

William Child Will 1655

20th December 1655 William Child the elder late of Shrawley Esq made his last Will and Testament.

Wished to be buried in Shrawley.

To his 3 daughters - Penelope, Mary, Maria Clare £200 to be paid within 1 yr. after my decease and to be invested with good interest for their use by my loving friends Francis Southall Esq, Thomas Colwall, and William Bromhall.

To my son, Peter £400 to be raised out of personal estate by my above mentioned good friends if any child dies before 21 yrs. or marriage to be equally divided between survivors and concerning all such houses, Mills, lands, tenements or hereditaments whereof I stand seized in fee simple either in possession or reversion if any such there be not formerly settled by deed executed in my lifetime I give the same to sayd son Peter and his heirs and assigns for ever.

Also I give to my four children Thomas, William, Margaret and Elizabeth ten shillings each. To my wife £10 and my will and desire is that Mr Colwall to whom certain Manors, messuage, lands and tenements were by me and my said wife long since mortgage and forfeited shall and will be pleased upon payment of all the monies instantly due to him from me to reconvey all such part thereof as is not settled upon my sayd son Thomas unto such person or persons and for such estate and estates and to such use and uses and in such sort manner and form as Daniel Sparry, John Weston and Daniel Groves Gentlemen and their survivors of them and Thomas Colwall shall advise and require. I do allow all their reasonable expenses And I do further give them the sum of twenty shillings to buy each of them a ring to wear in memory of me. To see this will done and pay any debts, legacies and funeral expenses according to the discretion of the said Francis Southall, Thomas Colwall, and William Bromhall but to and for the use of my wife and my four children had by her and for them to be my Executors of this Will

William Childe signed in presence of Anne Wall, Edward Pood and Thomas Mansfield

Will proved in London 25th February 1655

Probate granted Thomas Colwall, Francis Southall, and William Bromhall all sworn in to execute the Will