



The Will of Thomas Ivey of West Kyngton, 1593

1. Catalog record and abstract
2. *Abstracts of Somerset Wills* {with minor inaccuracies}
3. Transcription by Carolyn Postgate

1. Title: Will of Thomas Ivey of West Kington, Wiltshire
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Thomas Ivey's will is dated 12 December 1592. It is rich in detail regarding his home and its furnishings, his family and friends, his servants and tenants, and his livestock. His main heir is his son George; bequests are also provided for his other children, servants, friends, and a number of other acquaintances. There is no mention of his wife, who may have preceded him in death. He made significant provisions for the poor of the village of West Kington and the parish of Castle Combe.

2. *Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills Etc: Copied from the Manuscript Collections of the Late Rev. Frederick Brown, M.A., F.S.A.* Third series. Privately printed for Frederick Arthur Crisp, 1889 - Somerset (England) ([Google eBook](#))

THOMAS IVYE, of West Kington, Wilts, esq. Will dated Dec. 12, 1592, proved May 21, 1593, by DrTho' Hyde. [40 Nevilie.] To be buried in the Ile of West Kington Church, with my father and mother. George Ivey, my heir apparent, household stuff in the 5 chambers, the chamber where he & his wife useth to lie, 100 ewes, my best salte, 11 spoones, wheat & barley, land in Old Sodbury, Gloucr, called Gorland (?) My son Richard Ivey, £40. To my daughter Prudence Stokes, 3 my white standing silver cup. My son Hugh Ivey, £1n due to me from William & Edmund Best, & £60 in the hands of Anthony Prater, my son in law. By deed I have given an annuity of £6. 13. 4. to William Ivey, elder son of my son Ferdinando Ivey, decd, & the same to William Ivey the younger, out of my lands in Ambresbury, 4 Glouc., now I give £20 to each, to be paid into the hands of George Ivey, their brother. My manor of Brookeborrow, Glouc.

1 In Ilminster. 3 1623 V. W. 81.

3 Wife of Christoph. Stokes, of Titherton Lucas, co. Wilts. (1623 V. W. 78.) 'i.e.

Almondsbury.

My daughter Margaret, wife of Mr. Richard Digges, 1 £5. To Leonard Ivey, my son, the bed, &c., which my sister Quinton lyeth on. Poor of Castle Combe, 20/, & of West Kington, 20/. My children, George Ivey & his wife, Hugh Ivey & his wife, James Huntley & his wife, Xtopher Stokes & his wife. My sister Quinton & her son's daughter Anne. My sons Richard & Leonard Ivey. William Ivey & William Ivey the younger. To Mary Digges, my daughter, a cloke of fine puke. My friend Dr Thomas Hyde, Chancellor of Sarum, Exor. My sons Hugh & Leonard Ivey, Overseers. Codicil Dec. 12, 1592. Henry Quinton owes by bond, £40. My cousin Clarke for my cousin Elizabeth Broke, £10. My cousin Vachell, £5. My cousin Harwell, which is desperate 1 (sic) £10.

3. TRANSCRIPTION:

Will of Thomas Ivey of West Kington, Wiltshire
dated 12 Dec 1592
proved 21 May 1593

[First occurrence of names in red]

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Ivey of West Kington in the County of Wiltes Esquire being of wholle minde and good and perfect remembrance Laude and praise be given to Almighty God doe make and ordayne this my present Testament containing my Last Will in manner and forme following that is to say ./.
Ffirst I comitt and bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker beseaching him for Jesus Christ his sake to receive it into his handes and kingdome and to make it partake of Everlasting lyfe And my Bodye I appointe to be buried in the parrishe Church of West Kington in the end a Ile where my father and mother lyeth buried even to the earthe from whence it was taken in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection At which time I hope that bothe my bodye and soule shalbe united and knitt together to the fruition of endlesse glorye so be it.

Nowe as towching my worldly goods which God in this vale of misery hathe Lent me I bequeathe and dispose of them as followeth ./.

Imprimis I give and bequeathe unto **George Ivey** my heire apparent all suche howsehold stuff and implements of howse as are conteyned in or belonging unto their five Chambers following.

First The Parlor Chamber, The Chamber within that, The west or westerne Chamber, The Chamber called the Little Chamber, and the Chamber that he himself and his wyfe useth to lye in with all the stuff and furniture thereto belonging.

