

## Will of William Bassett of Beaupre

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People mentioned: Wife: Catherine; son, Arnold Bassett, Executor; daughter: Mary Bassett; sons: Richard Bassett & John Bassett; Catherine Thomas step daughter unto Robert Thomas of Brigan; Elizabeth Thomas daughter of Robert Thomas; daughter Elizabeth.

In the Name of God Amen The six and twentieth day January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Five Hundred fourscore and five, I William Bassett of Bewpere in the county of Glamorgan do make this my last will and testament in manner and so for following

First I bequeath my soule to Almighty God And my bodye to be buried at the direction of my \_\_\_ belonging \_\_\_ that the same bodye and soule shall come together again the last daye before the Judgement seat of Christ and that there shall be judged to have everlasting life through my faith in the mercy of Christs death and passion and by no other \_\_\_ or means for that there is no other ways or means whereby man may \_\_\_ everlasting life.

Then I doe by that my last will and testament give bequeath assign and appointe unto Catherine my wife during her widowhood only and no longer my dwelling house at Bewpere with all the outhouses thereunto belonging and appertayning Sabing that my will is that my sonne Arnold Bassett mohome I do appoint to be my sole Executor shall have my barne at Bewpere for throughout all suche cozne at halbe in the said barne or in \_\_\_ or in the grounde in or upon any parte of my domeane at Bewpere at the time of my deathe.

Then I doe give bequeath assign and appointe unto my saide wyfe all the gardens orchards \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ fithe \_\_\_ and most grounde lying betwixt the highe way that leadeth from St Hilary hom mill and the highe way that leadeth from Saint Hilary to kingsmans bridge moith all other my demene landes lying \_\_\_ the saide \_\_\_ \_\_\_ mayst excepting one slope called the mill slope all which landes which I give unto my wyffe are commonly known by the social named hereafter that if two \_\_\_ called the whitmores with the new wood and wellean Sayfrid wood the Puhermead meaderwell. Then the \_\_\_ lying by the \_\_\_ then the \_\_\_ with all the grounds that is by with hit and lying betwixth it and the river of thane. Then all the meadow grounds that I have in the greater woods. \_\_\_ more and the \_\_\_\_.

Then all the grounds called the Cropwally and the Cahoeb slope with the highway that leadeth betwixt the said slope called the Mill slope to have and to hold the said howch and all other the premisses with them appeartaining to my said wiffe during her widowhood and before no said nappon that my said wiffe shall as the \_\_\_ profitting of the said landes given unto her since my daughter Mary Bassett with me at drink clothed and lodging until the said Mary Bassett be maryed. Then I will that my saide wiffe shall have during her widowhood \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ to be taken within my woodes of Landapay Gilbert \_\_\_ Torwood Crasplitte woote at her libertye with free \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ for the cutting and carrying away of it. Then I do will that my sonne Arnold being my Executor shall have my \_\_\_ called the Mill Slope for and during the term of wholle yeare to begin ymmediately after my death which shall with all the ceit of my demeane landes which I have by this will given unto my wyffe and all the demeane landes which I doe leave unto my sonne Richard Bassett and all my landes in the \_\_\_ which I have already given unto my sonne John for term of his life only and all my landes within the parish of Llanbelthan hathe been \_\_\_ by Miles Button Esquire and \_\_\_ \_\_\_ gentleman by a

common \_\_\_ to myself at a greate Gassiond \_\_\_ before William Corard Esquire which \_\_\_ I have accomplished bearing date the first days of Julye Anno \_\_\_ Elizabeth \_\_\_ . Provided always that if there be any corne sowed before the time of my death in or upon any of the saide landes which I do by this my Will give unto my Wioffe and which I Doe leave unto my sonne Richard Bassett then my will is that my saide executor and qis assigned shall have all the saide corne for to make the uttermost or it towards the payment of our debes and \_\_\_ with free corne for the harvesting and carrying of the said corne. Item I give unto my saide wiffe six \_\_\_ oxen with a main \_\_\_ and a pair of \_\_\_ with all the appurtenances belonging or appertaining to them / Item I give unto my saide wiffe four and twenty of my best \_\_\_ even that I have going in or upon my demeane lands at Bewpere. Item I give my saide wiffe all my corne and \_\_\_ all the the malte that I have at the time of my deathe in my dwelling house Bromhouse garnered fill or \_\_\_ house at Bewpere / Item I give unto my saide wiffe all the \_\_\_ and butter and all other victual that have in my saide house at the time of my deathe / Item all my horses and mares that are accompassed for labouring horses for to carry corne to the mill and to drag the cart / Item I doe give unto my saide wiffe the \_\_\_\_\_ of all my household stuff and plate during her widowhood \_\_\_\_\_ that I doe give unto my son Arnold Bassett being my Executor two featherbeds with their appurtenances And I doe give unto my sonne John Bassett one featherbed with his appurtenance And whensoever it shall happen my saide wiffe to dye or to marry Then I will that all the saide household stuff and plate shall be equally divided betwixt my three sonnes Richard Bassett Arnold Bassett and John Bassett or betwixt as many of them as then shall live Savig that my Will is that all my \_\_\_\_\_ bedsteds and mainstuff that shall be in my house at Bewpere at the time of my deathe shall remain undivided after my wives death or marriage to my sonne Richard Bassett / Item I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Marye Bassett £500 of lawful money of England to be paide unto her within one year next after my deathe / Item I doe give and bequeath unto Catherine Thomas step daughter unto Robert Thomas of Brigant £40 of lawful money of England to be paide to her within one year next after my deathe Item I doe give unto Elizabeth Thomas daughter unto the saide Robert Thomas who is and hathe ben brought up in my house this many years now £20 of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within three years after my deathe Item I doe give unto every of the saide Robert Thomas his other daughters that he hathe by my daughter being his wiffe and that shall and remaine unmarried at the time of my death £10 of lawful money of England to be paide unto them one yeare next after an other after that there two saide sisters marriage money be or ought to be paide unto them And if any of the saide Robert Thomas his saide daughters doe happen to dye before marriage Then my Will is that such marriage money as I have by this will given unto her or them that shall so happen to dye before marriage shall be equally devided betwixt the rest of the sisters that shall be living and unmarried provided always that their saide father Robert Thomas shall not meddle or deale with any parte of his saide daughter's marriage money that I doe by this will give them. But my Will is that my saide wiffe being there grandmother shall during her life hathe order for the recording and the setting forth of her saide marriage money to increase to their \_\_\_ till they be married Item I doe give and bequeathe unto my sonne Arnold Bassett being my Executor my lease that I had of the late Abbot and convent of \_\_\_\_\_ upon the rectory and

