



Extracts from the Will of Jeremiah Godwin, Black Acre Farm, Holt, Yeoman

.....To my wife Unity Godwin all that close of ground near Forewood Common which I purchased for the life of _____ Bayly. Remainder of farm estate. All tenement or dwelling house with garden and appurtenances thereto belonging situate and being at Holt now in the occupation of William Blake. All household goods, furniture, dairy, plate, china and linen and implements of housekeeping (except one copper furnace, a large brass pot and cover, five large hogshead vessels and a bed with blue furniture with the bedding...) which I give to my executor herein named. I also give her the sum of £100 to be paid immediately after my death.

I give and devise all that my tenement or dwelling house situate in Holt aforesaid and now in the possession of Richard Milsom and which I purchased of John Strawbridge and his sister, onto my son John Godwin, to hold to him, his heir _____ I also give the tenement or cottage on Bradford Leigh in the said parish of Bradford and which I hold under Powlett Wright Esquire for a term of ninety nine years unto my said son John Godwin.

I give and devise all those two tenements or dwelling places with the Barn Orchard and closes thereunto belonging called the Breach Home Mead and Home Close and which I sometime since purchased of Ambrose Awdry Esquire _____ and also all that my close of ground called Cater's Coppice lying and being near Forewood Common in the parish of Bradford aforesaid and which I purchased of James Burton Esquire unto my son Jeremiah Godwin _____ and in default of such I give and devise the whole said premises unto Richard Taylor son of Richard Taylor of the said parish of Bradford, Gentleman, by Joanna his wife, my daughter _____ the weekly sum of one shilling and sixpence to my cousin Mary Bull of Holt, aforesaid during the term of her natural life and with the sum of one shilling to my sister Elizabeth Gynn during the term of her natural life and to be paid them weekly and every week on the first Monday in every week _____ on the first Monday that shall happen after my decease.

I give all that leasehold tenement or dwelling house situate in Holt aforesaid and now in the occupation of John Baily and which I purchased of the said James Burton unto my son Jeremiah Godwin _____ I give and devise all that my close of ground called Forewoods Mead being near Forewoods Common in the parish of Bradford aforesaid and which I sometime since had in exchange from John Alexander unto my grandson John Hunt Godwin, son of my said son John Godwin _____ I
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also give and devise all that copyhold tenement or dwelling house with the garden and appurtenances thereunto belong called Shepman's situate in Holt aforesaid and which I purchased of Ann Lloyd Sorff [?] and James Blake her brother unto the said John Hunt Godwin.

I also give and bequeath to the said John Hunt Godwin the sum of sixty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to him at his age of twenty one years and the interest in the meantime towards his maintenance. I give and devise all those two tenements or dwelling houses situate in Holt aforesaid with the garden, orchard and appurtenances thereto belonging and which I purchased of the said James Burton Esquire and now in the occupation of Jacob Hunt and William Long unto the said Richard Taylor the youngest_____ in default of such issue I give and devise the same tenements or dwelling houses and unto my said son Jeremiah Godwin_____

I give and bequeath unto my said son John Godwin all the benefit right and interest I shall at the time of my decease have to come of in the farm called Black Acre Farm wherein I now live by virtue of the lease thereof to be granted together with the said lease and will and order him my said son to give his mother in law the said Unity Godwin twelvemonths residence in the messuage or tenement belonging to the said farm after my decease without paying any rent_____

I give and bequeath to the said Richard Taylor who intermarried with my said daughter Joanna and my said son the said Jeremiah Godwin equally to be divided between them share and share alike and I do hereby make and constitute the said Richard Taylor and Jeremiah Godwin executors.

Witnessed by Samuel Clutterbuck, John Marsham, Thomas Carter 27th May 1776

Codicil added

_____Now I do hereby revoke the bequests so to then made and give the same one copper furnace, a large brass pot and cover, five large hogshead vessels and a bed with blue furniture with the bedding_____ to my wife Unity Godwin_____ I give her also the household goods_____ which was her own before our intermarriage and now in a house in Holt occupied by William Hayward and all provisions both eatable and drinkable in my house at my decease. I also give her the said Unity my wife the sum of one hundred pounds over and above the sum of the one hundred pounds I have given her_____ to pay the same sums to my said wife immediately after my death_____ I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joanna wife of the said Richard Taylor the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid to her in the six months after my death. I give to my friend Sarah Rose[?] two guineas to be paid her in one month after my death

Witnessed by Thomas Carter and William Meaden 22nd August 1777