Item I give unto the said George all the stuff furniture and implements of howse conteyned in or belonging unto the Roomes and howse offices following viz. The Parlor, the Hall, The Kitchen, the Brewing howse, The bakehowse, the Daye howse, and mill house with all the implements and necessary stuff therin conteyned or thereto belonging.

Item I give unto the said George one hundred ewes, one hundred of hogge sheepe¹ eight oxen tenne kyne and my Bull all my waynes or ploughes and ploughe harnesse and generally all the implements and necessaryes which I have belonging to the ploughe.

Item owte of my plate I give unto George Ivye aforesaid my best salte eleaven silver spoones whiche have knoppes foure of my small tonnes² and my Trencher salte.

Item I give more unto the said George Ivye Tenne quarters³ of wheate and twenty quarters of barley and eighte payre of sheetes.

Item I give will and bequeathe unto the said George Ivye all my estate Righte title and interest and term of yeares which I have to come of in and to one grounde or meadowe in Sedbury in the County of Gloucester called or knowne by the name of Gorland together with my Lease and all other muniments and writing concerning the same And for all the time I have therein yet to come.

Item I give unto **Richard Ivye** my sonne the some of fforty poundes of currant Englishe money to be paide him within six months after my decease. Also I give unto the saide Richarde Ivye one good ffetherbedd with its wholle furniture and one silver pincked⁴ ball to be delivered him by my Executor within a moneth after my deathe.

Item I [give] unto my daughter **Prudence Stokes** my white standing silver Cupp.

Item whereas **William Best** and **Edmond Best** are indebted unto me by severall obligac[i]ons the some of one hundred threescore seaventeene pounds and tenne shillings I doe now will and bequeathe all that saide some or so muche thereof as shalbe unpayde at the time of my decease unto my sonne **Hughe Ivye** To have receive and take the same unto him by all wayes and meanes Lawfull whatsoever.

Item I give unto the said Hughe Ivye the some of six score pounds which is due to be paide in the handes of **Anthony Prater my sonne in Lawe**.⁵ And my will and minde is that the said Hughe Ivye shall take and accept of these my Legacies and bequests together with that whiche I have bestowed uppon him in my Lyfe time in full satisfaction and contentac[i]on⁶ of whatsoever promise or promisses I made him at any time heretofore.

¹ Hogge is a yearling sheep

² OED. Tun. 6. A kind of cup or small drinking vessel. 1555 G. Killingworth *Let.* 27 Nov. in R. Hakluyt *Princ. Navigations* (1589) ii. 300 A great chamber, where stood many small tunnes, pailes, bowles and pots of siluer, all parsele gilt.

³ "A quarter is defined as a unit of weight equal to 2 stones, or 28 pounds. It is also defined as a unit of dry volume equal to 64 gallons. Since 1 gallon of grain weighs about 4 pounds, we have a quarter being equivalent to 256 pounds of grain." from <http://brewery.org/brewery/library/PeriodRen.html>

⁴ Pincked = is pricked or pierced, like a pomander or a pincushion. This might be a silver ball pierced to hold spices against "miasmatic" infection.

⁵ quote from Praters in Wiltshire page 24:

"Thomas Ivye, father-in-law of ANTHONY PRATER (3.2) in his will (40 Neville) made a bequest of £60 to ANTHONY PRATER, son-in-law."

Thomas Ivye's will states that 6 score (a score is 20, so the sum of money is £120, not £60) is a debt held by Anthony Prater to be given to Hugh Ivye. Anthony Prater died before this will was proved – I wonder if Hugh Ivye ever got his money?

⁶ "Contentacon" (with "full satisfaction") is a variant on "contentacion" or "contentment," as in the bequests satisfied promises and that satisfaction left the legatee contented.

Item whereas by two severall deedes under my hande and seale bearing date the twentieth daye of December in the thirtieth yeare of the Quenes Ma[ges]ties Reigne [1588] that nowe is I have given one yearely Rent or Annuity of six poundes thirtene shillings foure pence unto **Will[ia]m Ivye the elder** second sonne of **Ffardinando Ivye** my Sonne deceased And the lyke yearely Rent or Annuity of six poundes thirtene shillings foure pence unto **Will[ia]m Ivye the yonger** yssuing owte of all my Landes in Ambesbury Hill or ellswere within the County of Gloucester for the terme of their severall lives my will and minde is that the said somes be truly and iustly paid unto them by the hande of the Bailiff or of the Tenants of all my Lande in Gloucestershire in suche manner and sorte as is fitt donne uppon the said severall deedes.

