

Probate for the will of Jane Bray of Shilton - Written in 1715 proved in 1716

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Summary

Jane Bray of Shilton in the county of Berks Widow

Grandson Mr Thomas Whorwood all her pictures

Grandson Mr Edmund Whorwood all her non-religious books

Grandson Mr Reginald Morgan Bray five Jacobus pieces of Gold

Granddaughter Mrs Mary Bray one of the Daughters of her Son Edmond Bray - £50

for which Sons Edmund Bray and William Bray stand bound

Out of £100 from Son Edmond Bray under the terms of a one Indenture tripartite dated 2nd April in the Second year of Queen Anne

£40 to Granddaughter Mrs Mary Bray

£30 to Granddaughter Mrs Frances Bray

£30 to Granddaughter Mrs Jane Bray

Daughter Mary Petty fourth part of a messuage and farm in Hampnett, Gloucestershire (purchased from her late Son Reginald Bray Esq'e deceased), on trust to pay

- Granddaughter Mrs Frances Harrison £20 a year for life
- Sister of the half blood Mrs Frances Chapman £5 a year for life
- Grandson Reginald Kemys - £50
- Grandson Charles Kemys - £50
- Granddaughter Mary Galthway - £50
- Grandson Richard Harrison - £50
- Granddaughter Anne Petty - £50
- Granddaughter Mary Petty - £50
- Granddaughter Margaret Petty - £50

To uncle Mr Charles Trinder a Jacobus xii piece of gold

A broad piece of Gold to each of her Sisters of the half blood [daughters of Thomas Horde of Cote] i.e.

- Mrs Anne Williams
- Mrs Elizabeth Dawson
- Mrs Mary Maynell

A broad piece of Gold to Brother of the half blood Mr Alban Horde

A broad piece of Gold to Aunt Mrs Anne Brookes
 A broad piece of Gold to Cozen Mrs Wright of Keldell Hall
 A broad piece of Gold to Mrs Barbara Trinder
 A broad piece of Gold to Mrs Rebeca Raynton
 God-daughter Mrs Barbara Meynell - a double guinea
 Daughter Elizabeth Bray - various furnishings and linen
 Grand Daughter Frances Harrisson - various furnishings and linen
 Daughter in Law Mrs Theodosia Bray - various furnishings and from room used by her late husband, her Bees and a little mare
 Anne Trinder Servent Maid to my Daughter Elizabeth Bray - a feather bed with bedstead and blanket
 Old Servant William Corbett of Windrish – 20/- a year for his Life
 Her late servant Elizabeth Monk - a great brass kettle and one dozen pewter plates
 All her menial or household servants 40/- each
 Her late Servant Susanna Turfrey - 20/-
 Every housekeeper and his Wife in Shilton at the time of her death t[welve] shillings and six pence apiece to buy them gloves for her funeral
 Instructs that she is to be buried privately and that no more than £20 is to be spent on her funeral
 Her Tierd Dressers and brewing Vessels are to be left in the house for the use of Son Edmund Bray
 Three hundred pounds is set aside to purchase land to fund a trust managed by her Executrix [Mary Petty] with the assistance of her sons Edmund Bray and William Bray Esq's and of uncle Mr Charles Trinder. The income for this is to pay

- 20/- p.a. at Christmas for clothing the poor to each of
- Great Barrington, Taynton, Broad Rissington, Feyfield, Alston and Lower Inglesham
- Executors
- £4 p.a. to fund a School Dame to teach the poor children of Shilton
- 10/- p.a. to rent 'some little house' for the School Dame
- Residue to the poor of Shilton

 Granddaughter Margaret Petty - her rings, watch and seal
 Daughter [Mary] Petty to get all the Corn, Hay, Stock of Cattle, arrears of rent and the deceased's chattels so long as she remains unmarried, on her marriage these things go to the granddaughter Margaret Petty
 Debts of her son Reginald Bray (deceased), as documented in accounts and proved in evidenced in the chancery case brought by Mr Robert Veysey and Dr John Vannamad against her two Sons Edmund Bray and William Bray, to be recovered from his estate or deducted from various legacies.
 Witnessed Bar Trinder, Henry Hawkins, William Cruse.
 Signed – 20 April 1715
 Proved - 09 July 1716

