

# In the name of god amen

the second daie of Aprill Anno Dni 1565. I Henry Bickley of Chidham within the Countie of Sussex gentleman, being, thanks to god, of good and perfitt memorie and mynde notwithstanding in feare of my lief by S<sup>f</sup> Andrian Poynings Captaine of Portsmouthe and his servants I doe nowe make my testament and last will in manner and forme followinge. First I give and bequeath my soule unto my maker saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ most humblie beseching his devine majestie to receiv the same as his verie owne to dwell and remaine w<sup>th</sup> him worlde without end, Amen. Amen good lord. And my bodie to the earthe from whence it came to be buried within the Chancell of the parishe churche of Chidham, to the which churche I give XXs. And at the daie of my buriall I will to be given to the poore in redie money XLs. And in vittuals for their better relief of the poore the worthe of XLs more. And also I give to the poore w<sup>th</sup>in the towne and Isle of Portsmouthe in redie money XLs. And so muche more in victuall likewise for the poore. Item I will that within one whole yere after my buriall or soner if it maie be, a toombe of marble or some other convenient stone to be made and sett over my dead bodie with letters thereupon to be sett or engraved declaringe my name & my wieves names and all my children. Item I will that Thomas Bickley my eldest sone shall have the use and profitt of all my lands and tenements with thappurtenances in Chidham Thorney and Bosham and also Crossewell lande which I bought for terme of his life. And so to the heirs male of his bodie lawfullie begotten for terme of their lives from male to male successivelie for terme of life. And for want of heires males to remaine to my eldest sone or sonnes and their sonnes successivelie for terme of their lives. And even so to their heires male. And for lacke off heire male of anye of my sonnes to remaine to the heires generall of my last sone. Item I will Raphe Bicklie my second sonne shall have the use and proffitt duringe his lief of all my lands and tenements within the towne and libertie of Portsmouthe which were my awncestors or otherwise of myne owne purchase except suche as I shall and have otherwise hereafter given for terme of his life. And so to the heires male of his bodie lawfully begotten. And for lacke to remayne as aforesaid to my eldest sone and his heires male for terme of their lives successivelie. Item to Pawle my sone I will for terme off his lief and to his heires male for terme of their lives all my lands that I bought of Colman of London w<sup>ch</sup> was late in the terme of Richard Pepson in the right of his wief being heire to one Coshe late of Kingston deceased. Item to Anthonie my sone I will for terme of his lief and his heires male my house and lands called hoxfforde within the Isle aforesaid, for lacke of such heires I will the remainder to my eldest sone and his heires as aforesaid the XXth daie of June 1570. I stacke oute a legacie given to my daughter Thomazin and nowe I give to her Sone Henry Tichborne XX<sup>li</sup>. And to Elizabeth X<sup>li</sup>. Item I will that Henry my last base shall have for terme of his lief my house and grounds in Faram and I give unto him XLs in redie money yerley he hath alredie X<sup>li</sup> yet I will that he shall have his XLs yerlie during his lief to be paied oute of my lands and mannor of Chidham and for lacke of payment he to distreme for the same in and upon my water mill called Cotmill and the same to enjoy and kepe till he be paid his anuitie of fortie shillings, provided alwaies if he sell his right either of the house or his anuitie then my eldest sone to take the house in Faram and also to be acquitted of the payment of the XLs before given to the foresaid Henry and the house in Faram to remaine to my eldest sone for terme of his lief and to his heirs male for terme of their lives as aforesaid. Item I give unto everie of my daughter Hargraves children nowe lyvinge VIII<sup>li</sup> a pece and if anye of them do die before they be able to use the same their parts whoe dieth to remaine among survivors equallie to be devidid. Item I give unto everie of my daughter Paies children so muche money as I have before given to my other daughters children and so to remayne as aforesaid to the survivors. Item I give to Joane Sondaie towards hir marriage XIII<sup>li</sup> VI<sup>li</sup> VIII<sup>d</sup> to be paied at the daye of hir marriage. Item I give to George Sondaie besides VI<sup>li</sup> that I have of his IIII<sup>li</sup> to be paied as aforesaid. Item I give to Harie Sondaie my godsonne VI<sup>li</sup> XIII<sup>li</sup> IV<sup>d</sup> to be delivered to his father upon good suertie to answer the same yf that Harry die then to remaine to the children of Willm Sondaie father to the foresaid Harry. Item to the foresaid Willm Sondaie I give unto him all suche oxen and shepe as he hath in his hands of myne. Item I give unto John, Besse & Joane the children of my brother John Younge everie of them III<sup>li</sup> VI<sup>li</sup> VIII<sup>d</sup> to be

