

Name: James Campe
Place: Hall Garden, Thaxted
Status: Yeoman
Will Dated: 1680
Will Probated: 1683
Wife/Husband: Mary
Sons: Robert, James & John



In The Name Of God Amen I James Campe of Thaxted in the county of Essex More over beinge of perfect health and of a sound and dispose_ige memory praised bee Almighty God for the same, but callinge to mind the uncertainty of this life and having a mind to settle and dispose of what the Lord in his great mercy hath blest mee with in this world doo therefore make and declare this my last will and testment in manner & forme followinge, and first I commit and commend my soule unto Almightie God and my body I commit to the earthe to bee in a deseant & Christian like manner interred and with accordinge to the anntcent manner and so as to my worldly estate I doo dispose thereof as followeth inprimis I give and bequeathe unto Robert Campe my oldest son twenty shillings to buy him a ringe, I havinge given him a considerable portion already. Item I give and devise unto James Campe my second son, all that my arable land and pasture ground called Hall Garden with the barne and yard lyinge and beinge att or neere a certaine place in Thaxted aforesaid called the Brumbley and now in my owne occupation with all and singular the apprteunces there unto belonginge and also all those my two mesauges or thnements setuated and being in Bishopp Stortford in the county of Hartford with all my lands and tenements whatsoever in Bishopp Stortford aforesaid with there apprteunces, to have and to hold to him the said James my son and his heires for ever; Item I give and devyse unto John Campe my son all those my three closes or cells of arable land and pasture ground with the apprteunces lyinge neere Coxthall in Thaxted aforesaid, as the same parcels of land are now in the occupation of Lewis Audre or his assignes, and also all that my mesauge called Starr in Thaxted aforesaid with ye outhouses edifhes buildings yards gardens and close of land and all and singular the apprteunces to the said mesauge and lands belonging as the same p_____ last mentioned are now in the occupation of Margret Ruth or her assignes, and all those two closes or parcels of arable land and pasture ground with their apprteunces called Bushes which I lately purchased of Thomas Halls. To have and to hold the said message and severall parcels of land and p_____ last mentoned unto him the said John Campe my said son and his heirs for ever, PROVIDED always and my will and minde is, that my said sons James and John Campe shall out of the mesauge and lands above mentoned well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto Mary my Loveing wife, and their mother, the yearely summe of twenty pounds of lawfull money of England duringe her natural life provided that shee keepes herselfe a widow and not otherwise, (that is to say) that each of my said sones shall pay unto her ye yearely sum of ten pounds apiece at four payments in ye yeare. Att midsomer Michal Christ was and our lady by even & equall portons and if it shall happen that either of my said sons shall happen to neglect or refuse to pay the said annuity of ten pounds a peece all the seayt days and tymes above mentioned; that then it shall and may bee lawfull to and for my said wife

James Campe