

X.002 THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD JR. OF LONDON,  
ENGLAND, DATED 22 AUGUST 1627. PROVED 5 SEPTEMBER  
1627. HIS DEATH WAS ON 25TH AUGUST 1627.

Entered in June of 1989 by Robert R. Hill Sr.

Source: Obtained for me by Mr. Richard Moore, of London,  
England in May of 1989.

Note: Words may appear to be miss spelled but this is the way  
the original was wrote. The numbers in bold print (viz 1) in  
the text indicates the line number on the original will.  
(Example (5) shows that line starts on line 5 of the  
original will).

A word such as inven= (26) toried shows that the word  
(inventoried) was divided at end of the page and was carried  
over onto the 26th line in the original will.

#### A FEW GENEALOGICAL FACTS:

This Christopher Woodward Jr. 3/ was born ca. 1570-1573. He  
married Katherine Audley, daughter of Thomas Audley, Citizen  
and Grocer of London. The marriage was on the 20th June 1603  
at St. Magnus the Martyr. This Christopher Woodward Jr. 3/  
died on the 25th August 1627. (Another source, Beaver, states  
it was the 22nd of August but that might be a misprint).  
Christopher Woodward Jr. 3/ is buried at St. Mary Lambeth.

Note by R. Hill Sr: I understand that this is St. Mary's Church  
in the village of Lambeth, just outside of what was once old  
London).

Since the will was dated the 22nd of August, I believe the  
date of the 25th to be the correct date of death. In any  
case, he obviously died between 22 August 1627 (date of will)  
and 5th September 1627 when the will was proven and submitted  
by his wife Catherine (Audley) into probate. Why the delay  
in probate remains a mystery.

Christopher Woodward Jr. 3/ was the only son of Christopher  
Woodward Sr. 2/ and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Westwood of  
Oldbury, who after her husband's death, re-married Robert  
Feltham and is mentioned in the following will. Christopher  
Woodward Sr. 2/ was estimated to have been born ca. 1530-1535  
in the county of Shropshire, England, migrated into London  
and became very successful and wealthy. He died in London,  
sometime between the 14th of April 1574 and the date of 5th  
May 1574 when it was submitted into probate (proved).

Christopher Woodward Sr. 2/ was the son of Edward Woodward 1/  
of Shropshire, England and his wife Anne Woodward.

(Reference to Will of Christopher Woodward Sr. 2/). It appears, based on this will, that both Edward 1/ & Anne Woodward were alive when Christopher Woodward Sr. 2/ wrote his will.

#### COMMENTS THAT RELATE TO THE WILL BY RICHARD MOORE:

Reference to Lambeth, it is 2 miles west of Southwark, the first village you come to round the bend of the (Thames?) river.

(Comment by R. Hill Sr: Bet it is part of today's London).

Page 1, Line 8: Reference to Lee's Chapel in the parish of St. Christopher's. I am not sure what he means by that. There is no such parish in Lambeth-the parish is St. Mary in Lambeth and has been since the time beyond which the memory of man runneth not. I think he must be meaning a side chapel dedicated to St. Christopher within the church of St. Mary's itself. There is circumstantial evidence that he (Christopher Woodward) paid for repairs/refurbishment of the church of St. Mary. Here is a piece of original research on my part:

Source: "Ducarel's History of Lambeth."

Vol 34 of Bibliotheca Topographia Britannica,  
published 1786 by the Society of Antiquaries.

Page 28 states that the chancel was wainscotted (sic) by "Mr. Woodward" in 1617. (Note by R. Hill... Wainscot is a fine grade of oak imported for woodwork, a paneled wooden lining of an interior wall often the lower three or four feet finished differently from the remainder of the wall).

Page 1, Line 19: the generally accepted spelling of this man's name is ASH or ASHE.

Until 1754 the age of marriage was 14 for boys and 12 for girls, but marriage at such young ages was uncommon, and generally confined to the arranged marriages of the fairly wealthy, a category into which the Woodwards certainly can be included.

Page 1, lines 21 and 22: The wording of these two lines indicate that Thomas Woodward was also under age 21 at the time this will was wrote. There were degrees of minority. I know of a case where a 14 year old boy was granted the administration of his father's estate on behalf of his younger brothers and sisters, but this was an emergency situation. My feeling is that 18 would have been acceptable as an age for joint executor, and I suspect that even 15 or 16 would not cause any raised eyebrows.

Page 1, line 23: Chamber of London was the Court of Orphan's.

Other comments by Richard Moore: The fact that Christopher

Woodward Sr is stated as being a "Vintner" does not mean he was actually a vintner. The livelihood of the son Christopher Woodward Jr. is not too certain. C.W. Beaven's book entitled "Alderman of the City of London," (1916) shows that Christopher Woodward Jr. was elected Alderman for the Ward of Algate (London?) for the year of 1623 and in the subsequent year he was "Master of the Worshipful Company of Vintners."

