

Lyddington Manor History Society

Kenelme DIGBIE, Esquire of Stoke Dry

Will proved 1590

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1 In the name of god Amen The five and twentieth
2 Daye of Februarie Anno Domini one thousand fyve hundred eightie eight I Kenelme Digbie of
3 Stokedrye in the Countie of Rutland Esquire beinge whole of bodie and of perfect memorie
thanks
4 be to Almightye God Doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge
5 First I bequeathe my Soule to Almightye God hopinge by the faith in Jesus Christ to be joyned
to the
6 holy company of Heaven And my bodie to be buried in the Chancell of Stokedrie aforesaid
Item
7 I Doe ordaine make and constitute myne executors of this my last will and Testament my wife
Anne
8 Digbie and John Digbye my Seconde Sonne And the Supervisors hereof Sir William Haydon of
Baronthorp in
9 the Countie of Norfolke Knighte and Edward Watsonn of Rockingham in the Countie of
Northampton and James
10 Digbye of Northluffenham in the Countie of Rutland Esquire my two Sonnes in lawe Item I
will that all
11 my Debts be paied which can be honestly proved Item I give unto my three Daughters
Elizabeth Ursula
12 and Bridgett and my sonne in lawe the said James Digbie a featherbed boulder coverlett a pair
of blanketts
13 and two paires of sheetes apeece of the best except one which my wife shall have Also I do give
unto my
14 said sonne John Digbye Fyftie poundes in money or stuffe and halfe my bookes of the lawe of
England
15 and one of my Fitz Herberts abridgments, with the table and halfe of my other bookes And the
other half
16 of all my bookes I give unto Everard Digbie my eldest sonne. Item I give unto the Principall
and

17 fellowes of Brasenose Colledge in Oxforde three poundes to buy them bookes for their
Librarie

18 Item I give unto every one of my yeomen beinge Dayh[?e] in my howse twentie shillings
apeece besides their

19 wages And to every of my maides and hyndes beinge in my howse as aforesaid tenne shillings
apiece

20 besides their wages Item I give unto the poore people of Stokedry Uppingeham and Liddinton
fower poundes And to the poore people of Caldecott Easton by Willand and Stokerston thirtie
shillings to be

21 devided by my Executors Item I give unto the reparacions of the churches of Stokedrye and
Tilton

22 three pounds Item I will my harnes and Armure unto my two sonnes Everarde Digbie and John
23 Digbie equally to be devided betwixt them. Item I give unto my Daughter Anne Watson and to
my

24 daughter Margerat Dudley every one of them three A[?n]gells apeece in golde or the value
thereof

25 and to every one of their children likewise three A[?n]gells apeece or the valewe thereof and
likewise

26 to every of the children of Katherine and Elizabeth my Daughters Item I give to my wife all her
27 apparrell and Jewells and such milche kyne and a bull and mares and coltes as she shall have at
the

28 hower of my Decease Item I will that my lease in Hallyocke that I have for my yeares shalbe
29 cancelled and made voide Item I will my lease of winge in the Countie of Rutland to my said
sonne

30 Everarde Digbye Item I will unto my said sonne Everarde Digbie my bason and Ewre with two
31 lyverye potts of silver Item I will that if anie ambiguytie or question happen to arise of this my
32 last will and testament that then the same shall from tyme to tyme be ended expounded and
ordered

33 by the said my Supervisores and by Thomas Skeffington Anthonie Digbie Henry Herenden
34 Esquire and John Hunte gent or by the most parte of them then lyvinge. In wittnes whereof I
35 have set to my hande and seale to these presents the Day and yeare first above written.

Kenelme

36 Digbie. Witnesses to this present will and testament Henry Herenden Thomas Tabbet John
37 Brightwen

Summary of Latin Probate clause

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