

The will of John Ger (sic) of Wivelsfield was dated 9 March 1569/70 and proved on 8 September 1571 at Lewes Archdeaconry court. It reads as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the 9th day of March the year of our Lord God 1569. I

John Ger of the parish of Wivelsfield in the diocese of Canterbury being sick of body but of good

remembrance praise be to God do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

FIRST I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wivelsfield.

ITEM I give and bequeath to Thomas my son Ten pounds of current money of England to be paid at the age of 21 years

ITEM I give and bequeath to John my son all my leasehold lands that I have in Wivelsfield and Dichemyng (Ditchling ?) to be payed at the pfter my F palers and (?) to be paid to him at the age of 21 years.

ITEM I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter Å£13 6s 8d (?)

ITEM I give and bequeath to Anne my daughter Å£13 6s 8d (?)

MY said daughters bequests to be paid at 21 years or at the day of their marriages

ITEM the rest of all my goods pnyeres and pnbeqnebled (?) I give and bequeath to Dennis my son to be paid when he shall comply to the age of 21 years.

AND if any of my said children die before they come to the age of 21 years or the day of their marriage then the said goode (?) of him her or them departed to be equally divided amongst the pnfare (?) of my said children.

ITEM I make my Executors Richard Dumbrell of Casselfers (?) and Steven Anstie (?) of Cuckfield and they to have for their pains 6s 8d (?) a piece And my caris (?) - Overseers) to this my last will Roger Pelham (?) Thomas Button (?) of Wivelsfield and they to have for their pains 3s 4d (?) a piece. Witness to the making of this my last Will and Testament Roger Pelham, Thomas Button, Allen Paxage (?), Thomas Anstie, John Pancroft and John Martin the writer (?) of my last Will and Testament.

PROBATE of the Testament octano die menss September Anno Dom. 1571 apnd Levoed coran magistrate Henry Berkley Commissioner Imecin rontnes Å£15 15s 1d (?)

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