one coverlight in the [] sollar the best three one
114. great pillowe [] in [] twoe pewter platters
115. of the best in the kytchinge of the nine forkes, and
116. twentye shillings in money to be delyvered and
117. paid immediately after my decease Item I give
118. to **Robt Palmer** my servant vj shillings viij pence to be
119. payed immediately after my decease Item I give
120. to **Joh[anni]s Barber** iij shillings iiij pence to be paid at michaelmas
121. next after my decease Item I gyve to **Thomas**
122. **Waller** tenn. shillings to be paid immediately
123. after my decease Item I gyve to **George Smith**
124. vi shillings viij pence to be paid at michelmas next after my
125. decease Item I gyve to **William Gaige** xx pence to be paid
126. immediately after my decease Item I gyve **Alyce**
127. **Crosse** xx pence to be paid immediately after my decease
128. Item I gyve to **Margerye Martyn** xx pence to be delyvered
129. [] Item I gyve to **Joh[a]n[nis] Sayte of Lytle Glenh[a]m**
130. five shillings and to his wyfe my best frynde []
131. to be paid and delyvered immediately after my decease
132. Item to every one of my godchildren not named in this
133. my will twoe shillings to be paid immediately
134. after my decease Item I will that if any
135. of my servants departe there service before []
136. of thre yeares then I will that my gyfte given
137. to every such one as shall soe die to be []
138. Item I gyve to **Cycelye N[] my goddaughter**

¹²Flockball. A flockbed - a mattress stuffed with wool refuse.

¹³Trammel. A bolster.

¹⁴Pashall. A heavy wooden mallet.

139. xi shillingss viij pence and my black petycote to be delyvered
140. immediately after my decease Item I gyve
141. to the **widowe Baron**~ a bushell of maltes to
142. be delyvered immediately after my decease
143. Item I gyve to **Thomas Waller** a bushell of
144. maulte to be delyvered immediately after my
145. decease Item I gyve to **Richard Bridge**
146. a bushell of malte to be delyvered immediately
147. after my decease Item I gyve to **Thomas**
148. **Wyseman** a bushell of malte to be delyvered
149. immediately after my decease Item I gyve to
150. **Thomas Luter** a bushell of maulte to be paid
151. immediately after my decease Item I gyve to
152. **Cycelye Luter my kynswoman** xj shillings xiiij pence to be
153. paid immediately after my decease Item I
154. gyve to **Thomas Whights wyfe** and my best peticote
155. and my best hatt to be delyvered immediately after
156. my decease Item I gyve to **Agnes Hall** my best
157. fyve [] to be delyvered immediately after
158. my decease Item I gyve to **J[] Hall** my
159. black [] petycote to be delyvered immediately
160. after my decease Item I gyve to **Katheryn Godde**
161. twoe pewter platters on of the greatest and
162. one of [] and my lytle chese presse to be
163. delyvered after my decease Item I gyve to
164. **William Whight** aforesayed my olde Baye horse
165. and my [] nagge my Sowe with the
166. black heade, one sl[] hogge, one [] drippinge
167. [], to be delyvered at michelmas next after
168. my decease Item I gyve to **John[annis] Whight my**
169. **Sonne** thre sylver spones, twoe horses the best of
170. my fyve horses not bequeathed my shod carte
171. one payer of harrowes, my lytle table in the
172. house on[e] spytt, my day table clothe, sixe table
173. napkyns [] to be of the best, one younge
174. Sowe Item I gyve to **Thomas Whight my**
175. **Sone** thre [] weathers my black horse bought
176. at Stonefielde my best brass pott one great
177. [] in the backhouse fouer sylver spones my
178. best shod carte, my counter table in the p[ar]lor
179. and payer of new hand trays my best spitt
180. my larde at the well my best coveringe my
181. graye forehorse to be delyvered at michaelmas

182. next after my decease Item I gyve the
183. Residue of my goods not bequeathed to **John**
184. **Whight and Thomas Whight my sonnes** []
135. I ordaine and make my Executors of this my
136. last will and testament equally to be divided
137. betwixt them In wytness wherto I the said
138. **Cecelye** have hereunto this my last will and
139. testament sette my marke in the presence of these
140. persons and or named the xvijth daye of Julye in
141. the yere aforesayed **Alaxander Palmer**
142. **Clarke Byme William Palmer**

143. **Probatum** fuit homon testamentum April
144. Snape coram [] lork artin Mag[ist]ro infra
145. [] Suff[olk] Commissario Officiali []
146. birrosimo septimo die mensis Septembris Anno
147. d[o]m[ini] Mill[i]simo [] [] [] septimo
148. Et comissa fuit Administracio [] Executoris
149. [] [] [] nominato et in debita Juris forma
150. Jurato []
Exhibitie of Jur[]

The will was probated September 1578.