

X.003 THE WILL OF ELIZABETH (WESTWOOD) WOODWARD FELTHAM, DATED 14 AUGUST 1620, PROVED 27TH NOVEMBER 1620. SHE WAS THE 2ND WIFE OF CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD SR. (IN ENGLAND) AND SHE HAD REMARRIED ROBERT FELTHAM, SOMETIME AFTER THE 1574 DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD.

Entered in March of 1987 by Robert R. Hill Sr. and updated in February of 1989.

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Explanation: The surname of the above was Westwood, and she was from Oldbury, (County of Shropshire) England. For reasons unknown official documents of Sallop shows that the Westwood Family apparently used the alias of Oldbury, apparently after the village they were from. As a result of this, some confusion has arisen over the surname of Westwood and Oldbury. A good example is that Elizabeth Westwood is often called Elizabeth Oldbury.

She married as her 1st husband ca. 1565 to Christopher Woodward (son of Edward Woodward, of Shropshire) and when he died in 1574, she remarried Robert Feltham, who also died early in July of 1592, several years prior to her death. The above events all took place in England.

February 1989 Updated Notes: Research by the English Genealogist Mr. Richard Moore, of London, done for me in February 1989, disclosed the following facts, before unknown...This will was proved on 27th November 1620. Her first husband, Christopher Woodward left a will that was proved in 1574, thus apparently he died in that year. Robert Feltham, the 2nd husband of the above Elizabeth, was buried in July 1592. Mr. Moore stated that from the position of this entry in the "burials," it apparently was in the first half of the month of July.

In the column that gives the entry, showing the exact day of Robert Feltham's burial (in the Parish record), that entry was eaten away. Both husbands, Christopher Woodward and Robert Feltham were London "Vintners" (wine makers).

Mr. Moore stated that there were no Parish registers for St. Olaves, prior to 1583, thus the burial date for Christopher Woodward (1st husband) is lost.

Another thing, Mr. Moore states that there is no entry in the Parish records of St. Olaves to show that Elizabeth was buried as she had requested in the will. Mr. Moore stated that there are two possible reasons for this: QUOTE:...

"1)... Her son ignored her instructions. Unlikely, I feel, The only instance I have personally come across was a lady who said that she should be buried in the parish in which she happened to die. Her Executor ignored this instruction and had her interred along with her husband in a different parish."

(quote continues)

"2)..... The burial entry has been missed off the register." I think that's the answer. The early registers of St. Olaves look to like copies done somewhat later in the 17th century. Very easy-and all to human-to miss off the old entry, if you're copying page after page of entries from a closely written original." END OF QUOTE.

The following is a another quote from Mr. Moore:
"The church of St. Olaves had partially collapsed in 1736, due to foundations being undermined by digging graves too near the walls. It was rebuilt in 1740, and this church was destroyed by the first of the Tooley Street fires (1843). It was then rebuilt and narrowly escaped destruction in the second Tooley Street fire of 1861.

Given those facts, plus the fact that inner city-churchyards were closed in 1855 (to burials) and have all since been leveled, I don't think there's much chance even of a Monumental inscription surviving, let alone a tomb." END OF QUOTE.

Also found was the marriage of Susan Woodward at St. Olave on 10th July 1587 to John Kinge (King), Susan being the daughter of Elizabeth & her first husband, Christopher Woodward.

Reference to Item 9 in the will, Mr. Moore states that none of these prisons still exist. The Marshalsea and the Kings Bench are well known and documented. The White Lion was a new one on him, so he looked it up and says that it stood QUOTE: "opposite the Tabard Inn of Chaucer fame, had originally been an inn, and had been converted into a prison for felons, within the last forty years, according to Stow, writing in 1598." END OF QUOTE.

NOTE: Mr. Richard Moore, Genealogist in London, gives a has a slightly different interpretation of this will and his wording is underline and in bold print.

R. Hill

WILL OF ELIZABETH FELTHAM

This Will is Filed in Folio 108 of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (in England).

WILL OF ELIZABETH FELTHAM

Parish of St. Thomas, the Apostle
in Southwark, County of Surrey, England.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: the fourteenth day of August Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and twenty (14 August 1620) and in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, he that sixth sire of England, France and Ireland the sixteenth, and of Scotland the four and fiftieth: I ELIZABETH FELTHAM, of the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Southwark, in the county of Surrey, widow, being whole of body and of perfect memory, laud and praise be therefore given to Almighty God, yet, considering with myself the uncertain fate of this mortal life, how sure we are to die and how uncertain we are of the time, place and manner, thereof, do therefore make and ordain this my present testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

FIRST and principally, I bequeath and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God, my Creator and Redeemer, assured, but trusting to be saved by the only death and passion of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and by no other means. And I will my body to be buried in the Churchyard of the Parish church of St. Olave, in Southwark, aforesaid, and in the tomb where my late husbands, CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD and ROBERT FELTHAM lie buried.

