

The Will of
Ange (unknown) Tilley
(1519-1582)

"Will [dated 1 June 1582] of Agnes Tille, Archdeaconry of Bedford 20:80f.

In the name of god Amen: The firste daie of June in the yeare of our lorde god 1582.

I Agnes Tylle of Henlowe, in the countie of Bedforde widowe being sicke in bodie, butt of good & perfecte remembrance, thancke be given to god, doe ordaine & make this my testament and laste will, in manner followinge.

First & principally I bequesthe my soule, into the handes of allmightie god my maker and redeemer, and my bodie, to be buried in the churchyearde of henlowe aforesaide.

Item I give to Tho: Younge my sonne in lawe, one cowe, one hogge, the greatest kettle, the newe coverlett, that I laste boughte, one pillowe, with the pillowe beare, one paire of sheetes, & a peticoate, the greatest cheste save one, the greatyest posenett, & one sheepe and a lambe.

Item I give to Agnes Warde, the daughter of Willyam Warde, a coffer paineted with redd, a little rownde table a pillowe with the pillowe beare, & one quarter of barley.

Item I give to Richard Huckle my sonne in lawe and my daughter Elizabeth his wife, one frocke, the youngest cowe, that I laste boughte, one matrice and the coverlett of Darimpe, wch commonly lyeth on my bedd, my cupboarde & cupboard clothe, one ewe, one paire of sheetes, and a boultinge tubbe, the brewing kettle and the least bosenett, the benche boarde, one sheete & a platter, twoe bushells of barley and ii s. on currant money of Englande.

Item I give to Willyam Sheffeilde my sonne in lawe and Alice his wife the youngest cowe beinge blacke, my featherbedd, and coverlett, of cleane wolle of tapistry worke, one boulster twoe round pannes, one peticoate, one paire of sheete the greatest cheste, the mortar and the saltinge troffe.

Item I give to John Harwood one sheete one bushell of barley my working daie peticoate, and my fustian waisecoate and one smocke.

Item I give to Robert Sam, my late servant, the ould coverlett, that useth to lye on my bedd.

Item I give to Willyam Poulter of Hitchme x s, of currant money of Englande.

Item I give to Robert Porye of Henlowe one good sheepe.

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Item I give to my sonne Robert Tille & John Tille his sonne vi s. viii d. the peece.

Item I give to George Tille, Rose Tille and Agnes Tile, Robert Tilley children, the elldest of my black kyne, to be soulded, & to be equally divided betweene them, and the next calfe of the saide cowe when god shall send it. I will it to be given to Mary Farre my sonne Robert Tilles Wifes daughter.

Item I give to the church of Henlowe aforesaid xii d. and to Collington haven ii d.

Item I give more to Richard Huckle my saide sonne in lawe xx s. of currant money of Englande, and one acre of my pease, & one acre of my barley if the same be sowed in the feildes att the daye of my decease or else to have his parte in so much as shall be sowed accordinge to the rate of one parte, in three partes in all the saide pease & barley, wch to my parte belongethe.

Item the rest of my pease & Barley and the deptes to my owing, as all other my goodes & cattells heerein unbequeathed, I give them to Thomas Younge & Willyam Shefeilde my saide sonnes in lawe, equally to be devided betweene them, whome allsoe the same Thomas Younge & Willyam Sheffeilde I make my executors to this my testament & laste will, they to see my debtes paide, theise my legacies fullfilled, & my funerall expence dischardged.

Item I ordaine for supervisors heareof John Rushe yeoman, my trustie freinde, for whose paines thearein to be taken, I give vi s. viii d.

Item my will is that theise my aforenamed giftes, legacies & bequestes to be paide & perfourmed ymmediatly after my decease except the money wch hearin I have bequesthed, I will it to be given within nine monethes after my decease. Witnesses Antony Coxe, Tho: Farre, Anne Britton, Robt Pory. (Proved 13 Jul 1582)"

[She was said to be "an old woman" when she died.]