

Will of Francis West  
of Winchester, co. Southants, esquire  
dated 17 December 5 Charles I. [A. D. 1629.]

[Full abstract]

I desire to make provision for Jane my now wife, one of the daughters of Sir Henry Davye, knight, in case she survives me.

I desire that my wife, as soon as she may after my death, shall sell all my lands, goods, plantations, servants, &c., either in England or Virginia (except jewels, plate, linen and household stuff) and shall have the whole disposing, profits and ordering thereof until such time as my son Francis West shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty, my said wife in the meantime bringing up my said son in learning and in the fear of God. When my said son shall come of age my wife shall deliver to him one half of my said estate to be sold as aforesaid. If my said son shall die under age my said wife shall have all my said estate of lands, plantations, ser-

vants and goods aforesaid to her own use forever, that is to say, such lands & things as I shall be then seised of in fee simple to her & her heirs forever, and all my said personal estate whatsoever to her own use forever, if she happens to have no issue by me. And if she happens to have any issue by me, then I devise the said whole estate, or money to be made upon the sale of the lands, plantations, servants & goods aforesaid (if my said son Francis happen to die during his minority) and the whole benefit thereof to my said wife for her life. But if my said son Francis shall live to be twenty one, and I shall have no issue by my wife Jane, then I devise only one half thereof to her for her life. After the death of my said wife, I devise one full moiety of the whole estate aforesaid (if my son Francis shall die during his minority) unto such children as I shall have by my said wife to be equally divided between them, saving that such eldest son as I shall have by my said wife Jane shall have a double portion. If my said wife shall take a second husband after my death, then the moiety of such estate as shall come to her by virtue of this my last will shall be divided equally between such children as I shall have by her, saving a double portion to the eldest son.

I bequeath to my said wife Jane all such jewels, linen, plate, money & household stuff as I shall be possessed of at the time of my death to her own use forever.

Executrix. My wife Jane.

Overseer. Sir Henry Davye, knight, to whom I bequeath £5.

Provided that if the said Francis West and Jane do die without issue of their bodies between them begotten, that then the one half of all the estate aforesaid shall be in the power of the said Francis West to bestow and give to whomsoever he pleaseth.

Witness. Tho. South, Tho. Hill.

Proved on the 28th April 1634 by Jane West, relict & executrix.