ITEM (1) I will and bequeath to forty poor people forty gowns to be disposed at the discretion of my executor hereunder named.

ITEM (2) I give toward the relief of the children of Christ's Hospital of London five pounds.

ITEM (3) I give toward the relief of the poor people of St. Thomas's Hospital, in Southwark, five pounds, thirteen shillings and forty pence.

ITEM (4) I give and bequeath toward the relief of the poor people of the parish of St. Olave, in Southwark, five pounds, to be distributed among them by twenty shillings a year at Christmas, in every year during the five years next following after my decease, by my said executor at his discretion.

ITEM (5) I give and bequeath to the poor people of the said parish of St. Thomas, where I am a parishioner, fifty shillings.

ITEM (6) I give to the poor people of the parish of Oldbury, in the County of Salop, where I was born, forty shillings.

ITEM (7) I give to (the) poor people of the parish of St. George, in Southwark, forty shillings to be also distributed among them at the discretion of my executor, hereunder named.

ITEM (8) I give to the poor people of the parish of Bromley, in the County of Kent, forty shillings to be distributed among them by my sons-in-law, HENRY WALTON and NICHOLAS KING, at their discretion.

ITEM (9) I give to and among the poor prisoners of the three prisons in Southwark, vizt: The King's Bench, the Marshalsey, and the White Lion, three pounds, vizd. to each of them twenty shillings a year.

ITEM (10) I give and bequeath to THOMAS WOODWARD and WILLIAM WOODWARD, sons of my son, CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD, to either of them fifty pounds apiece to be paid unto them at their several ages of twenty and four years, if they shall so long live.

ITEM (11) I give and bequeath to ELIZABETH WOODWARD, CATHERINE WOODWARD, SUSAN WOODWARD, MARY WOODWARD and ANNE WOODWARD, daughters of the son, CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD, to every of them fifty pounds apiece to be paid unto them at their several ages of twenty and four years, if they shall so long live.

ITEM (12) I give and bequeath to the several children of my daughter SUSAN WALTON, DECEASED, vizd: HENRY KING, JOHN KING, SAMUEL WALTON, and ELIZABETH LONG, wife of ROBERT LONG, to every of them one hundred pounds apiece, to be paid unto them at their several ages of twenty and four years, if they shall so long live. In as my son-in-law, HENRY WALTON, which was husband of my said daughter SUSAN, his executors or assigns, do, within six months next after my decease, pay to my executor, hereunder named, or his assigns, the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds, which he owes them to me by obligation or writing obligatoris.

ITEM (13) I give and bequeath to the two daughters of the said ROBERT LONG and ELIZABETH, his wife, vizd: ELIZABETH and MARGARET LONG, to either of them, twenty and five pounds apiece, to be paid unto them at their several ages of twenty and one years, if they shall so long liver. So as the said HENRY WALTON, his executors or assigns, do within the said space of six months after my decease pay to my said executor or his assigns the said sum of four hundred and fifty pounds, as aforesaid.

ITEM (14) I give and bequeath unto JOHN SAYER, the younger, RICHARD SAYER, CHRISTOPHER SAYER, HENRY SAYER, EDWARD SAYER and ROBERT SAYER, the six sons of my late daughter. REBECCA SAYER, now deceased, to every one of them fifty pounds apiece, to be severally paid unto them when and as they each severally attain and accomplish their several ages of twenty and four years, if they shall so long live.

