

Lyddington Manor History Society

Edward IRELANDE, gentleman of Lyddington

Will proved 1671

TNA PROB 11/53

1 **In the name of god Amen** The tenthe Daye of Marche in the yere of ow^r Lorde god
2 A Thowsande five hundrethe three score and nyne, And in twelvethe yere of the Raigne of ow^r
soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth
3 by the grace of god of England Fraunce and Ireland Quene defendor of the faithe &c. I Edwarde
Irelande of Liddington
4 in the Countie of Rutlande *gentleman* being dezeazed in Bodie, but of good and perfect mynde and
remembrance thanks be
5 to God doe ordaine and make this my Last will and testament in manner and forme following./ First I
bequeathe
6 my Sowle to God almightie who in the person of the sonne redemed me and all mankynde, And my
bodie to be buried
7 in the *Christian* sepulture, where yt shall please almightie God to call me to his mercie, yf it shall please
god to calle me
8 to his mercie in Rutland sheire, Then my request ys that my bodie maye be buried in the parrishe
churche of
9 Lyddington aforesaide nighe unto the place of sepulture of Marie my wief on whose Sowle the almightie
God
10 take mercie. Item I will my exequias be don for the Sowles of me and Mary my wief according to the
11 catholick order of Chiste his Churche, and as maye be suffered by the Lawes of Englande at the charge
of my
12 Executors by thadvice of my supervisor of this my will./ I will that all my Landes tenamentes and
hereditamen^{ts}
13 sett Lyeing and being in Eaton nighe Estretforde in the Countie of Nottingham which I lately bought of
14 Edward Black'now'll be solde by Mr Anthony Collie thelder of and Mr John Hunt of Linden thelder
esquyers
15 And I requier them if Si^r William Blackn'oll now vicar of Bisbroke will either buye yt for hym self or
preferr
16 any kinsman of his being of his name to buy yt to thintent it maye est sonnes remayne to his name, then
he or suche
17 his frende to have the same better cheape by five markes, The it wolde be solde to the uttermost value to
any
18 stranger, otherwise I will the saide Landes to be sowlde by the saide M^r Anthony Collie and M^r John
Hunte
19 to the best value, and fortie shillinges of the same to be given to Edward Black'en'oll of charetie. And
the residue
20 of the money to be employed to the payment of my debts and the performance of this my Testament and
Laste will
21 Item I will and bequeathe unto Edwarde Irelande the sonne of George Irelande of Liddington aswell the
howse
22 whiche the saide George dwelleth in in Lyddington as all the yarde Lande being coppieholde to the same

23 belonging with thappu^rten^an^ce of the same howse and yarde Lande. To have and to holde unto the said
Edwarde the

24 sonne of George to hym and his heires and assignes for ever after the custome of the mannor of
Liddington for whiche

25 cawse George his father shall yerely during seaven yeres after my decease distribute to the poore people
of Liddington

26 in the presence of the churche wardens - 6s. 8d./ for the Sowles of me Marie my wief and oure frendes
sowles

27 with all *Christian* Sowles. And the saide George to be bounde by obligacion to performe the same. Item
I give will

28 and bequeathe unto Anne Irelande my daughter all and singuler my landes tennemenetes and
hereditaments sett

29 Lyeng and being in the Towne and fields of Uppingham in the Countie of Rutlande as well coppieholde
as free

30 holde. To have and to holde the same Landes and tenementes being coppieholde to the same Anne and
to the heires of her

31 bodie lawfully begotten. And for defalte of soche yssue the same to remayne unto Kenelme Digby M^r
Anthonye

32 Collye thelder M^r John Huntte the elder and M^r John Flower thelder to them and to their heires and
assignes

33 for ever, to the use and intente hereafter mentioned. And to have and to holde all my saide Landes in
Uppingham being

34 freeholde unto the saide Anne Irelande, and to the heires of her bodie lawfully begotten. And for defalte
of soche

