

WILL OF WILLIAM DEANE OF SOUTHCHARD, SOMERSET, ENGLAND, 1634.

Communicated by WILLIAM DEAN, Esq., of London, England.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The two and twentieth day of July Anno Dñi One thousand sixe hundred thirtie foure, I WILLIAM DEANE of Southchard within the parish of Chard in the county of Somersett sicke of bodie but of sound and perfect memorie thanks bee given to God doe make & declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following: First with a willing and free heart I render my soule into the hands of God who gave it and my bodie to the Earth out of which it was first framed, trusting assuredly through Christ Jesus my gracious Redeemer to receive them again at the last day, and being clothed with the righteousness of him my Savyour to enioy both soule and bodie the Crown of blessedness and life imortall in the heavens for ever, and as touching my goods wherewith God hath here blessed mee I dispose thereof as followeth: I give to the poore of Chardland twenty shillings to bee distributed by the discreçon of my Executo^r and of my sonne Thomas Deane one of my Overseers. Item to John Deane my Sonne I give and bequeath a chest standing in the hall, a truckle bedsted & bed furnished, wheat sufficient to sowe the upper close of Broadfield, the halfendeale of that hay which is in Colefield, the remaynder of the terme yet to come in Broadfield together with the Lease thereof, The residue of the terme yet to come in Ham Meade and the Lease thereof, yeelding and paying therefore from the Feast daie of St Michaell next after my decease to Susan, Ellianor, Margerie and Elizabeth my daughters foure pounds apeece yearelie during the contynuance of his now estate therein and soe rateably for any lesser terme of his estate therein at any other tyme then at the end of a full yeare happen to take end and determyne, Also I give and bequeath to him in money fortie shillings to bee paid him within three moneths after my decease. Item to my sonne Thomas (for that hee is otherwise in competent manner provided for) I onely give and bequeath to him and to his wife as a remembrance of my fatherly love two silver spoones. Item to Walter Deane my sonne I give a Chest standing in the chamber over the Kitchen, a truckle bedstead and bed furnished, and a bible, also I give vnto him ioyntlie with his brother Isaacke the Lease or Leases of the grounds named Wilbeere and Cantes, and together with his said brother all profitts on the said grounds to bee received and taken during the contynuance of the terme therein yet remayneing. Item to Isaacke Deane my sonne I bequeath and give a Chest

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in money seaventy three pounds six shillings and eight pence to bee paid at the end of six months. Item to my daughter Eleanor **Deane** I give and bequeath that Cofer which is in the chamber over the kitching, a bed stead also standing there and my best featherbed furnished, a little brasse pott, one of my greater barrells, a pilton and a third part of all my wooll, and seaventie three pounds six shillings and eight pence in money to bee paid at the end of six moneths after my decease. Item to Margerie Strong my daughter I give the least brasse pott of the three, my best cauldron and tenne pounds in money to bee paid within one yeare after my decease, and to her sonne and my grand child John Strong I give five pounds to be paid att the end of two yeares after my decease vpon sufficient discharge given to acquite my Executo^r thereof. Item To my youngest daughter Elizabeth I give and bequeath a bedstead in the Low Chamber, a featherbed furnished, a little Table boord over the entire, a coffer in the Inner Chamber,

att the end of two yeares after my decease vpon sufficient discharge given to acquite my Executo^r thereof. Item To my youngest daughter Elizabeth I give and bequeath a bedstead in the Low Chamber, a featherbed furnished, a little Table boord over the entire, a coffer in the Inner Chamber, one of the greater barrells, the third part of my wooll and seaventie three pounds six shillings and eight pence in money to bee paid at the end of six moneths after my decease. And if any to whom any porcion is hereby given chance to dye before his her or their porcion or porcions bee due to bee paid my will therein is that such their porcion or porcions be devyded equallie betweene my three younger sonnes John, **Walter** and Isaacke and my fower daughters, or betweene such of them as then bee liveing. Lastly I hereby ordeine and appoynt William **Deane** my eldest sonne to bee Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and Thomas Legg sonne of Thomas Legg the Elder and my sonne Thomas **Deane** overseers hereof, and in consideraçon thereof doe give to each of them two shillings. By mee William **Deane**. Read and published as the last Will and Testament of the said William **Deane**. And as touching the clause in the latter end of the Will that if any Legatee dye before his or her porcion become due, the Testator shewed that his meaneing therein is That if any of his daughters chauce to marry and doe happen being married to dye that such her porcion shall then bee paid to the husband of such daughter. These being Witnesses—William Cogam—Thomas Legge—Thomas **Deane**—John Gibbs No 1:

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud London coram venerabili viro Dño Henrico Marten milite Legum Doctore Curiaë Prerogativa Cantuañ Maõio custode sive Commissario ïtime constitut vndecimo die mensis Octobris anno dñi millesimo sexcentesimo tricesimo quarto Juramento Willm **Deane** filij dñi defunct et Executoris in huñioi Testamento nominat cui comissa fuit Administraço omnium et singulorum bonorum iurifū et creditorum dicē defunct de bene et fideliter Administrandē eadem ad sc̃a Dei Evangelia coram Timotheo Hayte Cliço vigore commissionis in ea pater aīs emanat jurat. Seager, 86.

