

Lyddington Manor History Society

Thomas PRETTY, farmer of Lyddington

Will proved 1759

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1 In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Pretty of Liddington in the
2 County of Rutland Farmer, being of perfect Mind and Memory, and calling to Mind and duly
3 considering the uncertainty of Human Life, do make this my last Will and Testament; First and
4 Prin-
5 –cipally. I commit my Soul into the Hands of my Blessed Maker, trusting in his Mercies, and in the
6 Mercies of my dear Redeemer, for the remission of all my Sins. My Body I commit to the Earth, to
7 be
8 decently interred at the Discretion of my Executors herein after Named. As to my temporal Estate, I
9 bequeath and dispose of it in the following Manner.
10 First I give to my Son John Pretty the Sum of One and Forty Pounds, when he shall come to the
11 age of Twenty four Years to be given by my Executors, Namely, Joseph Pretty, Thomas Pretty and
12 Samuel Pretty, shall each of them pay him the Sum of Thirteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and four
13 Pence, to make the said Sum of Forty one Pounds. Also I do give to my two Youngest Daughters
14 Mary Pretty and Ann Pretty the Sum of Twenty Pounds to each of them Also I give to my other
15 Two Daughters, Elisabeth Vines, and Susanna Hopkins to each of \them/ One and Twenty Shillings,
16 and likewise to my Sister Rebecca Pretty and Henry Barefoot to each of them the said Sum of One
17 and Twenty Shillings. Also I give to my beloved Wife One Cow which she shall think fit to choose,
18 and Forty Sheep and Forty Hundred weight of Coals Yearly during her natural life and all my Hous-
19 –hold Goods. Also I do give to my Son Joseph Pretty my House and Close with the Appurtenances
20 which I now
21 live in, only my Wife shall have the Parlour to live in during her life, and I do give the said Joseph
22 Pretty One
23 Acre of Land at a place called Woodcocks Bush, to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.
24 Also I give to my Executors all my Stock, Goods and Chattels belonging to the Farming business to
25 be parted between them in the manner following; Joseph Pretty shall have one half part, paying to
26 my beloved Wife the Sum of Five Pounds yearly during her life, and the other Half part shall be
27 equally parted
28 between my other two Sons Thomas Pretty and Samuel Pretty. Also, I do hereby Nominate and
29 Appoint my Three

24 Sons aforesaid, Namely, Joseph Pretty, Thomas Pretty, and Samuel Pretty, whole and Sole
Executors of this my last
25 Will and Testament, requiring them to pay all my Debts, Legacies, and Funeral; Charges. In
Wittness whereof I
26 have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Eight _ day of November in the Year of our Lord One
Thousand

27 Seven Hundred and Fifty four.

28 Signed, Sealed, Published, and Declared by the Thomas Pretty
29 said Thomas Pretty to be his last Will and Thomas Pretty
30 Testament in the Presence of us. His Mark

31 John Allen

32 The Mark of

33 

34 Edward Harriss

35 Peter Pretty

36 We whose names are under written do agree that Joseph
37 Pretty shall give his two Sisters Mary Pretty and Ann Pretty
38 to each of them a Cow, and likewise Thomas Pretty and
39 Samuel Pretty do promise to give their Brother John Pretty
40 a Horse or the Value of Five Pounds. Wittness our Hands
41 this 29th day of August 1757. Joseph Pretty

42 Thomas Pretty

43 Samuel Pretty

44 Proved the twentieth day of April in the Year of our Lord 1759. Before the
45 Reverend Mainwaring Laughton Clerk Surrogate of the Woshipfull William
46 Bassett Clerk Prebendary of the Prebendal & exempt jurisdiction of Liddington
47 founded in the Cathedral Church of the blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln and
48 Administration was granted to Joseph & Samuel Pretty the Sons of the –
49 deceased & Executors within named being first sworn etc a Power being –
50 reserved of making the like Grant to the other Executor when he shall
51 apply for the same.

52 J. Bradley Res^d

53 20. April 1759

54 Joseph & Samue^l Pretty the Executo^{rs} within
55 named now duly sworn preserving a power

56 etc before Reverend Mainwaring Laughton Surroga^{te}
57 Will
58 Thoma^s Pretty
59 of Liddington
60 1759
61 M^r Thoma^s Pretty's Will
62 Dated 8th Novembe^r
63 1754

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