

Will of Sir Herbert Perrot

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In the name of God. Amen. I Sir Herbert Perrot of Haroldston in the county of Pembroke, Knight being crazy in body but of sound and perfect memory, for which the Lord's Holy name be praised doe hereby make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following hereby also revokeing and making void all former Wills and Testaments Item in the first and principally I doe hereby give and bequeath my soule body and spirit into the hands and protection of my ever glorious blessed Maker and Creator humbly hoping and instantly intreating His gracious Mercy for the

free pardon and remission of all my sins and transgressions which I have most grievously comitted against his sacred Ma^{tie} and all others whatsoever during the course of my whole life all which I most humbly earnestly heartily beg and implore only for the passion merits satisfaction and redemption of my Soule and Body from sinn death and everlasting damnacion by the bitter passion and death of my gracious Redeemer Jesus Christ the only beloved sonne of God.

Item I make constitute and ordaine my wel beloved wife Dame Susanna Perrot also Norris my only and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament earnestly disiring and intreating her, and charging her as shee will one day answer to the contrary to see and take care that this my said last Will and Testament may be well and duly performed and executed in all particulars according to the best of her power and ability.

Item I give grant and bequeath to my said deare wife my executrix an Annuity or Rentcharge of two hundred pounds per an^m to be gathered leavied received and taken by her [and] by her Executors Administrators and assynes out of all my Lordshipps, Lands, Tenements and hereditaments in the County of Pembroke or Towne and County of Haverford West, and in case of non payment power to distraine for the same, Neverthelesse with this especial trust and confidence that shee my said executrix, her executors, administrators, and assyns may be supplied with money out of the said Rents, Profits and Revenues for the paying and discharging of all my debts legacies and payments anywise due or payable by me in law, conscience, equity, or trust, to which end I doe hereby give grant, and bequeath unto my said executrix her executors, administrators and assigns a lease for thirteen years to begin within six monthes after my decease of all the said rent, annuity or rentcharge of two hundred pounds per annum issuing out of all my Estates in Pembrokeshire as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife and executrix all my lands tenements and hereditaments in the

Item I desire my said Executrix immediately with the first money that comes to her hands to discharge all, and all manners of debts or payments due unto any person whatsoever in law or conscience from me or remaining yet unpaid of the legacies given by my uncle Francis Perrot of London merchant if they or their executors and assynes can any wayes be searched or found out or otherwise the said Legacies to be given to the Poore or other charitable use by advice and discretion in the performance of which I doe acknowledge and confesse that I have been too slack and doe ask the Lord's pardon in the same though I was also hindred and obstructed by the warrs and troubles that were in this kingdome in these times.

Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Street of Gatertop in the county of Hereford Gent, one hundred pounds to be paid him within six months after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to Mrs. Damaris Edwards Widow my sister, Tenne pounds in money, to my Cousin John Edwards her son tenne pounds in money to my cousin Frances Owen and Martha Edwards ten pounds a piece in money to be paid in all, being a hundred pounds to every of them within six months after my decease.

Item I desire and also hereby nominate and appoint my worthy and much honoured friend William Mordant of Hovingston in the county of Pembroke Esquire and my trusty and well beloved friend W^m. Williams of Lanrian in the county of Pembroke Gent to be overseers for the due and well performance of this my last Will and Testament in all particulars, and I give and bequeath to each of them as a Legacy, and for their care therein five pounds apiece to be paid to each of them within six months after my decease—and Whereas I have by the Lord's assistance lately reedified and built again the decayed Church of S^t. Ismels of Haroldston, my mind and desire is that the tithes of Haroldston of Haylet and Boydon and Drenchman (Drudgeman) hill, and all other tythes within the said Parish of S^t. Ismel's shall be by myselfe during my life,

wardens and others that will truly and bona fide goe on certainly with the repaire of the same Nevertheless it is my full meaning and intention that the said Churchwardens Parishioners and other Undertakers shall build and erect for the use of me and my heirs and owners of Haroldstone convenient seate or Pugh near the Pulpit in the said Church where it formerly stood, to the use of me, my heires and assigns.