35 yssue the remayneder unto the saide Kenelme Anthonye John Hunte and John Flower, and to their
heires and

36 Assignes for ever to the uses and intents hereafter mencioned./ Item I give will and bequeathe to my
saide daughter

37 Anne Ireland all those my Landes tennements and hereditamentes sett lyeng and being in the Townes
and fieldes//^{p2}

38 of Morcote in the saide Countie of Rutlande/ .To have and to holde the saide Landes and tennementes
unto the saide

39 Anne her heires and Assignes for ever. which saide Landes are common to her by inheritaunce from her
40 mother my Late wief Marie Irelande and according to A fyne Levied by me and her saide mother in
41 that behalf./ Item I give will and bequeathe unto the saide Anne Irelande my daughter all my
42 Landes tennementes and hereditamentes sett lyeng and being in the Townes and fieldes of Bisbrooke
43 otherwise called Pisbroke, Ceaton, Glaston and Liddington in the saide Countie of Rutlande beinge
44 before bequeathed. To have and to holde all and singuler the saide Landes tennementes and
hereditamentes

45 unto the saide Anne Irelande, and to the heires of her bodie Lawfully begotten. And for defalte of soche
46 yssue, then all my saide Landes and tennementes to the saide Anne before bequeathed excepte the
Landes

47 in Morcote to remayne to M^r Kenelme Digbie Mr Anthony Collie thelder M^r John Huntt of Linden
thelder

48 and to M^r John Flower of Whitwell thelder esquiers. To have and to holde the same unto the saide
Kenelme

49 Anthony Collye John Hunte of Linden and John Flower, and to their heires for ever, to thintent that the
saide Kenelme,

50 Anthony John and John, or the Survivor of them shall dispose the same to soche use as is more playnely
mencioned in A

51 Shedule hereafter following. Item I will that the yerely rent yssuing oute of my Lande Lyeng in Bisbroke
52 being only in thoccupacion of John Tokey viz twentie shillinges yerely whiche shalbe the rentt uppon
my demyse

53 or occupacon of the same after my decease, the same Rente shalbe yerely for ever after my saide
decease bestowed uppon

54 three or fower at the moste of the poorest menn or women being dwellers in Uppingham, and being
everie of them

55 paste fiftie yeres of age a pece, to buye for them winter garmentes of fryst yerely whoe maye voughtsafe
all

56 together in the Churche of Uppingham three severall tymes in the yere. Tat is to saye one all Sowles
daye

57 holly roode daye and Christmas daye yerely to saye in the devoute remembraunce of the five principall
58 woundes of ow^r savior Jhus Christe five tymes the pater noster./ five tymes the salutacion of the angell
to the

59 vergin Mare called the Ave maria, and once their belefe viz the 12 Articles called the Crede with soche
good

60 devocion as god shall give them grace to doe yt. And ending with request of goddes mercie unto the
Sowles of me

61 A poore wretche and Marie Irelande my wief, and the Sowles of all *Christian* people. I will yf any
62 ambiguitie or doughte doe or maye rise of any clawse sentence article or worde for the true and iuste
meaning of

63 this my Last will and testament, either for lake of due consideracion or matter uttered by me the saide
Edwarde

64 to sett forthe the plaine meaning thereof in this, my laste will and testament, Then I will that soche
clawse,

65 Sentence, Article, worde or wordes shalbe divided ordered and placed by Kenelme Digbie John Hunte
and Anthony

66 Collye esquiers, or the Survivor or Survivors of them according as they think in their conciences is
most

67 consonaunte and agreable to my meaning wi^houte further sute in the Lawe to be hadd or donne for the
same./

68 Item I give to M^r Kenelme Digbie six of my Latten bookes whiche he liste to take whereof my Latten
prymer

69 with the silver claspe to be one./ I give and bequeathe to my brother M^r Anthonie Collie one horse
cowlte. And

70 to M^r John Hunte one gelding the best that I have to M^r John Flower one broding mare, to my Cosen
John