Text

In the Name of God Amen

I Jane Bray of Shilton in the county of Berks Widow being of infirme of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory doe make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament revoking

and I doe hereby revoke all and every Will and Wills by me at any time heretofore made first my desire is that all my Debts especially those to my Serv'ts may be paid with as much speed after my death as the same can conveniently

be done Item I give unto my **Grandson Mr Thomas Whorwood** all my pictures and to his **Grandson Mr Edmund Whorwood** all my books (Excepting prayer books and all other books relating to Religion)

Item I give unto my **Grandson Mr Reginald Morgan Bray** five Jacobus pieces of Gold and my best sute of Damask table linen and also my downe bed and bolster in and belonging to my best chamber and whereas my **Sons Edmund Bray** and **William Bray** stand joyntly bound unto my **Granddaughter Mrs Mary Bray one of the Daughters of my Son Edmond Bray** for the payment of ffifty Pounds principal money which I some time & since paid and lent unto my said **son William Bray** my mind and will is that my Said Granddaughter shall have the Said ffifty pounds for her owne use and whereas by one Indenture tripartite bearing Date of the # Second day of April in the Second yeare of the Reigne of the late Queen Anne my **Son Edmond Bray** hath covenanted with
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Me my Executors and Administrators that he his heir & Exec's Administrators or Assignes would within three months next# after my decease pay the sume of one hundred pounds unto such one or more of his Children as I should direct by my last Will and Testament my mind and Will is that after my decease my Said **Grand Daughter Mrs Mary Bray** shall have out of the said sume of one hundred pounds the sum of fforty pounds my **Grand# Daughter Mrs ffrances Bray** the sum of thirty pounds and my **Grand Daughter Mrs Jane Bray** the sum of thirty pounds#

Item I give unto my **Daughter Mary Petty** and her heirs and for ever all that my fourth part of the messuage and **ffarme in Hampnett in the county of Gloucester** which fourth part of I some time since purchased to ma and my heirs of my **late Son Reginald Bray Esq'e** deceased and all other my share and interest therein and all and every or any **lands tenements and hereditaments in Hampnett** aforesaid upon trust nevertheless to sell the same in any such case as is hereinafter mentioned and to the intent and upon such other trusts as are hereinafter expressed (that is to say) that my Daughter or her heirs shall pay to my **Grand Daughter Mrs ffrances Harrison** twenty pounds a year for her life and unto my **Sister of the half blood Mrs ffrances Chapman** ffive pounds a yeare for her life both the said payments to be made half yearly by equal portions the first of both the same yearly payments to begin at the end of the first half year# which shall happen next after my decease and the second# payment to be made at the end of one year next after my decease and in like manner and to be continued half yearly during their respective lives and the residue of the rents and profits of the premises shall be employed towards the performance

of this my Will provided that my said **Daughter Petty** and her Heirs shall be at liberty to sell the said fourth part and others the premises aforesaid when she or they shall see cause for or towards the better performance of this my Will But in such case shall give some other reasonable security for payment of the said severall yearly sumes by this my Will given unto my said Grand Daughter and Sister Chapman as aforesaid Item I give unto my Several **Grandsons and Grand Daughters ne** herin after named to witt Reginald Kemys Charles Kemys Mary# Galthway Richard Harrison Anne Petty Mary Petty and # Margaret Petty** the several sumes of ffifty pounds apiece all the same Sumes amounting in all to three hundred and fifty # pounds and to be severally paid unto them by my Executrix# hereinafter named when my said severall last named Grand Children shall be respectively of age to give sufficient discharges for the same. Item I give unto every one of my Children and to every one of my Sons in Law and also to every one of my# Daughters in Law and unto my **uncle Mr Charles Trinder#** a Jacobus xii piece of gold and unto my severall **Sisters of the half blood Mrs Anne Williams Mrs Elizabeth Dawson Mrs Mary Maynell** and to my **brother of the half blood Mr Alban Horde** and to my **Aunt Mrs Anne Brookes** and unto my **Cozen Mrs Wright**

