

X.004 THE WILL OF ROBERT FELTHAM, 2ND HUSBAND OF
ELIZABETH WOODWARD, BOTH OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

Source: Obtained by Mr. Richard Moore of London, England for
Robert Hill, Entered in April 1898 by Robert R. Hill Sr.

Both Wills Proved 17th July 1592

Note by Robert Hill Sr: This was the second husband of
Elizabeth Westwood (Oldbery) the widow of Christopher
Woodward Sr. 2/.

NOTES BY RICHARD MOORE OF LONDON: What we have here are two
wills which have been treated as one for probate purposes.

Page 1, line 18: "of Bedford in the County of Essex": I know
of no such place, it might be a mishearing of "Bardfield."

You will notice that the legal profession were just as
careless then as now: the notary has failed to notice that no
executor has been appointed..This will would seem to have
been written by Robert Feltham while his mind was totally
preoccupied by putting a heavu entail on the properties that
he had just bought.

Reference to 2nd will..

Page 2 Line 12: St Thomas the Apostle is a parish on the
other side of the Thames: offhand, it's
probably the parish where Vintners Hall is
situated.

Line 13: St. Saviours, the parish adjoining St Olaves
on the west, and subject of the book I
commended to you.

Line 15: St Marie, the parish church of Bermondsey, to
the east of St. Olaves.

Line 17: Hallesworth, in Suffolk; suggest that this
bequest may well indicate where Robert
Feltham came from.

Line 33: Bridewell: a prison.

WILL OF ROBERT FELTHAM

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, the thirteenth daie of March èÂðÂéÂ
Anno domni One Thousand five hundred eightie eighte (13 March
1588) and in the èÁóÂéÂ one and thirtiethe èÁóÁñÁóÑôÑéÁ yeare
of the
raigne of our soveraigne ladie Elizabeth èÂôÂéÂ by the Grace

of

God, Queen of Englande, France and Irelande defender

of the faithe etc. I ROBERT FELTHAM citizen and vintner of London being whole in bodie and of perfecte memorie praize therefore be given to the allmighty God considering the uncertaine state of this presente lief howe suer we are to die, and yet of the time place and manner of our dieinge altogether uncertaine as dailie experience sheweth. do therefore make and ordaine this

my presente and laste will touching the dispersion of

all and singular my message. tenemente or taverne called by the signe of the White Beare with its appurtenances

situate and being neere the southe ends of London Bridge. and in the parish of St. Olaves in the borough

of Southwark in the Countie of Surrey And of all other

my tenementes and houses in the high streete side adjoining to the saide taverne and in the bear allie

with all and everie their appurtenances within the saide parische of St. Olave. which I latelie purchased to

me and my heirs of Anthonie Cooke of Bedford in

the countie of Essex esquire, in forme following, that is to saie, first

I give will and devise all the saide messages,

taverne, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments with their

appurtenances unto ELIZABETH my wief for terme of her naturall lief, and after the deathe of the saide Elizabeth,

then I give will and devise all the saide messages, taverne, landes, tenementes. and hereditaments with their

appurtenances unto CHRISTOPHER WOODWARDE my said wives soon, and to the heirs males of his bodie lawfullie

begotten. And for defaulte of such yssue, the

remainder thereof to George Feltham one other of the sonnes of my said brother John Feltham and to the heires

males of his bodie lawfullie begotten. And for default of such yssue the remainder thereof to Thomas

Feltham one other of the sonnes of my saide brother John

Feltham, and to the heires ,ales of his bodie lawfullie

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begotten: And for default of suche yssue èÁéÑóÑóÑõÑáÑéÁ. the remainder thereof to the èÂñÂóÂéÂ eighte heires of me the saide

Roberte Feltham forever. And I will èÂñÂðÂéÂ and my meaning is.

and I doe by these presentes give and grante unto my èÂñÂðÂéÂ brother William Feltham from and after my decease for terme of his lief èÂñÂðÂéÂ to be yssuing èÁéÑóÑóÑõÑéÑîÑçÑéÁ out of the saide

messuage or tenemente called the beare èÂñÂ÷ÂéÂ and other the saide landes and tenementes above mentioned one annuithè èÁáÑîÑîÑõÑáÑîÑéÁ èÂñÂøÂéÂ or yeerelie rente of twentie marks of lawfull

moneie of Englande èÂñÂùÂéÂ paiable at the foure moste usuall feasts in the yeere, that is to saie èÂðÂðÂéÂ the annunciation of