71 Dar\k/noll', 6 of my bestes. To M^r George Chefildin my best Coate./ To my brother M^r Michaell

72 Catesbye my best gowne best jacket and dublet, and to his bedfellowe, one of my wives best gownes.
Item

73 to my Cosen Anne Hodgettes of London one heicforthe. And to my Cosen Kenelme Watson one [*space*]
Jack

74 whiche I made for my self. And to my daughter Ursula Digbie one heicforthe. Item I will that M^r
Kenelme

75 Digbie esquier and M^r George Chesildyne gentleman being Feoffees of confidence, and standing seased
of

76 one howse, and one yarde Lande in Liddington with thappurtenances being coppieholde shall stande and
be

77 seased to dipose the same as is before mencioned in this my Laste will and testament. All the residue of
my

78 goodes and Cattelles not being before or hereafter in this my saide will given, willed or bequeathed I
give to

79 Anne Irelande my daughter. And I doe constitute ordaine and make executors of this my Laste will and
80 Testament, the aforesaide M^r Kenelme Digbie esquier, M^r Anthonie Collie thelder esquier M^r John
Hunte of Linden thelder

81 esquier M^r John Flower of Whitwell thelder esquier, and Anne Irelande my \said/ daughter. And I
hartely praye and

82 requier my good brother M^r Anthony Collye. And the residue of my executors to take into their custodie
83 and keping as to their wisdome shalbe thoughte moste meete all my saide goodes and Cattelles Landes
and

84 Tennementes to my saide Daughter Anne bequeathed untill my saide daughter come to the age of
twentie

85 and one yeres, or, untill she be maried by the concentes of the most *parte* of these my executors
heretofore

86 named, yf my saide daughter Anne doe marrie before she come to the age of twentie and one yeres
excepte

87 she have the full concent of the saide M^r Anthony Collie ~~Mr John Hunte and~~ M^r John Hunte and M^r
88 John Flower, her godfather, or the S^{ur}vivor of them in writing, then she shall lose the benefitt of soche
my

89 goodes and Cattelles to her bequeathed herin as by the discrecion of myne executors the lyving shalbe
90 thoughte goode. And the same goodes then to be bestowed in other workes and deedes of charitie by the
91 discrecion of the residue of myne executors before named. Item I will that my said daughter Anne shalbe
92 ordered by my saide brother her uncle M^r Anthony Colley M^r John Huntt and M^r John Flower
93 aforesaide untill either she be maried by the consentes as aforesaide, or come to thage of twentie and one
94 yeres in manner and forme aforesaide. And the rentes of my Landes aforesaide bequeathed to be
received by

95 the saide M^r Anthony Collye M^r John Hunte and M^r John Flower towardses her funding and bringing up
96 in virtuos educacion and learning, beseching god to send her good fortune and grace to be ruled by her
saide

97 frendes. Item I give to Anne my daughter A Crosse of golde whiche was her graundmothers, and//^{p3}
98 afterwarde her mothers, and one hoope of golde also. Item I will that the Cottage in Pisbroke which
Roberte

99 Dilworthe dwelleth in being inleasid unto me by my Ladie Drewrie and M^r Henry Drewry her sonne
shall

100 have three poore wydowes dwelling in the same during my terme after A convenient warning given unto
the saide

101 Roberte after my decease, and towards their mayntenance and Lyving I give two milche Kye to be
pastured

102 and kepte of my farme in Bisbroke whiche is in myne owne occupacion and of the little close belonging
to the saide

103 Cottage/ And the rentt of the saide Cottage during the tyme belonging to the almehouse of Stokefaston
104 in the Countie of Leicester I will shalbe payed by myne executors./ Item I will that Robert Cooper
105 my servaunte shalbe A Coaiutor to this my Laste will and testament, and as the residue of my executore
shall

106 thinke meete to admytt hym A Coexecutor of this my will taking of hym convenient bonde that he shall
doe

