

Nicholas' will, dated 1 January 1533/4, distributed his modest estate to his wife "Anny;" his one known child, Sylvester, and to Felyx Beane. Nicholas' great-granddaughter Alice Eastes, daughter of Robert, married Thomas Beane in 1628 at Ringwoud. The will decreed that he was to be "buried in the church yerde of Saynt Leonard in the parisshe of Deale.

WILL OF NICHOLAS EWSTAS

(IN ORIGINAL ARCHAIC TEXT)

IN DEI NO'IE AMEN, THE XVIITH DAY OF JUNE THE YERE OF OUR LORDE
MLCCCCXXXIIITH, I NYCHOLAS EWSTAS BEYNG OF HOLE MYND AND
REMEMBRAUNCE ORDEYNE AND MAKE THIS MY LAST WYLL AND TESTAMENT
IN MANNER AND FORM FOLOWYNG

FYRST I BEQUETHE MY SOULE TO ALMYGHTY GOD, OUR LADY SIYNTE MARY
AND ALL THE HOLY COMPANY OF HEVYN AND MY BODY TO BE BURIED IN THE
CHURCH YERDE OF *SAYNTE LEONARDE IN THE PARISSHE OF DEALE*.

ALSO I BEQUETHE TO THE HYGH AULTER FOR MY TYTHES UNDELYGENTLY
FORGOTTEN VIIID.

ITEM I WYLL THAT MY WYFFE CAUSE TO BE DUN AT THE DAY OF MY BURYALL
V MASES WITH PLACEBS AND DIRIGE AND AS MANY AT MY MONTHES MYNDE.

ITEM I BEQUETHE TO *SYLVESTER MY SONE* ONE EWE AND A YONG HORSE.

ITEM I BEQUETHE TO FELYX BEANS ONE EWE.

THE RESYDUE OF ALL MY GOODES, MOVEABLES AND UNMOVEABLES I WYLL
AND BEQUETHE TO *ANNY EWSTAS MY WYFF* WHOM I MAKE SOLE EXECUTRIX
OF THIS MY LAST WYLL AND TESTAMENT THE YERE AND DAY ABOVE
REHERSYD.

WYTNNESSYS BEYNG PRESENT AND REQUYRED ROBERT WHYTE,

JOHN MYSELSON

MODERN ENGLISH TRANSLATION

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, THE 17 DAY OF JUNE THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
1533 I, NYCHOLAS EWSTAS, BEING OF WHOLE MIND AND
REMEMBRANCE ORDAIN AND MAKE THIS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT IN
MANNER AND FORM FOLLOWING,

FIRST, I BEQUEATH MY SOUL TO ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR LADY SAINT MARY AND ALL THE HOLY COMPANY OF HEAVEN AND MY BODY TO BE BURIED IN THE CHURCH YARD OF *SAINT LEONARD IN THE PARISH OF DEAL*.

ALSO I BEQUEATH TO THE HIGH ALTER FOR MY TITHES UNDILIGENTLY FORGOTTEN 8 PENCE.

ITEM, I WILL THAT *MY WIFE* CAUSE TO BE DONE AT THE DAY OF MY BURIAL FIVE MASSES WITH PLACEBOS AND DIRIGE AND AS MANY AT MY MONTH'S MIND.

ITEM I BEQUEATH TO *SYLVESTER, MY SON*, ONE EWE AND A YOUNG HORSE.

ITEM I BEQUEATH TO FELIX BEANS ONE EWE.

THE RESIDUE OF ALL MY GOODS, MOVEABLES AND UNMOVEABLES I WILL AND BEQUEATH TO *ANNY EWSTAS MY WIFE* WHOM I MAKE SOLE EXECUTRIX OF THIS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT THE YEAR AND DAY ABOVE REHERSED.

WITNESSES BEING PRESENT AND REQUIRED

ROBERT WHYTE, JOHN MYSELSON