our ladie the virgin, the nativite of St. John (the) èÂðÂñÂéÂ Baptiste, Saint Michael the Archangel. and the birthe of our Lorde èÂðÂðÂéÂ God by evenn portions: the firste paiement thereof

to be made and èÂðÂóÂéÂ to beginn at that moste usuall quarter

feaste daie above mentioned which èÂðÂðÂéÂ firste and nexte shall

happen after my decease: And yf yt èÁéÑæÑ éÑõÑéÁ happen èÂðÂðÂéÂ the

saide annuite or yeerelie rente of twentie marks or any part thereof èÂðÂðÂéÂ to be behinde and unpaide by the space of thittie èÁóÑèÑéÑõÑòÑùÑéÁ daies next after anie èÁáÑîÑyéÁ èÂðÂ÷ÂéÂ of the

saide quarter feaste daies wherare in the same oughte to be paide èÂðÂøÂéÂ contrarie to my true intent and meaning being lawfullie asked. that èÂðÂùÂéÂ then and so often it shall and maie èÁíÑáÑùÑéÁ be lawfull to and for my brother èÁóÂðÂéÂ William

Feltham and his assignes into the saide messuages, taverne èÁóÂñÂéÂ landes tenementes and hereditaments to enter and distraine, and the èÁóÂðÂéÂ distress or distresses. then and theare soe takenn, lawfullie to leade èÁóÂóÂéÂ beare. drive and

carrie awaie and the same to retaine and keep until èÁóÂðÂéÂ the

same annuithè or yeerelie rente soe beinge behind, and the arrearages èÁóÂðÂéÂ thereof be fullie contented satisfied and paide. And further my will èÁóÂðÂéÂ and meaninge is that my said

wief or her assignes shall yeerelie paie èÁóÂ÷ÂéÂ unto the saide

CHRISTOPHER WOODWARDE for and during the terme of èÁóÂøÂéÂ her

naturall lief. from and after he shall accomlishe and come to his full èÁóÂùÂéÂ age of one and twentie èÁðÂñÂéÁ yeeres.

One

annuite or yeerelie rente of twentie pounds of good
and

lawfull moneie of Englande to be yssuinge
and

goinge out of all and singular the saide messuages, taverne,
landes tenementes and hereditamentes with their
appurtenances, and paiable at the like foure moste
usuall quarter feaste daies in the yeere by even portions
the firste paiement thereof to be made and to
beginn at
the moste usuall quarter feaste daie of the feaste
daies

before mentioned which firste and nexte shall happen
after that the saide CHRISTOPHER shall accomlishe and
come to his said full age of one and twentie yeeres, and my

will and meaninge is, that yi yt shall
fortune

the saide annuitie or yeerelie rent of twentie
poundes

or arie part thereof to be behinde unpaide by the space
of thirtie daies nexte after anie

of the saide
feaste

daies, wherein the same oughte by the trye intente
and

meaninge of this my presente testamente to be paide,
being lawfullie asked; that then and soe oftenn

yt shall

shall and maie be lawfull to and fgor
the

saide CHRISTOPHER WOODWARDE and his assignes into the
said messages landes tenementes and hereditaments to
enter and distraine, and the distresse or distresses then and
there soe taken lawfullie to leade beare drive and
carrie aware, and the same to retaine and keepe until
the

same annuitie or yeerelie rente soe beinge behinde and
the arrearages thereof he fullie contented satisfied and
paide provided allwayes and my verie true minde will
and

intent is that if the saide CHRISTOPHER WOODWARDE or
anie

heire male of his bodie lawfullie begotten or annie of
my

saide brothers children or anie yssue male of
the

bodie of anie of the saide children lawfullie
begotten

or any other to whome I have bequeathed the same
messuages, landes, tenementes or heriditaments or to
whome the same shall by force of this presente testamente

remai ne or come shall at anie time hereafter directhie or directhive by anie actes, deede or deedes, conveyance or assurance or by anie other wars or means whatsoever yt be. doe or prove to be donn, had, made knowledged or passed, or wittinge he or willinge lie suffer to be donn. had made knowledged or passed onie kinde of recoverie, feoffment? gifte grannte alienation discontinuance conveyance or assurance of the said messages lordes tenementes or hereditamentes or any parcell thereof devised as aforesaid above the number of one and twentie yeeres in possession or three lives in possession reserving the olde rente at the leaste goinge at? of the same; That then and from thence forthe the estate limited to him or them as aforesaid. shall cease determin and be yeerly paid to all intentes and purposes as though there had been never anie estate to him or them limited; And that then and from thence forthe all and singular the said messages, lands, tenementes and hereditamentes shall and maie discend, remaine and come to suche person and persons and none other, to whome by the true intente and meaning of this my presente testamente the same oughte to discend remaine and come. In witness whereof to this my presente testamente I have put my seale the daie and yeeres above written. Theas beinge witnesses. By me ROBERT FELTHAM. This presente testamente and laste will maid subscribed sealed and by the above named Robert Feltham delivered for his laste will and testamente, the thirteenth daie of Marche in the yeeres above saide and in the afternoone of the same daie in the presence of me Andrew Turner, Notorie and of us, John Rider and Robert Wade apprentices to the saide notarie.