Item I give unto Will[ia]m Ivye thelder the some of Twenty poundes of currant englishe money.

Item I give unto Will[ia]m Ivye the younger aforesaid the Lyke some of Twenty poundes of currant englishe money. And my will and minde is that these last two somes of Twenty poundes apeece be paide by my Executor into the hands of George Ivye there brother within six moneths after my decease and the said George to paye it unto his brothers aforesaide at his owne election and pleasure.

Item I give unto **William Beaker** my servante the some of tenne pounds of currant englishe money to be paide him within halfe a yeare after my deathe.

Item I give unto the said William Beaker one heiffer calfe which is amonge my calves.

Item I give will devise and bequeathe unto **Robert Soare and Joane his wyfe** owte of my mannors of Brockenboroughe and Stanshawes and owte of all my Landes ten[emen]tes and hereditaments within the County of Gloucester one yearely Rent or Annuity of forty shillings of good and currant englishe money to have hold receive perceive and take the said Annuity or yearely Rent of forty shillings aforesaid owte of all my Landes and tenements aforesaid to them and either of them for terme of their naturall lives and the Longest liver of them to be paide by the handes of the Bailiffe or Tenantes of all my Landes aforesaid and to receive owte of the rents proffitts yssued and comodities of all my Landes aforesaid unto them the said Robert and Jone during the terme aforesaid at two usuall ffeasts of the yeare viz at the ffeast of our Lady & Mary the Virgin and the ffeast of St Michaell Tharchangell next ensuing after my decease And if it happen the said Annuitye or yearely Rent to be behinde and unpaide by the space of a moneth after any of the ffeasts in which it oughte to be paide it shalbe Lawfull for the said Robert and Joane and either of them Longest living and for their and either of their assignes in the premisses viz. all my Landes tenements and hereditaments in Gloucestershire aforesaid and every parte thereof to enter and distreie And the distresse so taken to drive and carry awaye and the same to detayne till they and every of them of the said Annuitye or yearely Rent and arrerages [=periodic payments] thereof be fully satisfied contented and paid.

Item I give and bequeathe unto all my servants men and women whoe take any wages one halfe years wages to be paide them within one weeke after my decease withoute doing farther service for the same.

Item I give and bequeathe unto **Margarett Digge** my daughter the wyfe of **Mr Richard Digges** the some of five pounds of good and currant englishe money to be paide owte of my debts and goods within six moneths after my decease.

Item I give and bequeathe unto **Leonard Ivye** my sonne the downe bedd and furniture thereof whiche my sister **Quinten** useth to lye on with twoe payre of sheets twoe pillowes and twoe paire of pillowbeeres⁷

Item I give unto **Richard Horwoode** minister my best blacke coate of twenty shillings the yarde and my best cassocke I shall have at the time of my decease

Item I give to the poore of the parrishe of Castle Combe twenty shillings

Item I give to the poore of the parrishe of West Kington the some of Twenty shillings

Item my will and minde is that the best fatt oxen I have at the time of my decease be killed cutt in peeces and boyled and so devided and wholly given to the poore at the time of my ffunerall

Item my will is that all my howsehold and servents be kepte together for the space of a moneth after my decease and that they be founde sufficient meate drink and Lodging for all the time aforesaid yf they will have and take the same to thend they maye in some reasonable sort provide the better for themselves.

Item I give and bequeathe unto all my children and those hereafter named viz. unto George Ivye and his wyfe, Hughe Ivye and his wyfe, **James Huntley** and his wyfe, **Xstofer [Christopher] Stokes** and his wyfe, my sister **Quinten** and her sonnes daughter **Anne**, to Richard Ivye and Leonard Ivye my sonnes to Will[ia]m Ivye the elder and William Ivye the yonger, to Margaret Digge my daughter and **Joane Broadstone** my servante I give I say to the men Clokes and to the women gownes of fyne puke⁸ price thirtene shillings and foure pence the yarde.

Item I give unto all my men and bayliffs Coates of black clothe at the price tenne shillings the yarde.

