

**Extract from the will of William Veysey of Hintlesham, Suffolk (concerning his property in Essex)**

I will that all my manor and lordshipp called Wikes Hall & aforetime Wikes Abbey lyinge in Wykes or ellswere in the county of Essex with all and singular their appurtenances therto belonginge and all other my lands tenements and hereditaments in the saide countie of Essex shall goe discende and remaine as hereafter followethe.

That is to saye my fearme in Tendringe called Pilcocks I give to John Veysey my sonne and his heires forever.

Item. I will and full intente and meaning is that all those lands and tenements now next named shall descende as a full thirde parte of all my hereditaments after my decease accordinge to the statue of Willes unto my heire, that is to saye all those landes in Wikes called Edmunds Landes and tenements nowe lette to the widow Hedge for £6 6s. 8d a yeare, and all those landes and tenements called Windmill Lande withe the windmill in Wikes nowe in the fearme of Thomas Munson for the yearely rente of £15 and all those my landes and tenements called Witchells in the tenure of James Lucas worthe £6 a yeare, and all those landes and tenements called Freshmill lyinge in Bradfeilde and Wikes in the tenure of Gilbert Wyer and Jone Veysey my daughter-in-lawe worthe £18 a yeare all whiche landes dothe amounte to the somme of £45 a yeare cleare whiche I will shall discende as is forsaide.

And whereas my saide daughter-in-lawe by reason of an aware or agreement betwene her and me by my writinge made by Mr Roberte Gurdon and William Cardinall hathe to her assigned the windmill and parte of Freshmell lande for terme of her life by which awarde or agremente not intereste in the sayde mell and lands dothe by lawe veste in my saide daughter-in-lawe yet my entente and meaning is, and I doe will and devise by this presente in accomplishing of the saide awarde or agremente that in leiw and steade of the saide windmill and landes whiche is but £8 a yeare of there abowte my saide daughter-in-lawe shall have all the cople holde rents and all my free rentes of my saide manor of Wikes for the terme of her lyffe whiche dothe amounte to £18 a yeare and above, and after the decease of the saide Jone Veysey my daughter-in-law I give all the forsaide manor and lordshipp in Wikes called Wikes Hall aforetime Wikes Abbey withe all and singular the rentes, services, houses, mesuages, gardeins, orchards, landes and tenements nowe in the tenure and occupation of my sayde daughter-in-lawe or of her fermors or assignes to the said manor belonginge or in the occupation of any other by her or her late husbnde demised before not declared to be let to discende to my sayde heire unto William Veysey and Charles Veysey aforsaide my sonnes, to have and to holde thoe moytye therof to the saide William and to his assignes for terme of his life, and to have and to holde thoe moytie therof to the said Charles and his assignes for terme of naturall life, the remainder

thereof after there decease unto the heires males of the bodye of Roberte Vesey my eldest sonne deceased and to the heires male of their bodye lawfully begotten, and for lacke of suche issue the remainder therof to the sayde Charles Vesey and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten, and for lacke of suche issue the remainder therof to John Veysey my sonne and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten, and for lacke of issue ye remainder therof to the nexte heires of me the saide William Veysey forever.

I give unto William Veysey my sonne so muche of the profits of the courte within my manor of Wikes, herriotes fines releves oscheates and other rialties whatsoever belonginge unto me unto the saide William Veysey my sonne for terme of his life, and after his decease unto the righte heires males of me the saide William Veysey forever. Provided always that if William Veysey sonn of Robert Veyseye aforsaide beinge now my heire apparante shall happen to survive my said daughter-in-lawe his mother, then I will that if the saide William Veysey my saide heire apparante will paye unto every of my forsayd sonnes William and Charles that then shal be alive £20 of lawfull Englishe monye yearly duringe the natural lives of every of them, that then uppon good and sufficient assurance in lawe made to them for the same by my saide heire apparante I will if they and every of them shall relingquishe release or assure to my saide heire all there right tyle and intereste which I have given them in the saide manor landes and tenements in the saide county of Essex my gifte before notwithstandinge

Provided always that if Jone Veysey my daughter-in-lawe or anye of her children or any other in their name or in the name of the prince shall at my time after my decease moleste or trouble my wife or children for anye of my landes in Suffolk or in Essex so that all the saide manners landes tenements and hereditaments shall not goe be and remaine to every suche person and persons as is by this my laste will declared according to the plaine and true meaning of me here specified, that then I will and bequeath all the saide manor and lordship called Wikes Hall with all and singular the landes tenements rents and rialties and hereditaments nowe in the occupation of my saide daughter-in-lawe or her fermors of assignes or of the fermors or assignes of her late husbände unto William Veysey and Charles Veysey my sonnes and to their heires forever, any thinge or gifte before made to the contrary notwithstanding.

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