POSTSCRIPTUM

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the One and Twentithe daie èÂðÂéÂ of
June Anno Domini One Thousand Five Hundred Ninetie Two (21st
June 1592) and èÂóÂéÂ in the four and thirtithe yeare
èÁóÁôÁðÑèÑéÁ of
the raigne of our soveraigne ladie èÂôÂéÂ Elizabeth by the
grace
of God, Queene of England, France and èÂðÂéÂ Ireland defender
of
the faithe, etc. I ROBERT FELTHAM citizen and èÂñÂöÂéÂ
vintner of
London somewhat sicke in bodie but nevertheless of a perfecte
èÂ÷ÂéÂ minde and memorie, praise therefore be given to
allmightie God èÂøÂéÂ knowinge the uncertaine state of this
lief
how suer we are to die and èÂùÂéÂ year of time and manner of
our
dieinge alltogether uncertaine èÂñÂðÂéÂ and willinge to
dispose
and leave suche goodes and thinges in good order èÂñÂñÂéÂ as
yt
èÂùÑâÑôÑéÁ hathe pleased god of his goodness to lende me in
this
transitory èÂñÂðÂéÂ world, doe make and declare this my
presente
testamente containinge herein èÂñÂóÂéÂ my laste will in
manner
and forme followinge, that is to saie, First I

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commende my soule into the hands of allmighty God my creator
and èÂðÂéÂ redeemer, assuredlie trusting to be saved onlie by
the deathe and bludshedding èÂâÑîÑîÑîÑäÑóÑèÑâÑäÑäÑéÑîÑçÑéÁ
èÁóÂéÂ of my Lorde
and Saviour Jesus Christe and by noe other meanes.

Item I èÂôÂéÂ will my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of
the parishe churchèÂðÂéÂ of St Olave and neere the tumbre
èÁðÑîÑîÑîÑäÑéÁ whear in the bodie of MR. WOODWARDE my late
èÂöÂéÂ
predecessor dothe lie as convenientlie maie be.

Item I will theare shall be èÂ÷ÂéÂ a sermon made on the daie
of
my buriall by Mr. Smithe, the minister of èÂøÂéÂ St Olaves
and
he to have for his paines tenn (ðÑâÑîÑéÁ shillings.

Item I give èÂùÂéÂ unto him more fortie shillings.

Item I give to the poore people of the èÂñÂðÂéÂ same parishe

of
St Olaves five poundes to be distributed at the discretion
of my Exequitrix and overseere hereunder named.

Item I bequeathe to the poore people of St. Thomas
the
Appostle whereof I am a parishioner foure poundes.

Item I bequeathe to the poore people of St. Saviours
three poundes.

Item I give to the poore people of the parishe of
St.
Marie Magdolen fortie shillings.

Item I give to the poore people belonginge to the
French church in London five poundes.

Item I give and bequeathe to the poore people of the
parishe of Hallesworthe five poundes all which
legacies
soe by me bequeathed to the poore as aforesaid I
will
shall be distributed at the discretion of my said Exequitrix
and overseer

Item I give to everie one of my brother John Feltham
his
children five poundes to be paide unto them as theie
shall severallie attaine to the age of one and
twentie yeeres or be married which firste shall happen.

Item I give to Allin Bennett fortie
shillings.

Item I give to Francis Feltham tenn poundes to be
paide
her age of one and twentie yeeres or daie of her
marriage.

Item I bequeathe to Elizabeth sister of the
Frances five poundes to be paid her at her age of one and
twenty yeeres or daie of her marriage whiche firste
shall
happen.

Item I give to everie one of the children of my
sister
Knichte fortie shillings to be severallie paid as
they
shall severallie attaine to the age of one and
twentie
yeeres or be married.

Item I give to my said sister Knighte          five poundes.

Item I give and bequeathe to the masters and governers
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of Bridewell twentie poundes.

Item I give to the masters and          governers of St.
Thomas
Hospitall five poundes.