107 nothing contrarie to the meaning and intent of this my aforesaide Laste will and testament, withoute the
108 concentes of those persons whome I have named myne executors. Item yf any of my saide executors doe
for any

109 cawse refuse thadministracion according to this myne intent as my truste ys they will nott, yet my
further

110 truste ys in them that they wilbe coadiutors to the performance of this my laste will, which I referre to
111 their goodness. Item I give to Edward Roos one of my geldinges. To Robert Cooper my best Iron baunde
112 carte, and wheles and one young fillie./ Item I bequeathe to Joan Lacie my mayde in money fortie
shillinges

113 Item to Robert Dilworthe one heicforthe, and as moche haye as will winter her./ Item I give to John
114 Tokye my tenante one quarter of malte, and halfe a quarter of barley./ Item I give to Richard Catesbye
gent'

115 the sonne of M^r Michaell one Cowe./ Item I give to George Irelande one Cowe./ Item to Lawrence
116 Reightes' wief one Cowe./ Item I give to every poore howseholder being Cottiers in Uppingham
Bisbroke

117 and Liddington one stryke of Corne and 4d in money. Item I give to Bisbroke churche the reparacions of
118 the ornamentes of the saide churche for the service of god 26s. 8d. to be payed at any tyme within
119 fower yeres after my decease by the descrecion of my executors. Also I will and bequeathe to the
residue

120 of my serv^{au}/ntes soche parte and porcion of my goodes as shalbe hereafter noted. Also hereafter
following

121 shalbe founde A note of soche debtes as are owing unto me and as I owe unto others. Item I give and
122 bequeathe unto Mr Anthony Collye the younger all my books of Lawe/ 11th day of May 1570/ **I**

123 **will and bequeth** Rowlande Durande gent' all my Cottages Landes and tenementes
124 with thappurtenances in Barroden in the saide Countie of Rutlande. To have and to hold to the saide
125 Rowland Durand and his heires for ever./ I will further that if my daughter Anne after my
126 dethe doe enter expulse and putt oute the saide Rowlande or his heires from the possession of the same
127 or any parte thereof that then the saide Rowlande shall have the saide howse in Uppingham in the saide
128 Countie of Rutland wherein Marrell' Cowper nowe dwelleth, and all Landes and tenementes belonging
to

129 to the same. To have and to holde the same to the saide Rowlande and his heires for *ever*. I will all my
landes

130 and tennementes, with thappurtenances in Bisbroke Ceton and Glaston in the saide Countie of Rutlande
to

131 Anthony Collye thelder esquier, and John Hunt thelder gent. To have and to holde the same to the saide
132 Anthony and John their executors and assignes from the daye of the death of me the saide Edwarde
133 unto thend and terme of 11 yeres then next and immediatly following fully to be complete and
134 ended, yelding and payeng therefore yerely after the decease of me the saide Edwarde unto the heires
135 of me the saide Edwarde five poundes six shillings and eight pence at twoe termes in the yere, that
136 ys to saye at the Feaste of St Michaell tharchangell, and at the Feaste of thannunciacion of ow^r
137 Ladie by even porcions. The first payment thereof to begin at any of the saide Feastes, whiche
138 shall fortune first to falle and come after my decease. And I will the saide Anthony Collie
139 and John Hunte, and their assignes shall see reparacions kepte and donne upon the *premisses*
140 during the saide terme./ **Tercio Die Mensis** Die Mensis Decembris Anno Regni
141 Regine Elizabethæ 12^{mo} [3rd Dec 1569]. Debts whiche I Edwarde Irelande of Liddington doe owe the
142 daye and yere above saide whiche of duetie and concience I am bounde to paye and whiche if
143 God spare me Lief any convenient tyme I will by godes grace so payed and discharged with myne
144 owne handes &c. First unto Thomas Browne ^{his wife} of Manton, money whiche she toke unto my late
145 wief Mary Irelande to kepe of credite, and trusteth to be repayed unto her when she nedeth or
146 dothe demaunde the same and the same unknowne, as I think to her husbände, all is now payed
147 excepte this same here noted - £3./ Item I owe unto Thomas Meadowes of Uppingham my
148 tenante, that whiche remayneth unpaid of the money viz £12. *which* I borrowed of his
149 wief when I bought my Lande of my brother Catesbye in Bisbrooke, Soe remayneth nowe
150 unpaid of the aforesaide sonne unto hym - 30s./ Item I give unto William More my *servaunte*
151 six Shepe and tenne shillings in money. Item to William Cantrell' my *servaunte* A yonge Colte or fillie
with 6./