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of Keldell Hall Mrs Barbara Trinder and Mrs Rebeca Raynton each and every one of them a broad piece of Gold and unto my **GodDaughter Mrs Barbara Meynell** a double guinea all which I intend to be in lieu of rings generally given at ~ ffunerals Item I give unto my **daughter Elizabeth Bray** the Curtains, Beds and all the ffurniture of the room the maid~ usually lodges in with everything thereunto belonging and also one pair of ffine Holland sheets two pair of good ffla*en sheets to pair of pillow beers one dozen of household napkins and six towels for her alone use Item I give to my **Grand Daughter Frances Harrisson** the hangings Curtains Bed and ~ ffurniture of the room called the wrought garrett and also two pair of good fflapen sheets and pillow beers one dozen of household napkins and two table cloths Item I give unto my~ **Daughter in Law Mrs Theodosia Bray** all the ffurniture of that room her late husband used to lodge in with the bed Curtains and everything thereunto belonging And I also ~ give unto my said Daughter in Law all my Stocks of bees and the little mare that was he late husbands Item I give to ~ **Anne Trinder Servent Maid to my Daughter Elizabeth Bray** a ffeather bed with a bedstead and blanket Suitable threto~ Item I give to my old **Servant William Corbett of Windrish** twenty shillings a year for his Life to be paid to him at Christmas yearly the first payment thereof to begin att the first Christmas that shall happen next after my decease Item I give unto my late **servant Elizabeth Monk** one of

my great brass kettles and one dozen of pewter plates to be delivered unto her within three months next after my decease Item I give unto all and every one of my meniall or household Servants that shall be dwelling with me att my house when I dye fforty shillings over and above their wages and unto my late **Servant Susanna Turfrey** twenty shillings and my mind and will is that every one of my Servants shall be paid their Legecies within three months next after my decease Item I give unto every housekeeper and his Wife that shall be inhabitants in Shilton aforesaid att my decease t[welve] shillings and six pence apiece to buy them gloves att my ~ffunerall And my mind and desire is that my Executrix herinafter named shall bury me privately and not expend above twenty pounds att my ffunerall Item my mind and will is that my tierd Dressers and my brewing Vessells that now are or shall be in my house att my Decease shall not be sold or removed but shall all remain Standards there for the use of my **Son Edmund Bray** and Such others as Shall from time to time be entitled to the said house Item my will is that my Executrix hereinafter named with the~assistance of my Said **Sons Edmund Bray and William Bray Esq's** and of my said **uncle Mr Charles Trinder** shall lay out three hundred pounds in the purchase of lands of inheritance with as much speed as the same may be ~conveniently done to be conveyed to such persons and their heirs and in such manner as my Executrix my said **two**
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Sons and my said uncle Mr Charles Trinder shall think ~fitt upon trust that out of the first rents and profits thereof shall be paid the charges of such conveyances and whatsoever shall or may reasonably relate thereunto and after~~Satisfaction thereof then in trust that the rents issues and profitts thereof shall from tome to time be employed to such uses intents and purposes as is herin after expressed and declared (that is to say) I give and bequeath twenty~~Shillings a year unto the town of great Barrington twenty Shillings a year unto the town of Taynton twenty Shillings a year unto the town of broad Rissington twenty Shillings a year unto the town of ffeyfield twenty Shillings a year ~unto the town of Alston and twenty Shillings a year unto the town of Lower Inglesham which payments shall all continue for ever and to be laud out against Christmas yearly to buy two garments for two Such Seveall poor people in every one of the said towns who shall not have collection from the said respective Parishes towards their maintenance and the ~Said payments to be disposed of by the direction of the Lord or Lords of the respective mannors and of the ministries of the~patristics and the Overseers of the poor there for the time being Item I give and bequeath out of the rents issues and profits