paied at the daie of marriage ye hole to be given is X<sup>li</sup>. All which somes of money I will shalbe delivered except my brother Youngs childrens parts within VI moneths next after my death taking good assurance for the true payment thereof according to my good meaninge. Item I give unto Thomas, Raffe, Paule and Anthonie my fouer sones the some of X<sup>li</sup> apece in redie money to be paied within sixe moneths next after my decease. And the same to be putt in a stock and sett forth to the use and proffitt of them fouer equallie. And if anye of them die then his or their parte or parts to remaine amonge the survivors, this money not to be delivered nor the proffitts of the same to anye of my said sones before he or they come to XXI yeres of age. Item I give unto everie one off my godchildren IIs to be paied within VI weeks after my death. Item I give to everie one of my maide servants that hath contynued with me three yeres XXs apece. And to those that hath not so longe contynued with me VIs VIIIId apece. And even so I give like somes of money unto everie one of my men servants upon condicion that they shalbe gladd and willing to obeye and well use & entreat my wief and children during the tyme of their abode with them. Item I give unto Elizabeth my wief halfe my householde stuffe being at Portsmouthe and Stubbington with halfe my plates which halfe of plate is worthe one hundreth pounds at the least. And also I give unto hir one hundreth pounds in readie money upon condition that she deale faithfullie and trulie with the other halfe of my housholde stuffe and plates. And if she doe not deale faithfullie and trulie then she to have nothings to doe therew<sup>th</sup>, but then to have in recompence of the halfe plate and stuffe twoe hundreth pounds besides the hundred pounds given hir in redie money before, and she to recompence all suche things as shalbe ..... of anye parte of my goods before she shall have the twoe hundreth pounds. Item I will that my saied wief shall have the ocupacion of my Mannor house at Chidham with so muche grounde as I have nowe in the my ocupacion with 30 quarters wheat and 10 quarters barlie and 14 kiene and a bull 14 oxen and steres to drawe, two hundreth shepe, sixe horse or mares for my husbandrie with carts ploughes and all things to that aperteyning with 16 youge beasts of 3 or 4 yeres olde with hoggs poultrie and all other things meete and aperteyning to the said house with all the household stuffe. And before she shall have to doe therewith the same shalbe praised to the vest value. And she to putt in good and sufficient sureties in 6 C<sup>Li</sup> or 8C<sup>Li</sup> to answer the same or the value thereof before she shall have the use thereof. And that done she shall have holde and occupie the same 6 yeres next after mychellmas next cominge if she continue a widowe or otherwise marrie suche one as hath not a better thing of his owne to dwell in, yelding and paieing for the same mannor house and lands £20 by the yere to my eldest sone and during all the saied tyme if she doe dwell thereupon otherwise not to have it and to repaier mainteine and uphold all the premises and so at thend of 6 yeres to leave it with the stocks of cattall and cove and other things abovesaid or the value of them to the onlie use of Thomas Bicklie if he then live or ells to my eldest sone that then shalbe alive. Item I will more to my saied wief for terme of her lief my house in Portsmouthe that Darbie Savell holdeth of me by the rent of 53s 4d by the yere after his death to Thomas my sone for terme of his lief and his heires male. And for lacke of suche to remaine acordinglie as I have before appointed my other lands. Item I will that for the space of 12 yeres the profit of the lease of ye parsonage within the Isle of Wight which is £14 6s 8d per annum shall remaine towards the bringing up of all my fouer sonnes. And then the same lease with all the yeres then to come shall remaine to Paule & Anthonie my twoe younge sonnes or the longest liver of them, provided allwaies that they nor none of them shall sell the saied lease but if they bothe dye then the rest of the saied yeres to remaine to Thomas my sonne and his heires male. And for lacke of them to Raffe & his etc. Item I will that my yeres yetto rune of farme of Linche which is 8 yeres at Michellmas next, the proffitt thereof to remaine to Thomas Bicklie my sone with my whole stocke thereupon if he live to 21 yeres, if not then the same to Raffe. And for lacke of him to Paule and Anthonie my twoe sonnes. Item I will that Thomas Bicklie shall have the ocupacion of my farme of Stubbington during the whole lease yetto come with 40 quarters wheate 80 quarters of barlie besides the ...rent corne that shalbe behinde when he shall have the same which shalbe ymediatlie after my death. And more I give unto him three hundreth shepe, tenne oxen and steres to drawe which shalbe suche as then is comonlie used to travel the grounde 12 carte horse with cartes ploughes haroes with all things that there is aperteyninge husbandrie and 12 kiene

and a bull tenne younge beasts of 2, 3 and 4 yeres olde with hoggs and all other things aboute the house except the one halfe of the household stuffe before given to my wief. And if Thomas die before he be of the age of 21 yeres olde and have no yssue male, then all the things before given to him to remaine to Raffe and his heires male. And for that lacke to Pawle and Anthonie my twoe younge sonnes provided allwaies that Thomas Bicklie shall in recompence of this my gifte give and paie unto Paule and Anthonye my twoe younge sones either of them foure pounds by yere during the space of 8 yeres towards their bringing up and learninge of the Paule and Anthonie. I meane if the grounde be sowen at my death then Thomas to have the same corne as muche as before I have given him. And the rest to be soulede for the performance of this my last will. The rest of all my lands tenements goos and cattells and debts I will and bequeath to Thomas Bicklie my eldest sone and he therewith to paie my debts. And the saied Thomas I doe make and ordeine him to be my Executor whome I charge and ..... upon my blessing and as he shall answer before god to paie first all my debts and legacies and so to live godlie quietlie and honestlie wise govermet and also the government of Raffe, Pawle and Anthonie aswell of their bodies and also their goods till they be of 21 yeres of age. I commytt unto my trustie and welbeloved cozens Raffe Henslowe, Peter Ticheborne and Thomas Hargrave my sone in lawe to whome I give for their paines thereabouts to be taken viz. to my cozen Raffe Henslowe my best gowne and £4 in money. And to Peter Tichborne my best velvet cote and £4 in money. And to Thomas Hargrave in redie money £6 8s 4d Item I give to Raffe Henslowe and Peter Tichborne either of them yerlie during ye space of 12 yeres 20s apece to thentent that they shall yerlie during the mynoritie of my children take and travel to see their goods and lands used to their most proffitt. And once within everie yere to make up a .... and true reckoninge. And for their costs and charges susteyned aboute this travel they to be paied and allowed to the uttermost. In witness herof I have written this with my alone hand the daie and yere first above written numero fouer sides written concerning my will. By me Henry Bicklie.

*This will was proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 21st May 1571*