Item I give unto **Will[ia]m Pavis** my servante the ffive pounds whiche he oweth me. And of this my present Last will and testament I appointe make and ordayne my very Loving frende **Thomas Hide** Doctor of Divinity and Chauncellor of the Church of Sarum my full and whole Executor trusting that accordingly as I have and shall hereby dispose of all my goods he will make a just and speedy execuc[i]on and delivrye thereof And for his payne and travell [travail/work] herein to be taken I give unto my said Executor the Some of six poundes thirtene shillings and foure pence. Provided allwayes and my will and minde is that my Executor shall take no farther or other benefit as Executor by this my Last will and testament than my saide bequeast or gift of six poundes thirtene shillings foure pence. And yet notwithstanding the promisses my will and minde is that if by reason of my ffunerall or any sute or action sutes or actions or any other wayes or meanes my said Executor by reason of this his Executorshipp shalbe molested sued troubled or any waye charged That then upon an fine accompte or note of suche charges and expenses made or given by mine executor unto my overseers of this my will and testament under his hande a true and just allowance and deduction therof owte of all my goods and chattells shalbe hailly yealded and made.

⁷ Pillow bere = pillow cover or pillowcase (pillow-bearer)

⁸ puke: Etymology: < Middle Dutch puuc, puyc, puc...Obs.

1. Textiles. A superior kind of woollen cloth used for making gowns, hose, and other garments.

Item I appointe and make my sonnes Hughe Ivye and Leonard Ivye mine overseers of this my Last will.

Item whereas I have given nothing to my sonne Leonard Ivye Nowe I will and bequeathe unto the saide Leonard the some of one hundred pounds of currant englishe money to be paide him within six moneths after my decease. And because I think it very litle yf it shall happen after my debts and Legacies paide and ffuneralle performed there be remayning of all my goods chattells and debts to the some of one hundred poundes Then I give and bequeath unto the saide Leonard Ivye the some of forty poundes more to be paide as before owte of my goods chattels and debts. All the Rest of my goodes chattells debts plate moveables and rightes of debtes and chattells my Legacies and debts paide and ffuneralle performed I give and bequeathe to George Ivye mine heire aforesaid to be paid and delivered by mine Executor with as convenient speede as the same maye be done

In wyttness whereof I have putt my hande and seale to these presents the twelveth daye of December in the yeare of our Lorde God one thowsand ffive hundred fourscore and twelve ./ 1592 ./ Signed and sealed in the presence of ./ Leonard Ivye Prudence Stokes **Richard Horrod** Margaret Quinten William Beaker ./ Thomas Ivye./

Memorandum

That the saide Thomas Ivye dothe further add and annex unto his will and testament aforesaide as followeth. Viz.

I the saide Thomas Ivye owte of my Napery and Lynnen doe give unto George Ivye mine heire aforesaid the best Damaske sute Clothe napkins towells &c to be chosen by the saide George whiche he will him selfe

Item the next best Damaske sute of Napery Clothe napkins and towells &c I give unto my sonne Hughe Ivye

Item I give unto Hughe Ivye aforesaid the best bedd that is in the hall chamber with all the furniture and implements thereto belonging /

Item I give release acquite and forgive unto **Richard Alborne** all suche debtes duties and demannds as are due and oughte to be paide at any time heretofore or at any time hereafter shall become due unto me the said Thomas Ivye my Executors or assignes.

Item I give unto one **Swayne** my servannt a poore man Tenne Shillings to be paide him presently after my deathe.

Item my Will and mind is that **Robert Soare** my man be paide with as convenient speede as maye be all suche bills scores and Accomptes whiche he hathe heretofore Laide owte and I am thoughe unwitting thereof behind hande in payment The some of them I take to be at the present nyne pounds eightene shillings eight pence.

Item I give to M^r Doctor Hyde my Executor a gowne or cloake of the best blacke at his election./. In Wittnesse hereof these whose names are subscribed have putto their names. Leonard Ivye / George Ivye / William Beaker / Ffurthermore because I thinck in the Lyke case I have not fully performed my ffathers will my minde is in full performance thereof and I doe will and bequeathe six quarters of barley unto the first six honest poore maydens of this parrishe that shalbe next maryed to be paid them on

the daye of their marriage. And for the bestowing thereof I referre my selfe to the discrecion of mine Executor Leonard Ivey ./.