tithing barne of Lanranban for the time of fourscore and one year which laste beareth date the twelfth day of Marche in the one and twentieth year of King Henry the Eight (1530) / To have and to hold the saide Lease together with the saide Rectory and Tithing barne with all the tithing corne and tithing hay and all other tithing whatsoever unto the saide Rectory and Barne belongeth or Appertayneth / Secondly that my Will is that my saide Executor and his assigned shall deliver unto my saide wiffe out of the saide barne or elsewhere five bushels of sufficient wheat of Cowbridge \_\_\_\_\_ every weeke during the term of four yeares the saide term to begin the first day of September next after my deathe And my Will is that my saide wiffe shall have all the saide wheat free without paying of anything for it / Then I doe give bequeathe assign and appoint unto my saide sonne Arnold Bassett and his assigns all my leases that I and Richard William gentleman had of the late Abbot and Convent of Gloucestor (?) and the Deame and Chapter of the Catholic Church of Gloucestor aftoresaide of and upon the \_\_\_\_ and Lord hippes with their appertains whatsoever to have and to hold unto the saide Arnold Bassett and his assigns for and during all further formed of years to be in the said Lease \_\_\_\_\_ and also one assignment which I had of the saide Richard William of a Lease that he had upon the saide \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord hippes To have and to hold the saide lease and assignment together with the saide \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord hippes with their appurtenances whatsoever unto the saide Arnold Bassett and his assigns for and during all further terms of years and be in the saide lease unexpired Item I will that the saide Arnold Bassett being my Executor and his assigns shall of the issues that shall be made yearly out of the saide Lord hippes of Tregoff and \_\_\_\_ from time to time and all times exonerate discharge and save \_\_\_\_\_ Rich Micicthe gentleman his \_\_\_\_ executor and administrator from and \_\_\_\_\_ all manner of \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly and demanded wherewith the saide Rich Micicthe his \_\_\_ executor or administrators may be mytlye molested or troubled for the manor of Boulton according to the covenant agreed upon and specified in a \_\_\_\_ of Indenture or bargain and \_\_\_\_ made betwixt the saide Rich Micicthe and me furthering the said manor / Item I doe give unto my saide executor and to his assigns all my other leases which I shall have at the time of my deathe within the county of Glamorgan afixeth by parcel at in writing / Item I give unto my saide executor and to his assigns all my other goods and cattell which are not or shall not be bequeathed by this will / with all my corne in the grounde and out of the grounde and all such debts as is or shall be coming unto me at the time of my deathe All which goodes cattell corne and debts with all the \_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all such farmed and leased as I doe give and lease unto my saide executor shall be lyable to and for the payment of all my debtes and legaces / Item I doe give unto my saide sonne Arnold Bassett the mansion of Penmark Lanford and Cardiff / Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth £10 of lawful money of England to be paide unto her within one year next after my deathe / And \_\_\_\_ of this my last will and testament I doe ordayne and appoint my wiffe and my sonne Richard Bassett And I doe will that my saide executor and his assigns shall yearely within fifteen days nexts after Wichaelmas Daye make a true account unto my saide overseers what he hathe made of the issues and profitts of all the leases and forms and I doe leave him and of the corne that shall grown in or upon them and of all such other fruit as shall be upon them And of all such other \_\_\_ cattell and corne in the grounde and out of the grounde as I doe or shall leave unto my saide executor at the time

of my deathe forwards the payment of my debts and legacies And I doe by the will give unto my saide overseers full power and authoritye for to compel my saide executor and his assignes yearly for to make the saide Account before them as any of them that shall then be living until my saide executor and his assignes have made full account of all such forms of money shall paye my wholle debts and legacies and also paye the same And after that the said debts and legacies shall be fully paide that from thenforth no more accounts shall be required by my saide overseers of my saide executor or of his assignes. And I doe give unto my saide sonne Richard Bassett for his paines my \_\_\_\_\_  
In witness that this is my last Will and Testament I have written it with mine own hande and putt my seale and subscribed my name unto it/ William Bassett / Memorand that we whose names underwritten have seen this will sealed at the \_\_\_\_\_ handes and are wittnessed thereunto / Thomas Williams Clerk and John Robert.”

Probatum – at London, all in Latin.