Whereas I have agreed with one Henry Cooper of Wellington in the county of Hereford, carpenter, for the erecting and building of a certaine almshouse upon the leased lands of mine in tenure of Richard Jones, according to certain articles between me and him, the said Cooper covenanted and in writing agreed, I have left eighty pounds in the custody of my wife within her closset in Wellington in Herefordshire, to be expended and paid for building and erecting the said almshouse, and the said Henry Cooper hath received tenne pounds in money already for the finishing of the same. Now my will and meaning is that my said executrix shall see that building or almshouse well and sufficiently built according to the said agreements. Allsoe my full meaning and intention is that the tythes of all the demesnes of the manor of Wellington, excepting only the tythes of the woods in Chancehill and all other my woods in Wellington shall ever be settled and granted and are hereby given and granted to the maintenance of the said Hospitall or almshouse to the vallue of thirty pounds p' annum. Tenne pounds whereof to be yearly paid to a schoolmaster there for teaching twelve or thirteen children at school and educating them in learning and the feare of the Lord, who are to be the children of the inhabitants of Wellington Morton Lyde Burghill and Collon Prior, of those that shall at any time of vacancy first come and desire to be admitted. Neverthelesse it is my true meaning and intention that the tythes aforesaid issuing out of the demesnes of Wellington, viz. two parts of three thereof being my inheritance shall be settled and conveyed by advice of Councill and an Act of Parliament in that behalfe to be gained that the said tythes nor any part thereof may not be forfeited or taken away or any otherwise disposed by the Kings Ma^{tie} the Bishop or any other upon pretence of the statute of mortmaine nor by any other authority but to the true meaning of these presents, and that then in case any such claime or pretence shall be soe made that then the said Sir Herbert Perrot his heires to be and remaine in their former estates and receive the issues and profits of the said tythes to their owne proper use anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, and if it happen that the said tythes cannot be by any means soe settled and granted

and confirmed by Parliament that they may be well and firmly conveyed to the uses before assigned, then it is my full meaning and intention, and I do desire my wife and executrix that she shall purchase as much lands out of the said issues and profits of my lands in Pembrokeshire and Herefordshire and the yearly profits of the aforementioned tythes in Wellington as the schoolmaster of the said almshouse may have clearly paid him in money tenne pounds and six almsmen who are to be old honest decayed laborers that have always lived civilly and in the feare of God, to be chosen by my executrix, heires and assignes may each of them be paid quarterly in money forty five shillings a piece, that is to say forty five shillings in the whole year paid them at four times, and the residue of the thirty pounds per ann^m yet undisposed of, my meaning is that each of them have ten shillings a yeare more paid for a cloth coat of good civell browne or liver colour with red buttons and three shillings a piece for a paire of shoes every yeare, and twenty shillings more towards the keeping of the almshouse in repaire. If there be any remainder of the thirty pounds to be divided between the schoolmaster and almsmen share and share alike if there be no charges repaires nor necessary uses concerne the foundation of the house to employ the same in.

Item I give and bequeath to the parish church of St. Marie's in the towne and county of Haverfordwest the sum of five pounds to be paid to the churchwardens or overseers of the work there within three months after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to the poore of the towne and county of Haverfordwest forty shillings in money to be distributed among them at the discretion of my executrix.

Item I give and bequeath unto the poor of the parish of Worbley (? Weobley) in the county of Hereford forty shillings in money to be distributed among them as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeathe to the poor of the parish of Wellington in the county of Hereford to be distributed among them as before mentioned. (The amount bequeathed is omitted.)

Item I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Morton upon Lugg in the county of Hereford thirty shillings in money to be distributed among them at the discretion of my executrix within three months after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of St. Ismaels of Haroldston in the county of Pembroke twenty shillings in money to be paid to them as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving friend Mr. Peregrine Phillips of Drenchman's (? Drudgman's) Hill the sum of five pounds to be paid within three months after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto every servant that shall be living with me and hath served me three years at the time of my decease twenty shillings apiece in money to be paid to each of them within three months after my decease.

I also heartily pray and desire the Lord to blesse and sanctify my daughter Hester Perrot and that she may grow in virtue and the feare [of] the Lord. I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Hester Perrot all my lands, lordshipps tenements and hereditaments within the county of Hereford Pembroke and the towne and county of Haverford West during her life and to the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten, if such heires shall have issue of their bodyes lawfully begotten, and for want of heires of the body of Hester Perrot lawfully to be begotten, or for want of issue of the heirs of Hester Perrot lawfully begotten, then my full meaning and intention is that all my lands, lordshipps and tenements and hereditaments in the County of Pembroke Hereford, and towne and county of Haverford West shall descend and goe to my next heires according to the course of the common law of England.

Item I doe hereby alsoe will and desire my well-beloved wife Dame Susan Perrot executrix of my last Will and Testament to build and erect in S^t Mary's Church in the towne and county of Haverford west a monument or comely grave stone over the body of Sir James Perrot upon which I desire may in legible characters be engraved thereon these words following v^z: "Here lyeth the body of Sir James Perrot of Haroldston in the county of Pembroke Knight who deceased about two and fourty years since. He was by the suffrage of all a very pious learned and charitable Gentleman. Here also lieth by him the body of Dame Perrot his wife daughter of Sir Thomas Ashfield of Buckinghamshire as alsoe the body of James Perrot Gent. second brother to Sir Herbert Perrot of Haroldston in the county of Pembroke Knight who in memory of the deceased hath caused this stone here to be placed the day of" . . .

