

MAIOR FAMILY

MAIOR, Thomas vicar of Yarcombe clerk

Date of Will 20 May 1626

To be buried in churchyard of Yarcombe 6 or 8 feet out from church porch.

To coadjutor Mr. John Regby if he continue with me till my death my Tremelins (Tromelig) Bible.

To poor of Yarcombe £3.

To Elinor Davie, John Davie, Thomas Davy, Elizabeth Davie, George Davie, Elinor Maior, Thomas Coles, Joan Coles, George Markes, Tristram Markes, Elline Assh and Elizabeth Asshe 6d 8d apiece.

To son Thomas Major all books not given.

To wife Dorothy Maior, all household stuff that he life at Roshayne when he went from thence and executors are to lend to Dorothy as much of the household stuff at the vicarage as they think necessary for her use during her life.

Residue of goods to William Bennet and Hugh Frye who are to be executors and he gives them 6s 8d and the 2 royal scutchions of our late king and Queen. All goods are to be sold by executors and laid out to the benefit of son Thomas Maior chiefly and of testator's daughters and their children i.e. Elizabeth Markes, Dorothy Davie, Susanna Coles and Agnes Asshe.

Whereas there was given me by my daughter Elizabeth Clement £50 by her deed of gift, of which money I have employed some as follows: to herself 40s at one time and much more at others: to John Slade that married her dau. Katherine £20 at his marriage to Robert Clement when he went to his trade and since in the whole £30 of the rest of the money that is not imparted and of the increase I have payed Lawrence Clement her third son £20 and since £4 more.

All the money which is to come from the Spillers when it may be gotten shall be divided between her two latter sons i.e. George and Tristram Markes when they are 20 or sooner. If any of those 2 children die before the age of 20, three parts to remain to the mother and if she dies, to be equally divided among the children of John Slade and Robert Clement.

Witnesses: John Tanner, Nathaniel Wilson.

On 11 Jan. 1627 Dr. Parry committed adm. to Dorothy the relict.

Invent. £71 5s 0d.

Inventory 21 Nov. 1627 by William Bennett, Hugh Fry, Hugh Billyne Jerome Shepheard and William Major.

Includes livestock apparel, books (£7 3s 4d)  
household goods classified as in Dining chamber, little chamber, outer chamber, inner kitchen, one other chamber and his own lodging chamber and goods at Rooshey.

outward kitchen and lower rooms also mentioned.

Sum £71 5s 0d.