[The preceding will of William **Deane** of Southchard was sent to me about twenty years ago by William Dean, Esq., of London. He thought there were strong reasons for believing that the testator was the father of John and **Walter Deane** who settled at Taunton in New England, in which opinion I concur. The late Charles **Deane**, LL.D., of Cambridge, Mass., was strongly of this opinion, and, with my consent, had a few copies of this will printed at the University Press, for private distribution.

Rev. Samuel **Deane** of Scituate, author of the History of Scituate, Mass., left among his manuscripts this memorandum about the Taunton settlers:

“John **Deane** came into Plymouth colony with his brother **Walter** A.D. 1638. They took the freeman's oath the same year and settled at Cohannet now Taunton. They came from the town of Chard, near Taunton in Somersetshire, England. They arrived at Boston first, stopped a year or nearly at Dorchester, and then came with others to Taunton.”

Mr. William Dean discovered this will and sent me an abstract as early as 1876. On the 31st of May in that year he sent me a tabular pedigree of some of the descendants who remained in England of this William Deane of Southchard. At various times he sent me abstracts of the wills of persons who there seemed to be reason to believe were kinsmen of his. I hope to prepare and print them at some time.

The daughter Margerie Strong mentioned in the will I take to be the first wife of Elder John Strong. Gov. Caleb Strong, in his account of Elder Strong, written May 26, 1777 (REGISTER, Vol. 23, pp. 294-6), says: "He came to America in the year 1630. He sailed from Plymouth in company with Mr. Warham, Maverick, Mason, Clap, &c., and arrived at Nantasket on the 30th of May of that year and settled in Dorchester. He married his first wife in England, who died immediately after landing in this country, leaving two young children, the youngest of which died two months after its mother" (REGISTER, Vol. 23, p. 294). Margerie Strong had 'a son John, who is mentioned in this (her father's) will. Gov. Strong gives John as the name of the only surviving child of Elder John Strong by his first wife. Dwight's Strong Genealogy, Vol. 1, p. 19, gives the date of his birth as 1626, adding that he "died at Windsor, Ct., Feb. 20, 1698, aged 72."

Gov. Strong says that "A sister of his [Elder Strong's] came with him from England who afterwards married a person by the name of Dean." When the late William Reed Deane and myself were compiling the article on "The Deane Family," printed in the REGISTER, Oct. 1849, Vol. 3, pp. 375-387, we met with this statement by William Cogswell, D.D.,* and queried which of the brothers John or Walter Deane married Miss Strong. We found that Walter Deane in two different deeds dated in 1691 (Bristol Registry of Deeds, Book I., p. 152, and Book III., p. 390) calls John Strong his brother, and as we found no evidence of relationship between John Deane and John Strong, we thought it probable that Miss Strong became the wife of Walter Deane, whose wife's christian name was Eleanor (REGISTER, Vol. 3, p. 283).

When Mr. Dean sent me the will of William Deane of Southchard here printed I found that apparently John Strong married a sister of John and Walter Deane and so was a brother-in-law to both of them. When a year or two ago I received the will of William Cogan of Southchard which follows this article, I found that Cogan calls Eleanor, wife of Walter Deane of New England, his daughter. This led me to believe that the Miss Strong who married a Dean in New England was Alice, wife of John Dean. It is, however, possible that she was another wife of John Deane or another wife of Walter Deane.—EDITOR.]

WILL OF WILLIAM COGAN OF SOUTHCHARD, ENGLAND. 1654.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the fourth and twentieth day of April

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, the foure and twentieth day of Aprill in theyeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie & fower I WILLIAM COGAN of Southchard in the county of Somerset Tanner being sicke in bodye but of pfect memorie doe make this my last will and testament as followeth first I comend my soule into the hands of God and my body to be buried and for my worldly goods and estate I give and bequeath in manner forme followeing that is to say I give devise and bequeath the cottage howse in Southchard aforesaid wherein I now dwell with the backsid garden and close of land therevnto belongeing with their appurte-

* In an appendix to Rev. Calvin Hitchcock's Funeral Sermon on Mrs. Joanna Strong. It was evidently taken from an appendix to the Funeral Sermon of Hon. Caleb Strong reprinted in the REGISTER, Vol. 8, pp. 180-3, and this was taken from Gov. Strong's MS. account which has been printed in the REGISTER, Vol. 23, pp. 294-296.

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nances (after the death of my daughter Eleanor Deane wife of Walter Deane in New England)* unto Eleanor Cogan my daughter and to the heires males of her bodie lawfully to be begotten for ever and for default of such issue male then to Joane Cogan my daughter and to the males of her bodie lawfully to be begotten for ever And for default of such issue then to the heires males of the said Eleanor Deane of her bodie lawfully begotten and to be begotten for ever Also I do give devise and bequeath all that my acre of meadow more or lesse lyeinge in Chard Meade and all that my acre of meadow more or lesse lyeinge in Good Meade unto the said Joane Cogan my daughter and for the heires males of her bodie lawfully to be begotten for ever and for default of such issue male Then to the said Eleanor Cogan my daughter and to the heires males of her bodie lawfully to be begotten for ever provided alwayes and my will is that if any or either of my said daughters or any issue male of their bodies lawfully begotten or to be begotten or any other person or persons that shall

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Proved 23rd day of June 1655

Aylett, 283.

* A reference to this will, in which the wife of **Walter Deane**, of Taunton, New England, is named, was given to me some years ago by William S. Appleton, A.M. Mr. William Dean examined the will at my request and has sent me the following copy of it. It is found in the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Aylett, 283. See note to the preceding will.