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Born: 1550 in StourtonLeSteeple, Nottinghamshire, , England

Married: Eleanor SMITH

Died: 6 May 1596 in StourtonLeSteeple, Nottinghamshire, , England

THE WILL OF JOHN ROBINSON'S FATHER-IN-LAW

“In the name of God Amen the xvth day of Mche in the yeare of or lord 1594 I Alexander White of Sturton in the County of Notts beinge holl in health and perfect memory praised be God therefore, do ordaine constitute and make this my last will and testament in mann^r and forme followinge. First I comend my soule into the hands of the liveinge god my Creat^r and maker most humbly beseechinge him for his deare Sonn Jesus Christ his sake my Redeemer to accept the same by whose death and passion I stedfastly believe my sinnes shalbe remitted and pardoned and the wrath of God his father against me for the same appeased and by whose resurrection and assention I likewise stedfastly trust before his mat^{ie} both in soule and body at the last day to be justified in the meantime my body to be buried in the earth when and where it shall please God to appoint and for such porcon of these vaine transitory and earthly goods as it hath pleased the lord in his goodness to make me Steward of for the stablishinge of my conscience and quietinge of my wyfe and children so farr as the same shall extend I will shall be divided and bequeathed in such sorte as in this my p^{nte} will shalbe declared and appointed First I will that all my

¹ Letter dated September 15, 1916, from Mr. S. Ingham, of Sturton-le-Steeple.

debtes be dewly and truly paied at such dayes and tymes
 as the same is or shalbe dew Item I give to the poore people
 of Sturton xx^s to my sister Palliley xx^s and every one of her
 and my Sister pooles children one ewe lamb To Thomas
 Laicock over and besides his child parte in my handes xx^s
 Item I give unto the Children of my brother John White
 and Willm White foure pounds yearly of the comoditie of
 my lease at Wragby equally to be devided amongst them
 dureinge the continuance of the said lease. Item I give unto
 my sonn Charles White all my seeling stuffe timber stone
 troughes glass pale and Rale about my house Item I give
 unto every one of my Daughters Katherin Bridget Jane and
 Frances one hundred marks of lawful English money to be
 paid them when they shall accomplish the age of xxj^{tie} years
 and if any of them dye before that age then the parte of that
 dead one to be devided amongst the rest of my Children
 Item I give to every one of my young^r Sonnes Thomas, Roger,
 and Edward White Two yeares profit of my lease at Muskhm
 and Carleton and to every one of them one annutie or yearly
 Rent of five poundes of lawfull English money to be taken
 out of my lands and tenem^{ts} in Sturtonne to have and to hold
 severally unto every one of them and their assigns after such
 tymes as he or they shall accomplish the age of xxj^{tie} yeares
 the said Annall rent of vii yearly to every one of them for
 and during their naturall lives provided alwaies that my
 meaninge is that the survivor^s of them shall have but his or
 their onely rent of vii yearly and the particular vii to sease
 at the death of every one of them. The Residew of all my
 landes Messuages tenem^{ts} and other hereditaments whatsoever
 in Sturton and Littlebrough and also of all my Goods and
 cattells moveable and immovable I give and bequeath unto
 Ellener my loveinge wife whome I make sole Executrix of
 this my last will and Testament and tutor and garden of all
 my said Children towards her mainten^{nce} and bringing
 up of my said Children and dureinge her naturall life yielding
 & paying unto my said sonne Charles and if he die unto my
 next heir twentie marks yearly at the Feast of St Michael
 the Archangell and annunciation of the blessed Virgin Ste
 Marie after such tyme as he or they shall accomplish the age
 of xxi years and also the said annuities of vii yearly to my
 young^r sonnes as is aforesaid and if it please God my wyfe be
 married after my said sonne and heir shall accomplish his
 said [age] of xxj^{tie} yeares then my will is that my said sonne
 and heir shall have and hold all my said lands messuages and
 tenements in Sturton and Littlebrough if he will and pay
 therefore unto my said Wyfe dureinge her naturall life xxii

yearely of lawfull English money and also the said annuities of v^{li} yearly unto my said Younger children and if the said annuities of v^{li} yearly be not payd unto my said Young^r sonne[s] yearely as I have appointed at the Feast of St Michael and thannunciation of the Blessed Virgin St Marie or w^{thin} xv dayes after either of the said Feastes by even po^rcons then my finall will is that my said Young^r Sonnes Thomas Roger and Edward shall have and hould all that my Messuage in neth^r Sturton and all lande meadows and pastures thereto belonging untill they be satisfied of the said yearly rent and the arrerages thereof if any be.

Witnesses Robert Poole Charles White.

On the 6th day of Maij 1596 the Will of Alexander White late of Sturton in the County of Notts was proved by the Oath of Ellenore White widow the Relict and sole Executrix."

Information from the book, "John Robinson, Pastor of the Pilgrim Fathers:, by Walter Burgess, pgs 20-22