

COPY OF WILLIAM ETHERIDGE'S HANDWRITTEN WILL  
OF DEC. 26, 1576

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN 1576 and in the nintenth yeare of the reigne of our sov(era)igne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England ffrance and Ireland quen defendor of the faith &c.

I William Etheridge of Woodgrene within the parish of Tottenham yeoman sicke in bodey but of good and perfitt remembrance (thankes be to god) do make this my last will & testament in mannor & forme followinge

First I bequeath my soule unto almightie god my heavenlie ffather beinge fullie perswaded of my salvation in the death & passion of Jesus Christ willinge & commandinge my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche yard of Tottenham aforesaid neare unto my brother.

Item I geve unto the poore of the parishe of Tottenham XX<sup>s</sup>.

Item whereas my brother John Etheridge by his last will & testament did geve unto my two daughters & to one of my sonnes viz Margarete Etheridge, Agnes Etheridge and Abraham Etheridge the somm of twentie fyeve poundes six shillinges & eight pence curant englishe money equallie to be devyded emongeste them (which I am indebted to paie) I will that all the corne growing & standinge in & upon my feild called Readinges to be solde to performe & paie the said bequeste & legacie & the ov(er) plus thereof to remayne to my executrix provided alwayes that John Morris & Thomas Martyn shall have the custodie & keepinge of the said XXV vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> untill the said Margarete, Agnes and Abraham shal be maried (a section crossed out) & to put in sufficient bond for the paiement thereof, and if it shall fortune one of them to die then the other two lyvinge to have that parte or portion equallie devided betwixt them.

Item I geve unto mye daughter Margarete Etheridge twelve poundes

Item I geve unto my daughter Agnes Etheridge twelve poundes provided also that John Morris & Thomas Martyn shallave the custodie & kepinge of the said money until the daie of their maridge and to put in sufficient bond for paiement thereof & if one of them fortune to die before the said tyme then the other to be her heire if they bothe fortune to dye before theye be maried then to be equallye devyded emongest my children lyvinge.

Item I geve unto my son Abraham Etheridge one percell of land lyinge at Bowe bushe abuttinge upon hollyborne bridge to him & his heires forever.

Item I geve unto my daughter Margarete Etheridge a pece of gold of thirte shillinges. Item I geve unto my daughter Agnes Etheridge a pece of gold of thirte shillinges. Item I geve unto my daughter Agnes Etheridge a silver girdle and a muske ball. Item I geve also to my daughter Agnes Etheridge halfe a dosan of sylver spones with flatt endes.

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Item I geve unto my daughter Margarete Etheridge a sylver gilt salte

Item I geve unto my son Thomas Etheridge a sylver gilt spone

Item whereas I am indebted to my brother John Etheridges last will & testament to paie unto my son John Etheridge the somm of fyfthe one poundes & ten shillinges which was his gifte I will that Thomas Wheler of London corier shalhave the custodie & kepinge of the same until he come to the age of XXJ yeares puttinge in good & sufficient suyeties for the payment of the same Provided that if it shall fortune the said John Etheridge to die before he come unto the age of xxj yeares then the said Thomas Wheler to paie the said somm of fiftie one poundes ten shillinges to the heirs or heires of the said John Etheridge within one yeare next after his deathe

Item I geve unto my wifes sister Fraunces Page a cowe Item I geve unto my wifes brother Randolphe Page a cowe Item I geve to William Morris and William Mason xij<sup>d</sup> a pece & to the reste of my godchildren ev(er)ie one iiij<sup>d</sup> a pece

The reste of all my goodes unbequeathed (my debtes & legacies paid and funerall discharged) I geve unto my wif Sibell Etheridge who I make full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament requesting Thomas Wheler of London corier, John Morris & Thomas Martin be overseers of this my last will & testament that all thinges therein conteyned be performed according to the trewe meanyng thereof, and I geve unto ev(er) ie of them for there paynes iiij<sup>s</sup> a pece

In witesse whereof I have heareunto sett my hande & seale the xxvjth of December 1576.

Witnesses hearof  
by me John Morrrys

by me Willm:Etheridg

Jo: X Wheler

Wm: M. Wall

by me Thomas Marten

(the will was written in a single paragraph,  
but has been separated into several paragraphs  
for easier reading).

TRANSLATION OF LATIN:

Probate of the above will granted 12 day of June Anno Domini 1577 upon the oath of Sibel Etheridge relict & executrix who was sworn in common form duly to administer.