#### WILL OF CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD (JR.)

In the name of God Amen (2) the two and twentieth (22nd) daie (day) of August Anno Domini One Thousand Six Hundred Twentie Seaven (1627) (3) And in the third yeare of the raigne (reign) of our Sovereigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God, (4) King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc.. I CHRISTOPHER (5) WOODWARD of Lambeth in the Countie of Surrey Esquire, finding myselfe somewhat (6) sickly disposed in my body but of perfect memory I thanke allmightie God due make my last will and testament (7) commending first my soule to God my creator and my body to the earth to bee decently and Christian like (8) buried in Lees Chappell in the Parish of St. Christopher in Lambeth in the said countie of Surrey (9) whereof I am a parishoneer hoping and assuredly beleiving to bee saved by the precious death and passion of my (10) alone Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. And for my goods and chattells which God of his infenite (11) mercy hath given mee I will the same (according to the ancient and lardable custome of the Cittie of (12) London) to bee devided into three equall parts.. one third part whereof to my loving wife, one other like (13) part to and among my children. The other third part to mee belonging I give to my daughters ELIZABETH, (14) KATHERENE, SUSAN, MARY and ANN WOODWARD equallie among them to be devided and paid with there (15) portions to them belonging by the custome above said at there severall ages of one and twentie years or (16) daies of there severall marriages first happening. If any of my daughters before such age or marriage (17) shall depart this life the survivor and survivors of them shall enjoy that third parte of my personall estate (18) to mee belonging and to them bequeathed as aforesaid equallie between them to bee devided and paid as (19) aforesaid. And I will that the portion of my daughter ELIZABETH now married to Edward Aysh (Ashe) shall with (20) the portion which I have allready given her bee made equall with the portions of my other daughters. The (21) portions belonging to my sonnes THOMAS and WILLIAM WOODWARD my will is shall be paid unto them at (22) there severall ages of one and twentie yeares. My will also is that all my children's portions shall with all (23) convenient speed next after my decease bee paid into the CHAMBER of LONDON (this is the Court of Orphans) for my

said children's benefitt (24) And that my said wife shall take such leases as I shall have of any person or persons at that tyme of my decease as (25) the same shall be valued and inventoried with such other of my plate jewells and chattells valued and inven = (26) toried (inventoried) as aforesaid as she shall best like of. Alsoe I forgive Thomas Crowe the ten pounds which he oweth mee (27) ITEM.. my will and meaning is that my said sonnes nor either of them shall have or receive any rents or (28) other profits of any of my lands or tenements before my Executors hereafter named shall have paid with the (29) rents and profits thereby arising the charges of my funeralls, my debts legacies hereafter bequeathed and (30) the legacies given by my mother MRS ELIZABETH FELTHAM, deceased, which I have not paid and am charged or charge = (31) (chargable) to paie, but that my Executors shall deteyne (which shall be lawfull for them to doe) the same rents and (31) profits to satisfie and paie the premises. ITEM.. I give unto the parsons churchwardens and overseers (33) for the poore of the severall parishes of Lambeth aforesaid and St. Olave in Southwark in the said countie of (34) Surrey, five pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence apeece for a stock to sell the poore of the said severall (35) parishes outwork to bee paid unto the parsons churchwardens and overseers of the said severall parishes PAGE 2 OF ORIGINAL WILL STARTS HERE within three moneths next after my decease. To all my men and maidservants that shall be with mee at the tyme (2) of my decease I give fortie shillings apeece and to my servant William Johnson and his wife I give five (3) marks. Also I will and intreat my said wife to bee guradian to my soone WILLIAM WOODWARD during his (4) minority. And touching the mill called Pudding Mill in the parish of St. Saviour in Southwark aforesaid (5) whereof I have a mortgage my will is that my Executors hereafter named shall have and take in the five (6) hundred pounds that I have paid upon the same and such moneys as shall be done for the forbearance thereof And (7) that the said moneys shall be equallie devide amongst my daughters and to bee paid as before is mentioned. Of (8) this my testament and last will I make and ordayne my loving wife KATHERINE and my good friends MR. (9) ROBERT DRAPER and my sonnes EDWARD ASH (son in law) and THOMAS WOODWARD Executors. And to my wife I give my (10) silver bason and ewre marked with my owne marke. To MR. ROBERT DRAPER my light horse appointed (11) for service to my soone ASH (son in law) and his wife my bason and ewre of silver and twelve apostle silver spoones (12) And to my soone THOMAS WOODWARD my seale ring of gold my great standing silver cupp, which was my (13) father's, my watch and all my bookes...In witness whereof to this my testament I the said CHRISTOPHER (14) WOODWARD I have put my hand and seale the daie and yeare first above written per me CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD (15) this present testament containing foure sheets and this peece of paper was read, signed, sealed and delivered by (16) the said CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD the daie and yeares first above written in the presence of us Andrew Turner (17) (illegible

signature) Henry Shelberry Senior.

Proved 5th September 1627 by Catherine Woodward, the relict,  
Edward Ash and Thomas Woodward, sons of the said deceased.

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END OF WILL

OTHER GENEALOGICAL NOTES BY ROGER MOORE:

Edward Ash, the son in law named in the will, was a "Citizen  
& Draper of London" and came from Wiltshire.

The records of England shows that the wife of the son Thomas  
Woodward (b. ca. 1609) and who's will in Isle of Wight  
County, Virginia, naming his wife as Katherine, shows her  
surname to have been Bromfield (Katherine Bromfield).

Percival Boyd's writings show that the son William Woodward  
(b. ca. 1611-1612) died in 1674 and the hieroglyphic next to  
the date means "unmarried." If this be true then he could not  
have been the progenitor of NOR could he be the William  
Woodward, Wealthy London Merchant, who is said to have sent  
three sons, Abraham, William & Henry Woodward to Maryland.

COMMENTS BY ROBERT HILL SR:

ASSUMING THIS TO BE TRUE, THEN THE GENEALOGY FOR THOMAS  
(REGULATOR) WOODWARD, OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S.C. IS INCORRECT!

TRADITION STATES THAT ABRAHAM WOODWARD, SON OF WILLIMA  
WOODWARD, A WEALTHY LONDON MERCHANT, HAD A SON THOMAS  
WOODWARD, WHO WAS THE FATHER OF THOMAS (REGULATOR) WOODWARD.  
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVED (ABOVE) THAT THE THOMAS WOODWARD,  
SON OF ABRAHAM, COULD NOT BE THE FATHER OF THOMAS (THE  
REGULATOR) WOODWARD, WHO WAS BORN IN 1729.

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