

**THEOPHILUS HOOKE, CLERK, OF IPSWICH, PROBATE 1700 (PCC will, PROB 11/458)**

I Theophilus Hooke of Ipswich, clerk etc, to be decently buried by my executors.

As for my worldly estate I give to the right honourable Edward, Viscount Hereford, the perpetual advowson of the church and rectory of Chesilford [*Chillesford*] which I purchased of Mr. Robert Warren.

I give to the said Viscounts two sisters Mistress Elizabeth and Mistress Anne the sum of £200 apiece whereof I will part to be paid by the money that is due to me upon bond from my Lord of Hereford aforesaid as soon as it can be got.

I give to my dear wife for her life my house in Ipswich called The Folly together with all the houses and lands thereto belonging and now in the occupation of George Kerridge, and the inheritance thereof after my said wife's decease I give to my brother John Hooke and his heirs.

I give to my said wife all my right and interest in a mortgage in a farm in Earl Soham which is assigned to Richard Vaughan esquire her brother, for her use and benefit and this in consideration of a bond I entered into before marriage, to Phillip Bacon esquire, in trust for my said wife.

I give to my said wife all the plate, ready money, h/h goods and chattels that shall be in my house, out-houses and yards at my death.

I give to my brother Richard Hooke, after my mother's death, all my right and interest in the estate in Capell in the occupation of George Porter. Also to Richard all my right and interest in a certain house in Nevils (space) in Fetter Lane in London, which were mortgaged to me by Nicholas Bacon esquire and his brother Mr. Phillip Bacon. I forgive my brother Richard all the money formerly lent him.

I give to my brother John Hooke and his heirs forever the rectory and tithes impropriate of Tuddenham, which I purchased of my Lord of Hereford.

I give to my successor in the rectory of Sudbourne and his successors forever the land which I bought of Mary Woods adjoining to the glebe near the parsonage house in Orford. To the poor people of Sudbourne, Orford and St. Margaret's, Ipswich £5.

To my servants £20 to be distributed by my wife as she thinks fit.

All the rest of my estate I give to my brother John and I nominate my dear wife and brother John Hooke executors to this my last will not doubting of their mutual kindness.

In witness I have set my hand and seal the 25th day of March 1698.

Theophilus Hooke. Sealed and published in the presence of George Porter, George Kerridge and Phillip Sustenance.

*[Added later, and vouched for by John Hooke 14 December 1700, to be in the hand of Theophilus. Sworn upon 'the Holy Evangelists'.] I intend to give to Mr. George Raymond and his successors forever the rectory and tithes impropriate of the parish of Tuddenham, which I purchased of Edward, Viscount Hereford. [previously bequeathed to John Hooke!]*

I desire my body may be laid in the chancel of the said chancel (church) where many of my relations are buried. *[that is Tuddenham]*

I give to my good friend Mr. John Beynes £20 to buy him a horse.

Instead of the mortgage mentioned to be given to my wife I give her the money due on mortgage from her brother Richard Vaughan esquire to me.

*[Dates: Theophilus wrote his will on 25 March 1698, that is the first day of the year 1699. Elizabeth Devereux made her will in February 1699 that is 1700.*

*Edward, 8<sup>th</sup> Viscount Hereford was dead by the time Theophilus died. The Viscount owed the clergyman money, and had previously sold him the tithes of Tuddenham. Mistress Elizabeth was also dead, so her £200 could not be paid her. How did the executors sort this out?]*

**ANN HOOKE OF IPSWICH, WIDOW, 1714 [of Theophilus, Rector of Sudbourne with Orford 1666-1700. He was buried at Tuddenham 18 November 1700 - 'Mr. Hook of St. Margaret's Ipswich'.] (SRO ref. IC/AA1/144a/100 (part only))**

Body to the grave of my dear husband in the chancel of Tuddenham.

To Ann Martin, wife of Leicester Martin esquire, my chinaware. Also her own picture and her two brother's and her sister's pictures.

To Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Leicester and Ann Martin, a hair ring set with diamonds, the hair being that of her aunt Elizabeth Devereux.

To my Lady Barker, the wife of John Ellis esquire, the pictures of my Lady Herriford (sic) and my Lady Hare.