ITEM (15) I give and bequeath unto ELIZABETH SAYER and REBECCA SAYER, the two daughters of my said late daughter, REBECCA SAYER, one hundred pounds apiece to be severally paid unto them at such time as they each severally attain and accomplish their full ages of twenty and one years, if they shall so long live. And it is my will and meaning that, if it shall happen any of them, the said: THOMAS WOODWARD, WILLIAM WOODWARD, ELIZABETH WOODWARD, KATHERINE WOODWARD, SUSAN WOODWARD, MARY WOODWARD, ANNE WOODWARD, HENRY KING, JOHN KING, SAMUEL WALTON, ELIZABETH LONG, the mother, ELIZABETH LONG, the daughter, MARGARET LONG, JOHN SAYER, RICHARD SAYER, CHRISTOPHER SAYER, THOMAS SAYER, EDWARD SAYER, ROBERT SAYER, ELIZABETH SAYER and REBECCA SAYER, or any of them do decease or depart this life before such time or times as the legacy or legacy's portion or portions before them to him, her, or them, severally given and bequeathed, shall by the form, intent, and meaning of these presents be due or payable to him, her, or them, what shall so happen to decease, as aforesaid. That, then, and from thereafter, in every such case, all and every the gift and gifts, legacy and legacies, before hereby given, meant, or intended, to him, her, or them, so deceasing, shall cease and by intents is void and of none effect to all intents and purposes, anything to the contrary, thereof, notwithstanding.

ITEM (16) I give and bequeath to my said son-in-law, HENRY WALTON , for a remembrance, a gold ring with a death's head, of forty shillings price.

ITEM (17) I give to my son-in-law, JOHN SAYER, for a remembrance, a gold ring with a death's head, of the like price of forty shillings.

ITEM (18) I give to my kinsman-ROBERT LONG, likewise a gold ring with a death's head, of price of forty shillings.

ITEM (19) I give and bequeath to the war King a full company of servants (?) (TO THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF VINTNERS OF THE CITY OF LONDON) of the VESTRY (?) of London, the sum of ten pounds to be spent on them at a meeting.

ITEM (20) I give to the general poor, to be given and distributed among them at the Church on the day of my funeral, the sum of five pounds.

ITEM (21) I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law,

KATHERINE WOODWARD, a chain of gold, which is in my chest.

ITEM (22) I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law (illegible) a silver cup of the price of fifty three shillings and four pence.

ITEM (23) I give and bequeath to my sister MARGARET OLDBURY (?), my brother RICHARD'S wife, forty shillings and I give to (FRANCES), her daughter the like sum of forty shillings.

ITEM (24) I give to my....(illegible)..(COUSIN EMLYN JAMES ONE OF MY ORDINARY WEARING GOWNES AND FIVE POUNDS IN MONEY) and forty pounds in money.

ITEM (25) I give to my sister (?) BRIGHT (?) (KNIGHTE) twenty shillings, if she (?) be living.

ITEM (26) I give unto THOMAS WESTWOOD, at Oldbury, ten pounds; and I give to his two daughters, ELIZABETH and SUSANNA, five pounds apiece to be severally paid unto them as they shall attain to their ages of twenty-one years or be married, which shall first happen.

ITEM (27) I give to my nephew HOWARD (?) (EDWARD) WESTWOOD, son of my brother CHRISTOPHER WESTWOOD, a gold ring of thirty-three shillings and four pence price.

ITEM (28) I give to my nephew JOHN WESTWOOD, at (ALIAS) Oldbury, and HOWARD WESTWOOD, at Oldbury, sons of my brother RICHARD WESTWOOD, at Oldbury, deceased, to either of them forty shillings apiece. (MR. MOORE EXPLAINED THAT THE WORD THAT APPEARS TO READ "AT" IS AN ABBREVIATION FOR "ALIAS" THUS THIS ITEM SHOULD READ JOHN WESTWOOD ALIAS OLDBURY).

ITEM (29) I give to ELIZABETH WILSON (?-WILBORN, MILBORN??), wife of THOMAS WILSON (?) WILLISON ? WILBOONE ?, the sum of five pounds. (MR. MOORE READS THIS NAME AS "MILLBOONE" BUT WAS NOT HAPPY WITH HIS FINDING).

ITEM (30) I give to MARY FLEMINGS, the wife of THOMAS FLEMINGS, the sum of five pounds. (MR. MOORE READS THESE NAMES AS JENNYNGS AND NOT FLEMINGS).

ITEM (31) I give to THOMAS ORANGE, son of DYNES ? ORANGE, five pounds to be paid unto him when he shall accomplish the full age of twenty and one years. (MR. MOORE READS THE NAME AS THOMAS CROWE, SON OF AGNES CROWE) NOT ORANGE AS IN ORIGINAL COPY SENT TO ME.

ITEM (32) I give to JOHN LASELL, a black cloak and to his wife a black gown and five nobles in money to make her a ring. (ROGER MOORE READS THIS NAME AS HASELL, NOT LASELL).

