

*The Last Will and Testament of
Thomas Neate the Elder
of All Cannings
Will proved 2nd December 1661*



Testator:	Thomas	Neate (The Elder)	All Cannings
Executors:	John	Neate	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Name		
Dyke	Edward	Son-in-law	
Dyke	Katharine	Daughter	nee Neate
Ffortune	Mary	Sister	nee Neate
Keynes	Margery	Niece	Daughter of sister Eme? Keynes
Keynes	Mary	Niece	Daughter of sister Eme? Keynes
Nash	Grace	Daughter	nee Neate
Neate	Ellinor	Niece	Daughter of brother Thomas Neate
Neate	John	Son	
Neate	Thomas	Son	
Neate	William	Son	
Powell	Susanna	Daughter	nee Neate
Waterman	Anne	Daughter	nee Neate
Witnesses			
Parry	Daniell		
Parry	Ffrances		
Thorngate	Walter		
Other Names			
Beake	John		
Davis	William		
Dyke	Edward	Son-in-law	
Goodman	William		
Parry	Daniell		
Powell	John	Son-in-law	
Waterman	Richard	Son-in-law	

This is my transcription of scanned images of a will written 6 May 1661 by Thomas Neate “the Elder” of All Cannings. It’s an interesting example of two living siblings being baptized with the same name – he leaves 20 shillings to “Ellinor Neate (Daughter of my brother Thomas Neate)” - a grand source of genealogical confusion, until this will sorted out the relationships among the various Thomas Neates then in All Cannings. The original will is available as scanned image[s] on [this website](#): Barbara J. Beake, OPC for All Cannings

In margin: THO: NEATE de Allington

In the name of God Amen the Sixt day of May in the thirteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England Scotland, France & Ireland Defender of ye faith & Anno Dm 1661.

I THOMAS NEATE THE ELDER of Allington in ye parish of Alcanings in the County of Wites yeoman being at this time weake in body but sound in Mind & memory [praised be God] doe hereby Revoke all former Wills by me made & doe make & ordayne this my last will & testamt In Manner & forme following.

Ffirst I comitt my soule into the hands of Amighty God hopeing undoubtedly to be saved by the only Merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer & my body to ye earth to be buried in ye parish Churchyard of Alcanings aforesaid.

Item I give toward the Reparation of ye parish church of Alcanings two shillings & six pence.

Item I give unto the poore people of Allington aforesaid five shillings.

Item I give unto my daughter ANNE WATERMAN the wife of RICHARD WATERMAN twenty shillings.

Item I give unto my daughter KATHARINE DYKE the wife of EDWARD DYKE twenty shillings.

Item I give unto my daughter GRACE NASH the wife of JOHN NASH twenty shillings.

Item I give unto all my grandchildren five shillings apeece.

Item I give unto ELLINOR NEATE (Daughter of my my brother THOMAS NEATE) twenty shillings.

Item I give unto my sister MARY FFORTUNE twenty shillings.

Item I give unto MARGERY & MARY daughters of my sister EME [?] KEYNES twenty shillings apeece. All wch severall legacies herein before mentioned my will is shalbe paid unto my aforesaid legatees respectively within six months next after my decease.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my daughter SUSANNA POWELL the wife of JOHN POWELL the sume of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within one whole yeare next after my decease.

Item I give bequeath & devise unto my sonne THOMAS NEATE all my leasehold yardlands in Allington with thappurtences wch I bought of WILLIAM DAVIS & every parte & percell thereof except the home ground next unto the dwelling house & except one halfe pte of the garden Ground and one halfe parte of the orchard and one halfe parte of the Barton and one halfe parte of the Barne & one halfe parte of the stable & one halfe parte of the dwelling house wth free ingress egress & regress to & from the same at all times & seasons being parte and percell of the said leasehold yardlands & except alsoe all yt close of meadowe ground wth thappurtences called fishers conteyning halfe an acre of ground or thereabouts be it more or lesse being parte & percell alsoe of my said leasehold yard lands wch I bought of the aforesaid WILLIAM DAVIS & adioneth to the orchard of JOHN BEAKE to have & to hold my said lease hold yard lands with thappurtennces (except before excepted) unto the said THOMAS NEATE my sonne his Executors Administrators & assignes from & after my decease for & during all the Residue of my estate & tearme wch shalbe then to come therein.

