

Rev Dr Walter Hodges, Partial Transcript, Will 1757

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In the name of God Amen. I Walter Hodges DD Provost of Oriel College in the University of Oxford make this my last will and testament in manner following.

I will & direct all my debts and legacies and Funeral expences be paid as soon as convenient after my decease.

And I charge my estate both real and personal with the payment. Personal estate first to satisfy the same.

I give and devise my manors of Easton Grey, Shipton Moyne and Shipton Duffield, Gloucester and Wilts and all other lands, hereds etc (charged as aforesaid) to my sister **Elizabeth Nowell** etc for life upon this condition that my sister shall come and reside in the Mansion House at Shipton, within 6 months after my decease and live there 6 months of the year, for life, paying yearly to my Trustees £50 a year etc In trust for the intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned. Power of Trustees to distrain.

And after the decease of my sister Elizabeth Nowell I devise my Manor lands hereds etc to **William Parry of Salisbury Gent** for his life.

And after his decease etc to John Craster of Grays Inn, & **Peter Holford [Xref]** of London Master in Chancery and my kinsman William Harris of Bradford [on Avon] Wilts during the life of William Parry. In Trust. To contingent Estates and remainders. Viz

Mail entail of William Parry.

Mail entail of Robert Parry brother of William Parry.

To the Provost and Scholars of the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Oxford commonly called Oriel College of the Foundation of Edward II of famous Memory and their successors for ever.

And the sum of £50 a year to be paid by sister Elizabeth Nowell to my Trustees, In Trust to be an accumulating fund in Govt stock or securities and applied by them in the Education of person[s] as shall be during the Lifetime of Elizabeth Nowell and William Parry of Salisbury be entitled to the first estate tail expectant in the Manor & Lordships before mentioned.

The estate hereby devised to William Parry of Salisbury is devised on condition that 6 months after he shall become possessed of **Easton Grey now settled in Jointure on his mother**, settle and assure the same as

Trustees shall approve of, as per the intents and purposes hereinbefore given.

Power to convey Easton Grey with such lands as he shall become seized of on the death of his Father or his mother or any part, reversion etc. Such that lands, tens and hereds at Shipton Moyne and Easton Grey belonging to me as well as those settled in Joynture on the mother of William Parry of Salisbury shall be united.

And if the person entitled the Trust Estate is under 21 then it shall be lawfull for Trustees to take the rents and profits and apply a suitable part of the £50 per an as they shall think proper for the maintenance & education of such person, until they come of age. Reside to accumulate in the Trust Fund. To purchase additional land adjacent.

All my books and manuscripts to be removed and placed in my Mansion House at Shipton Moyne as heirlooms and be used and enjoyed by the person entitled to the possession etc. together with all the furniture, plate and pictures which shall be in my house at the time of my decease shall be continued there and go along with the housed as heirlooms etc.

My Mansion at Shipton [Moyne] and the Estate and premises shall be kept in good repair by the person entitled to it. And the possessor (Except my Trustees and my sister and the Provost and scholars of Oriel) shall take the surname and Arms of Hodges and if they refuse to the next in line.

And William Parry of Salisbury and all and every person who shall be entitled to the premises has power to appoint (except the mansion house at Shipton, and the offices and gardens) in Joynture for any wife etc. Up to £600 a year.

If the churches of Shipton or Easton Grey shall become vacant during the life time of Rev Dr John Ratcliffe [wife's family], Master of Pembroke College Oxford then the patrons by virtue of my will shall present him to the same, unless he refuses such presentation.

I desire my Trustees after the refusal or decease of Dr Ratcliffe shall present some fellow of Oriel college to them as they think fit and most deserving.

To the Chancellor, Master and Scholars of the University of Oxford, £200 to be by them ordered and applied for the benefit of such poor Editors within the University as may be approved by the Provost of Oriel College, in

the same manner as the sum of £100 given by Henry Rolle Esq for the like uses.

To the Provost and scholars of Oriell college £20 to be by the Statutes at Large to be placed in the college Library.

To the poor of Easton Grey and Shipton the sum of £10. To the poor of Kingsdown in the Diocese of Rochester £10.

Also to Rev Mr John Harris of Easton Grey and Jam ? his wife £21.

To Rev Dr Edward Bentham of Christ Church College Oxford 5*G*.

To Mr John Savage of Tedbury [Tetbury - Rector of Easton Grey? From 1769], Gloucester, Gent £50. To Thomas Ratcliffe of Gloucester Esq and - [blank] his wife and the said Dr John Ratcliffe 10*G* each.

To my servant William Benwell all my coaches & horses which I shall be possessed of at the time of my decease, and £10 in money. And to his children £10 each. And to all my other servants at the time of my decease £10 a piece.

To my Trustees John Craster, Peter Holford and William Harris of Bradford £50 each.

And my Will is that if William Harris will come and reside at Shipton and shall have and enjoy the house there which I let some time ago to Captain A Musgrave when the Term Granted to him shall Expire, rent free so long as he is content to reside there.

I give and bequeath all my Furniture at my Lodging in Oriell College at the time of my decease to the provost that shall succeed me in the provostship.

And I appoint Elizabeth Nowell sole executrix of this my will and give the residue of all my personal estate after payment of debts, legacies and funeral expences.

And I desire to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix costing no more than £200. I desire to be buried at Shipton in the same vault with my dear wife where I have prepared and laid a stone coffin just to hold our

2 bodies and coffins. And I would have my Funeral ordered in the same manner as was as may be.

Revoking all other wills. In witness where of I have to this 5 sheets by hand and seal 8th Feb 1755. Walter Hodges.

Signed sealed etc as his last will in the presence of Thos Parsons John Osbaldeston, Will. Rawlins.

This will was proved at the PCC **21st Feb 1757** by the oath of Elizabeth Nowell, sole Executrix named in the will having duly sworn to admon.

Transcribed by Tim Couzens.