Item I give to Mr          Fountaine Mr Castowe Mr Chappell
Mr
Baptista, ministers, to          everie one of them fiftie
shillinges.

Item I give and bequeathe to my          daughter REBECCA
WOODWARDE one hundred poundes to be paide          her at the
daie of her marriage, soe that shee marrie to the good
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likinge of my saide Exequatrix, otherwise not.

Item I give and bequeath          to Susan Kinge the wief of
John
Kinge thirtie poundes.

Item I give          to John Kinge their sonn five and
twentie
poundes to be paide to him at          the age of one and
twentie
yeeres or marriage which shall firste happen.

         Item I give and bequeath to Susan Kinge their
daughter
twentie poundes          to be paide at her age of one and
twentie yeeres or daie of her marriage.

         Item I give Mr Phillips minister three poundes.

Item I Give to          the companie of vinteners twentie
poundes.

Item I give to my cozin          Holarth? fortie shillings.

Item I give to Mr Howse my beste gowne of          illegible
word.

Item I give to Mr Luke my beste cloake and to his wief twenty
         shillinges in moneie.

Item I bequeathe to Mrs Pourdie twentie shillinge.

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shillings

eighte pence to be paide her at her age of one and
twentie yeeres or daie of her marriage

whiche firste shall happen.

Item I give unto Mr Ratclif minister twentie
shillings.

Item I give to Allen my bedle tenn shillings.

Item I give to my god daughter Agnes Browne tenn
poundes
to be paid her at her age of one and twentie yeeres or
at
her marriage.

Item I give to Christopher Emmerson my godsonn five
poundes to be paide him at his age of one and twentie
yeeres or at the daie of his marriage which firste shall
happen.

Item I doe freele forgive John Feltham my brother all
suche debtes as he nowe oweth me.

Item I give and bequeathe to the foresaide John Kinge
my
beste () gowne.

Item I give to CHRISTOPHER WOODWARDE all my frenche
bookes.

Item I doe remitt and forgive unto Christopher Owberie
all such debte as he oweth me savinge four cheeses which I
ame to have of him. The residue of all
and
singular my goodes (and) chattelles, credits and
debtes,
my debtes trulie paide, my legacies performed and my
funeralls discharged, I fullie and whollie give and bequeathe
unto ELIZABETH my lovinge wief, whome I make the
full
and onlie Exequatrix of this my laste will and
testamente, desiringe her as my truste is in her to
see
the same trulie performed, and I make and appointe the
foresaid John Kinge to be the overseer of the same,
desiringe him to be aidinge and assistinge to my said
Exequatrix in the Exequation of the same. In witness
whereof I have heereunto put my seale and subscribed my name
the daie and yeeres above saide. Per me ROBERT
FELTHAM
this presente testamente was sealed and delivered in
the

presence of me John Rider. èÂÔÈÈÒÀÒ ÔÒ×ÒÏÒ ×ÒÉÒÏÒÒÒÒÒ
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END OF THE TWO WILLS OF ROBERT FELTHAM

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Parish records for St. Olaves shows that Robert Feltham was buried in July 1592, the exact date in the register was eaten away BUT Richard Moore states that based on the position of the entry in the reigster it was in the first half of the month. Since the will was proved on the 17th of July 1592, this pretty well agrees with Richard Moore's findings and since Richard states that probate was very quick in these times ssuggest that Robert Feltham died ca. 10th or 12th of July in 1592.

The Woodward children named in these wills, Susan, Rebecca and Christopher were step children to Robert Feltham.

The first will dated in 1588, shows that Christopher Woodward Jr. had not (as has been assumed) reached the age of twenty one years, and thus agrees with my assement that his birth was ca. 1570-1572. This would indicate his age was about 16 to 18 years when his step father, Robert Feltham, wrote the first will.

This will (I think) clearly shows that the daughter Susan Woodward was the eldest of the three children of Christopher Woodward Sr. & his 2nd wife Elizabeth (the said wife of this Robert Feltham). Parish records of St. Olaves shows that Susan Woodward first married John King on 10th July 1587 and the second will, dated 21st of June 1592, shows them to have a daughter Susan King and a son John Kinge Jr.

The other daughter Rebecca Woodward apparently was still unmarried as was Christopher Woodward Jr., whom I feel was the youngest of the three children. This shows that Rebecca Woodward's marriage to John Sawyer (Sayer) was after 21st June 1592, yet she was dead by the time her mother Elizabeth Woodward Feltham had wrote her will on 14th August 1620 and had children.

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