Item I give bequeath & devise unto my sonne WILLIAM NEATE the premisses before excepted to Witt the homeground & one halfe parte of the garden ground and one halfe parte of the orchard & one halfe parte of the barton & one halfe parte of the barne & one halfe parte of stable & one halfe parte of the dwelling howse wth free ingresse egress & Regresse to & from the same at all times & seasons (excepting & Reserving the aforesaid close of Meadowe ground wth thappurtences called fishers) to have & to hold the same (except as is Last herein before excepted) unto the said WILLIAM NEATE his Executors administrators & assignes from & after my decease for & during all the Residue of my estate & terme wch shalbe then to come therein, whout paying any Rent for the same during all wch Residue of my Estate & Tearme wch shalbe then to come therein, my will is, yt the said WILLIAM NEATE his Executors Administrators & assignes shall at his & their own proper costs & chardges repaire mainteyne amend & keeps the said one halfe parte of the barne & one halfe parte of the stable & one halfe part of the dwelling howse in all needfull & necessary reparacons. Item I give bequeath & devise unto my sonne JOHN NEATE all of my aforesaid Meadow Ground wth thappurtences called fishers wch adioyneth to the orchard of JOHN BEAKE as aforesaid & to have & to hold the same unto my said sonne JOHN NEATE his Executors administrators & assignes from & after my decease for & during all the Residue of my Estate & terme wch shall be then to come therein without paying any Rent for the same. Item I give bequeath & devise unto my aforesaid sonne