A Note of such debts as I remember are due and oughte to be paide unto me Thomas Ivey of West Kington in the County of Wiltes Esquier written the xiith of December Anno Dm 1592

Inprimis of Ready money in the howse thirty five pounds
Item Hughe Ivey by bonde at St James Daye next Thirty pounds/
Item **Henry Quinten** by bonde at our Ladye Daye next fferty pounds/
Item Weare at our Ladye Daye next Twenty five poundes/
Item The Tenannts of Ambesbury hill by bonde twenty five poundes/
Item **John Hatton** by bond as appeareth eighte pound/
Item the Quene by Dockett for oxen tenne pounds tenne shillings/
Item **Bryan the Chapman of Sarum** by bill Thirtene pounds six shillings eighte pence/
Item Christofer Stokes Tenne pounds
Item **Humphray** my Tenninte at our Ladye Daye next Thirty pounds/
Item **Richard Brumblecombe** ffive pounds etc.
Item **Alice Barrett** fferty shillings etc
Item **Robert Brockenboroughe** Twenty foure shillings/
Item William Best at the Purificac[i]on of our Ladye next Thirty three shilings foure pence/
Item **Mr Hutchins** Dno fferty shillings/
Item my cosen **Clarke** for my cosen Elizabeth Broke tenne pounds.
Item my cosen **Vachell** five pounds.
Item my cosen Hazwell which is desperate Tenne pounds/
My purpose of annexing this note unto my will is onely to informe and instructe mine Executor of such debts as I remember are due and the time of payment./.

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptus apud London Coram Venerabili viro mro Willmo Lewyn Legum doctore Curio Prerogatine Cant Mago Custoe sui Comissario e.. deputato vicesimo primo dio mens Maii Anno Dmo Millimo Quingentesimo Nonagesimo Tertio Juramento ma Thome Hyde sacre theologia professoris Executorid in ... Testamento nomiat

Dramatis Personae

George Ivey – main heir & his wife

Richard Ivey – son

Prudence Stokes – daughter

Hughe Ivey – son & his wife

Anthony Prater – son-in-law

Ffardinando Ivey – son – dead

Will[ia]m Ivey the elder, second son of Ferdinando

Will[ia]m Ivey the younger

Margarett Digge – daughter, wife of Mr Richard Digge

Leonard Ivey – son

Margaret Quinten – sister

Anne Quinten – Margaret Quinten's son's daughter

James Huntley and his wife (must be another daughter)

Christofer Stokes and his wife (Prudence – daughter)

Henry Quinten

William Beaker – servant
Joane Broadstone – servant
Will[ia]m Pavis – servant
Robert Soare and Joane his wife
Richard Horwoode – minister
*Thomas Hyde, Doctor of Divinity and Chauncellor of the Churche of Sarum
[Salisbury] – Executor
Richard Horrod
Richard Alborne
Swayne – servant
Robert Soare – 'my man'
John Hatton
Bryan the Chapman of Sarum [Salisbury]
Humphray – tenant
Richard Brumblecombe
Alice Barrett
Robert Brockenboroughe
William Best
Edmond Best
Mr Hutchins Dno
my cousin Clarke
my cousin Elizabeth Broke
my cousin Vachell
my cousin Hazwell

*Dr Thomas Hyde

<http://db.theclergydatabase.org.uk/jsp/search/index.jsp>

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Appointment Events

Rector : Chilton (03/10/1576 - 29/01/1596)

Rector : West Kington (05/03/1580 - 24/05/1596)

Prebendary : Salisbury cathedral, prebend of Ilfracombe (19/06/1583 - 23/02/1624)

Rector : Swinbrook (23/09/1588 - 23/02/1619)

Chancellor : Salisbury cathedral, chancellor with prebend of Brixworth annexed
(00/00/1593 - 27/05/1613)

Rector : Boscombe (24/05/1596 - 29/05/1613)

Rector : Sutton Veny (27/04/1597 - 28/05/1613)

commissary : Commissary in the diocese of Salisbury (24/05/1598 - 07/05/1615)

Chancellor : Salisbury cathedral, chancellor with prebend of Brixworth annexed
(16/05/1615 - 07/06/1634)

Rector : Odiham (23/02/1619 - 23/02/1619)

Rector : Stratford Tony (25/02/1619 - 25/02/1619)

Death (25/02/19)

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