152 Ewes at the distribucion of myne *executors* and 20s. in money besides my livery Cote and some of my
Apparrell

153 Mete for hym. Item to Agnes my ho^wsekeper at Bisbrooke - 6s./^{p4}

154 **The Schedule** declaringe the intente and meaning of me Edwarde Irelande for the
155 disposing of my Lande bequeathed by my Laste will and Testamente in remayneder unto M^r Kenelme
Digbye

156 M^r Anthony Collie thelder, M^r John Hunte of Linden thelder, and M^r John Flower thelder esquiers to
them

157 and to their heires &c. as followethe./ **That** the saide Landes to them bequeathed, yf gods pleasure soe
158 be that my saide will and bequest the same Landes came into the possessions of them or any of them
surviving, then

159 that they, or the Survivors of them, yf any then chauce to remaine livinge or their righte heires after
their

160 departures shall in convenient tyme within the space of twoe or three yeres at the furthest shall
establishe the saide

161 Landes and assure the same by soche Lawfull meanes as by the Lawes of the Realme maye be suffered
and donne
162 towards the erection of A free Scoole in Uppingham for the vertuus educacion and bringing upp of
youthe
163 there in learning to continue for *ever*. And that those gentlemen aforesaide shall and maye Lawfully take
164 as well for their paines in this doinge as other charges defrayed in and aboute the same according to
their
165 good discrecions, and consciences viz: of the Rentes or other tennement profittes yssuing of the saide
Landes &c
166 or any my other goodes remayning &c. These bothe named hereafter following of those that weare
167 at the delivery of this Laste will and testament of Mr Edwarde Irelande viz Reunge Hunte, Humfreye
168 Freebodie William Pecke William Dente, Thomas Holmes, and William Cantrell'./ **Debts** owing
169 to me Edwarde Irelande the 20th of February 1569 as followeth. First one [*space*] Somerbye
170 whiche hathe my Lande in Eaton in Nottingham sheire in farme for certaine yeres yet enduring owethe
171 unto me as apperethe by thindenture of the same demyse made to hym by Edwarde Blacknoll' due at
172 Martinmas Laste paste £3 6s. 8d. Item Mr Michaell Catesbye \owethe mee 26s. 6d. Robert Tampon of
Barrodon/ oweth me by his byll obligatorye
173 remayning in my Deske - £3 10s. /John Irelande of Langham owethe me of money lente to hym uppon
174 the payment of his Fyne to my Lorde Cromwell fower poundes for the whiche Lefte A gage with me
175 viz one silver Salte with A Cover Parcell gilte, and seven silver Spooones all whiche gage remayneth in
the
176 custodie of my Cosen Mr John Darkenole' to my use - £4. I will my *servauntes* shalbe honestly
considered
177 besides my porcions alredie to them bequeathed, and especially those that have taken paynes aboute me
178 in this my sicknes, &c./

Summary of Latin Probate clause

Proved before the prerogative Court of Canterbury by at London on the last day of June 1571 by Judge
Randolph Browne

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Appurtenances (tenements, house), Books, Clothing, Crops, Debtors, Devisees other than family,
Ecclesiastic, Endowment, Family, Farmstock, Land (yard), Livestock, Location (Barrowden, Bisbrooke,
Glaston, Lyddington, Morcott, Seaton, Uppingham, other), Occupants, Valuables