WILLIAM NEATE all my one Meadowe ground & arrable Lands wth thappurtences wch I bought of Mr DANIELL PARRY lieing & being in Allington aforesaid & all my estate & Tearme therein to have & to hold the same from & after my decease for & during all the residue of my estate & tearme wch shalbe then to come therein unto my said sonne WILLIAM his Executors administrators and assignes Nevertheless upon such trust and confidence & under such prvisoos & condicons as are herein afterward menconed (that is to say) yt the the said WILLIAM NEATE his Executors administrators & assignes shall yearly & every yeare from & after my decease for & duering all the Residue of my said Estate & terme wch shalbee then to come & unexpired well & truly satisfie pay & deliver the yearly Summe of eigh pounds of of lawfull money of Eengland & one acre of Wheat and one acre of Wheatstuff barly yearely wch shall be growne on the said Arrable lands late DANIELL PARRYES & one wagne loade or Carte Loade of Straw or of Copicewood or of Vnder wood yearly out of the rents issues & prffits of the said Meadow ground & arrable lands late DANIEL PARRYES in Manner & forme ffollowing (yt is to say) unto my sonne RICHARD NEATE for & during soe long time & soe many years of my estate & terme therin as he the said RICHARD NEATE shall live & after the death & decease of the said RICHARD NEATE then unto such chidls or children begotten and to be begotten of the body of him the said RICHARD as shalbe living at the time of the death & decease of the said RICHARD NEATE to be equally divided among them & to the Executors Administrators & assignes of the said Childe & children for & during all the Residue of my said Estate & Terme wch shalbe then to come & unexpired the said yearly summe of Eight pounds to be paid att two feast dayes on Tearmes in the yeare most usuall (yt is to say) the feast of thannuncon of the blessed virgin Mary & St Michaell the Archangell by even & equall porcons at or in such howse in Allington aforesaid wherein he the said RICHARD or such childe or Children of him ye said RICHARD as aforesaid shall for the time being inhabite dwell or souiurne or wherein any of them shall for the time being Inhabite dwell or soioune or wherein any of them shall for the time being inhabite dwell or soioune as aforesaid The first payment of the said yearly some of eight pound to begin & to be made at yt of the said feasts wch shall first & next happen after the death & decease of me the said THOMAS NEATE: And the said one Acre of Wheate & one Acre of wheatstuff barly to be yearly sowen Cutt & Carried gratis wth ye food corne plough and workmen of him the said WILLIAM NEATE his Executors Administrators & assignes & by him or them to be delivered as aforesaid in the time of corne harvest yearly at or in such howse where the aforesaid yearly summe of eight pound pr ann as appointed to be paid as aforesaid & the said one loade of straw or of wood to be yearly cutt prvided & carryed gratis by the said WILLIAM his Exectrs Administrators or assignes & by him or them to be delivered as aforesaid Betweene the feasts of St Michaell the Archangell & St Thomas the apostle yearly at or in such howse as aforesaid & if the said RICHARD NEATE shall have noe childe or children begotten or to be begotten of his body & Liveing at the time of the death or decease of him the said RICHARD then my will is yt the said yearly summe of Eight pounds & the said one acre of Wheate one acre of barly & one Loade of straw or of Wood pr ann shall Remaine unto the said WILLIAM NEATE his Executors administrators and assignes from & after the death & decease of the said RICHARD for & duering all the Residue of my estate & terme therein wch shalbe then to come & unexpired allwayes & my will is yt if my sonne WILL. NEATE shall happen to die & decease in the Life time of my said sonne RICHARD NEATE & yt by means thereof & by copy of court roll & Custome of the Mannor of Allington my one yard lands in Allington wch I bought & purchased of & from WILLIAM GOODMAN shall fall or come to him the sd RICHARD yt then the said yearly some of Eight pounds & the said one acre of Wheate one acre of Barly and one loade of Straw or of wood pr ann shall cease & be noe longer paid but shall from thenceforth Reamine unto my said sonne WILLIAM his Exectrs Administrats & assignes Provided alsoe & my will further is yt if any defect shall hapene to be found in my estate wch I now have of & in my said Meadow ground & Arable land wch I Bought of Mr DANIELL PARRY & yt thereupon my said sonne WILLIAM NEATE his Executors Administrators or assignes shalbe constrayned to make composicon wth ye Land thereof for the time being for making good of the said estate That then it shall be lawfull to & for my said sonne WILLIAM his Executors admi & assigns to deduct & deteyne all such moneys as shalbe paid for such composicon out of the said yearly summe of Eight pounds pr ann when & as soone as ye same shall become due. Item whereas a little dwelling howse is nowe alike to be setting in & upon some parte of the Close called the home Ground belonging to ye yard lands in Allington wch I bought of WILLIAM DAVIS now my will is yt my sonne RICHARD NEATE shall hold & enjoy my said dwelling howse from & after my decease for and duering the terme of the Naturall life of him the said RICHARD: And yt after his decease the Children of him the said RICHARD (in case he shall have any) shall Enjoy the same from thenceforth duering soe Long time & soe many years as my daughter ANNE WATERMAN & my daughter KATHERINE DYKE or eyther of them shall Live hoping yt my sonne WILLIAM his heirs Executors & assigns will approve of the same & alsoe allow them a plot of ground adjoyning to the said howse for A gardene ground. All the Rest & Residue of my goods & Chattls Cattell Corne Leasses Chattell estats moveable and unmoveable of what kind soever not yet bequeathed (my funeral Expence dischargd & my debts and Legacies paid)

I give & Bequeath unto my sonne JOHN NEATE whome I make the sole & whole Exor of this my last will & Testamt

In Wittnesse whereof I the said THOMAS NEATE THE ELDER have to this my Last will & Testamt sett my hand & seale the day & yeare first above writtn. the marke of THOMAS NEATE signed sealed & published for ye last will & testamt of ye said THOMAS NEATE THELDER in ye prsnce of

DANIELL PARRY

FFRANCIS PARRY

the marke of WALTER THORNGATE.

Probate in Latin follows: date is secundo die Mentis Decembres An Dmi 1661 – 2 Dec 1661.