I desire also my executrix to cause another plate of brass to be engraven and erected in the Cathedral Church of Hereford near Bishop Westphaling's tomb for my grandfather with these words well and deeply engraven, "Here lieth the body of Richard Perrot of Morton upon Lugg in the county of Hereford Esq^{re} who deceased in the yeare of . . . He marriede Alice the daughter of Richard Brom^{ch} Esq and by her had issue John Perrot, Robert Perrot Richart Perrot and Francis Perrot of London Merchant, and Alice Perrot and by a

second Venter William Perrot in memory of whom Sir Herbert Perrot of Wellington Knight, son of Robert Perrot aforesaid hath caused this brasse to be erected and here placed."

I also desire my executrix to cause another plate of brasse to be engraven and setled in the parish Church of Titley near Stanton on Severne (Arrow) in the county of Hereford for my father with this inscription deep and well engraved.

Here lyeth the body of Robert Perrot of Morton upon Lug in the County of Hereford Gent. who deceased the . . . He married Fortune one of the daughters of Richard Tomkyns of Monnington in the county of Hereford Esq and his wife Catharine Baskerville by whom he had issue Herbert Perrot James Perrot Francis Perrot Penelope Perrot and Damaris Perrot in whose memory the said Herbert Perrot hath caused this brass to be here erected and placed.

Item it is my will and memory (?) and I doe alsoe desire my Executrix to cause another plate of brasse to be engraven and erected in the pugh of Woolchurch in the city of London for my uncle Francis Perrot with good and deep letters containing this inscription "Here lyeth the body of Francis Perrot Gent: of London merchant who deceased the day of September in the [year] 1642. He was the third sonne of Richard Perrot of Morton upon Lug in the county of Hereford Esq^r and Alice Brom^{ch} his wife. Hee was a very religious charitable and affable Gent. very kind to all his countrymen and Relacions. Sir Herbert Perrot of Wellington in the County of Pembroke and also of Haroldston in the county of Pembroke being his nephew and executor of his last will and Testament hath caused this Brasse to be here erected and placed in memory of his dear uncle to whose love and care he was highly accountable for his breeding and educacon—my will and meaning alsoe is and I do hereby will and devise my Executrix to cause another plate of Brass to be well and deeply engraven and erected and placed over the body of my sonne Herbert Perrot who lies buried in the Middle Temple Church in the Round within the City of London with this inscription hereafter following thereon inscribed. "Herbertus Perrot Armiger nuper Societate Medii Templi Filius unicus Herberti Perrot in Agro Pembrochiensi Militis. Summi Ingenii, omnibus gratissimus universis animi et corporis dotibus egregii pollens et qui non neminis suffragis ad ardua tantum natus videbatur. Tandem (pro! facinus) ferro inimicæ et perfidæ manus im(m)ature præreptus ingenti Parentis dolore plurimis amicorum fletibus, et mira cunctorum sympathia sed omni epitaphio major hic jacet.—And lastly my meaning and intention is and I do fully [] and desire my said

Executrix to put up and erect for my selfe a monument in the Parish Church of S^t Ismells of Haroldston where I desire to be buried in case I decease in Pembrokeshire. I desire also my said executrix to build and erect another monument for me in the Parish Church of Wellington in the county of Hereford with such inscriptions Epitaphs &c. as she shall be advised to be convenient.

Item I give and bequeath towards my funerall expences a hundred pounds, and doe earnestly charge and desire my dear Wife Dame Susan Perrot whom I do hereby appoint and ordaine to be the sole executrix of all my goods, personall estate, leases and chattells to see this my last will and Testament fully performed in all things.

Item I give and bequeath to the Cathedrall Church of S^t Paul's in London five pounds for the building thereof to be paid to the overseers of that work within six months after my decease.

HERBERT PERROT.

Published and declared the 21st of June 1682 in the presence of William Williams, Will. Hill, M. M. Hirst.

Probate was granted to Dame Elizabeth Perrot in Sept. 1683—sworn before Sir Leoline Jenkins, Knight, D.C.L., Custos or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

To the will is appended a seal in red wax, which bore in first and fourth quarters Perrot of Pembrokeshire; second and third, paly of six, *or* and *azure*, on a fess *gules* two mullets *argent*.

Sir Herbert was buried in Aug. 1683, at Wellington.