ITEM (33) I give MARY which dwelleth with good wife LASELL, twenty shillings. (MOORE READS THIS AS HASELL, NOT LASELL).

ITEM (34) I give to my good friend NICHOLAS KING, of the parish of Bromley, in the County of Kent, a ring of gold, of five nobles price.

ITEM (35) I give to and among my tenants to be bestowed on a dinner for them-five pounds.

ITEM (36) I give to my god-daughter, REBECCA CHENNY (CHENY), a _____parcel gift, which was heretofore her grandmother's.

ITEM (37) I give to my god-daughter, REBECCA PHILIPS, forty shillings, if she be living.

ITEM (38) I give to the son of ROBERT WARD, my tenant, forty shillings.

ITEM (39) I give to WALTER that was son by me, my servant, twenty shillings.

ITEM (40) I give to every such of my servants, as shall dwell with me at the time of my decease-forty shillings.

The residue of all and singular-my goods, chattels, leases, plates, jewels, ready money, debts, and household stuff (?), whatsoever, which shall remain after my decease, and funeral expenses, and legacies by this my last will and testament given and bequeathed, fully discharged, I do wholly give and bequeath unto my said son CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD, whom I do constitute and ordain to be sole executor of this my last will and testament, straightly charging him to perform the same in all things, according to my true intent and meaning, herein declared, as I doubt not but he will. In witness, whereof, I, the said ELIZABETH FELTHAM, to this my present last will and testament have put my hand and seal_____the day and year first above written. The mark of the said ELIZABETH FELTHAM is sealed, signed, acknowledged and published by the said ELIZABETH FELTHAM for and as her last will and testament, the day and year first above written, in the presence of _____ROBERT THURLOBY?, RUTH LEE (?), and JAMES READ (?) Sr (?).

END OF WILL

Christopher Woodward Sr. is estimated to have been born in Shropshire County, England ca. 1530-1535 and at some time, migrated into London, where he became rather wealthy and prominent citizen. He first married Margaret Farnly on 26th October 1552 at "Christ Church Greyfriars Newgate." His 2nd marriage was to Elizabeth Westwood of Oldbury, Shropshire County, England. He died sometime between the 14th of April 1574 and the date of 5th May 1574 when it was submitted into probate (proved).

Christopher Woodward Sr. was the son of Edward Woodward of Shropshire, England and his wife Anne Woodward. (Reference to Will of Christopher Woodward Sr.). It appears based on this will that both Edward & Anne Woodward were alive when Christopher Woodward Sr. wrote his will and it should be noted that Christopher made provisions in his will to take care of his parents.

LATER COMMENTS & INFORMATION GIVEN TO ME BY RICHARD MOORE IN JUNE OF 1989.

Christopher Woodward Sr. was first married to Margaret Farnly at Christ Church on the 26th October 1552. I assume this to be "Christ Church Greyfriars Newgate," whose early registers was known to have been indexed but not transcribed by Percival Boyd. The pre 1837 registers of that church no longer exist, due to the bombing of World War II.

Boyd gives the children of Christopher Woodward Sr. and Margaret Farnly as follows:

1. Sarah Woodward married Thomas Emerson.
2. Elizabeth Woodward married Thomas Langly (Longly) and secondly to John Saracole in 1592.
3. Catherine Woodward married (unknown) Bowman.
4. Anne Woodward married John Brown.

Richard Moore stated that Boyd did not give the source of his information but he appeared to know something about John Saracole.

Christopher Woodward Sr. married the second time to Elizabeth Westwood of Oldbury, located in Shropshire County England.

Their children were;

5. Susan Woodward married John Kinge in 1587 in St. Olaves Church in London on 10th July 1587.
6. Rebecca Woodward married John Sawyer.
7. Christopher Woodward Jr., born ca. 1570-1573, married Catherine Audley at St. Magnus the Martyr on 20th June 1603. It was a marriage by License. The father of the bride was Thomas Audley, Citizen and Grocer, who witnessed the will of Christopher Woodward Sr.

Definitions:

LIVERY COMPANY = any of various London craft or trade associations that are descended from medieval guilds.

GUILDS = an association of people with similar interest or pursuits; a medieval association of merchants or craftsmen.

VINITER= a maker of wine. it was submitted into probate

(proved).

Christopher Woodward Sr. was the son of Edward Woodward of Shropshire, England and his wife Anne Woodward. (Reference to Will of Christopher Woodward Sr.). It appears, based on this will, that both Edward & Anne Woodward were still alive.

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