of the Lands so to be purchased and Settled as aforesaid ffour pounds a year for ever to be paid quarterly unto a school~ Dame who shall gratis teach the poor Children of the Parish of Shilton to read Sow and Knitt Item I give unto the Towne~ of Shilton ten Shillings a year for ever out of the rents issues and profits of the Said Lands so to be purchased and Settled as aforesaid to pay the rent of Some Little House for the School Dame to live therein. And I conceive the little House called~ Viners may be most convenient Item I give unto the Towne of Shilton for ever all the rents issues and profits that shall arise from the said Lands to be so purchased and Settled as~ aforesaid over and above the discharge and payment of the Severall Charitys herein before given to be disposed of by~ The Minister and Churchwardens of Shilton aforesaid towards the relief of the poor women on the time of their lying in and of old people in the time of their Sickness and if any money can be conveniently spared out of the rents of the premises so to be purchased the~ same shall be disposed by the Churchwardens for the time~ being for or towards the apprenticing out of some poor Child or Children of and belonging to the town of Shilton aforesaid and my mind and will is that the interest of the said three~ hundred pounds shall answer the said Charitys hereby given until such time as the said sume shall be laid out in the purchase of lands as aforesaid Item I give unto my **Grandaughter~ Margaret Petty** all my severall rings Watch and Seal to be~ delivered unto her att my Decease Item I give unto my Said~ **Daughter Petty** Subject nevertheless to the payment of my Debts Legacies and ffuneral Expenses all my plate and household goods not herin particularly disposed of together with all my Corne Hay Stocke of Cattle Arrears of rent and all my

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Chattels of what kind soever so long as she shall live unmarried but my will is that from and after her death or marriage & which Shall first happen the same & or so much thereof (as after my debts ~ Legacies and ffuneral expenses paid shall remaine unsold and~ shall not be employed towards payment thereof shall remaine and come unto my said **Grandaughter Margaret Petty** to her owne propper use and lastly I doe hereby make and ordaine my Said **Daughter Mary Petty** the whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament And whereas my said **Son Reginald Bray** by his last will gave severall Legacies to his Brothers and Sisters and their Children payable out of his Estate in Hampnett aforesaid or out of the moneys to be raised by sale thereof And whereas my said Son att his death owed me a considerable summe or diverse Summes of money as may appear or expressed in a book by me made and kept of the accounts thereof betwixt me~ and him and which book and accounts are or have been (as I have been informed) in great measure proved by the deposition of **Mr Robert Veysey** in the cause now or lately defending in the

High Court of Chancery between me and **Dr John Vannamad** and diverse others against my two **Sons Edmund Bray and William Bray** Defendants and whereas my Said **Son ~ Reginald** hath not left assets or other provisions for answering the said Debt or Debts due from him unto me as aforesaid now my desire and intent is that the money due to me from my said Son Reginald shall be paid to my Said Executrix out of the~ moneys to be raised out of the sale of his Estate in Hampnett aforesaid and that if the Same or any part thereof shall not be accordingly paid to my Said Executrix shall be deducted out of the Legacy by this my Will given unto such of my Children and Grandchildren as shall not agree unto such payment~~ proportionally or in due portion according to the value or quantity or Summe or Summes of money unto them by this my Will respectively given anything herein before contained to~ the contrary notwithstanding In Witness whereof to each sheet of this my last Will and Testament containing Six in number I have sett my hand and unto the topy of the first sheet and to~ the bottome of the writing of this last sheet I have Sett my Seal this this [sic] Eight and twentieth day of Aprill in the first year of~ the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord George by the grace of God of Great Britain ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith etc Annoqs Dommini 1715 / Jane Bray / Sealed subscribed and published by the before named Jane Bray as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are ~ underwritten who have also subscribed our name as Witnesses hereunto in the sight and the presence of the said Testatrix the~ word (ffrances being first razed and interlined between the fifth and eighth lines of the second sheet of the above written Will before the sealing and publishing thereof by the said Testatrix~

Bar Trinder Henry Hawkins William Cruse

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Probate was granted to '**Maria Petty** Viduce filiae et Executricis'

Notes

1. Jane BRAY was daughter of William RAINTON of Shilton and his wife Barbara (nee TRINDER).
2. One Wm. CRUSE witnessed a number of documents involving the TRINDER and BRAY families. Therefore the witness William CRUSE may have been operating in a professional capacity
3. Charles TRINDER of Bourton on the Water borrowed money from one William CRUSE of Burton on the Water, Glos., gent. (see Oxford Records Office, Hey/X/v/14)

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