

Will of Jane Whorwood

(buried at Holton, Oxfordshire 22 May 1726)

Jane was the widow of Thomas Whorwood II (1664-1706) (see his Will)

Thomas Whorwood III was only eleven when his father died, so Jane remained his guardian for ten years and presumably was effectively Lady of the Manor in her own right during this period

Thomas Whorwood II mentions in his will that his brother-in-law is Thomas Bray, which suggests that Jane's maiden name may have been Bray

She was buried at Holton on 22 May 1726

This her will, made on 25 October 1715, was proved on 2 June 1726

Her children were:

- (1) Brome (who died in childhood, 1690)
- (2) Thomas the heir (1695-1736)
- (3) Edmund the Rector (1697-1735)
- (4) William (1698-1730)
- (5) George (1701-1705), died in childhood
- (6) James (1703-1741)
- (7) Jane (I cannot find her baptism or burial) who married Christopher Bond of New-land, Glos on 2 March 1711

Legatees:

Her son Edmund Whorwood (all the goods in the Holton parsonage house) and £150 if her son Thomas does not grant him the living when it becomes free). (The first time Edmund is mentioned he is described as Edward, but I think this is an error.)

Her sons William Whorwood and James Whorwood £200 each

Her servants Mary Buttler and Jane Meads

The Poor of Holton, Headington, Tackley, and Wheatley

Residue to her eldest son Thomas Whorwood

The last Will and Testament of me

Jane Whorwood of Holton in the County of Oxford Widow made and published this twenty-fifth day of October in the second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord

George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain etc. Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and fifteen whereby in the first place I commend my immortal Soul to God who gave it trusting by and through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer to receive full pardon and full Remission of all my Sins and a glorious Resurrection amongst the just. My body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be interred in Holton Church as near my husband as may be and my worldly Estate I give and dispose of as followeth. Whereas Thomas Whorwood Esq. my late husband deposed in and by his last Will and Testament in Writing bearing date on or about the second day of October Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and six for securing the payment of his debts did give advise and bequeath unto Edm. Bray Esq⁶, Sir Thomas Whiat Ban¹ and Francis Heywood the elder Gent and to their Heirs and Assigns and to the Heirs and Assigns of the Survivor of them all that his Manor of Tackley in the County of Oxford with all its Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging and all that his Mansion or Mannor House with the Orchard and Gardens dove house Bams Stables Outhouses Closes Lands Meadows Pastures Cottages, Trees Woods, Underwoods Waters fishings, mills, Wasts, Wast grounds or what else to the same belongs situate lying and being in Tackley aforesaid which he purchased of Walter Mildmay Esq⁶ and Elizabeth Morton Widow and her Trustees and of others In Trust that they or the Survivors of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of the Survivor of them should sell and dispose of the same to the best purchaser that should give most of the same and the moneys thereby raised by the Sale thereof in the first place to be applied for the payment of his debts and the Residue thereof after his death should be payd he did thereby give devise and bequeath unto me the said Jane Whorwood his ?thr.. wife over and above a Rent] Charge of Three hundred pounds a year of what else is settled and conveyed to me or any persons in Trust for me more particularly mentioned in my Marriage Writings whereunto ?Inolature being had the same more plainly appears and Whereas I have payd and satisfied many of my said husband's debts and many of his debts still remain unsatisfied and unpayd and for the further securing the payment of my said husband's debts as well as for the better securing the payment of my own debts most of which were my said husband's debts I do hereby give and charge the Overplus and Residue of the moneys to be raised by Sale of the said Mannor Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments as soon as the same can be sold for the payment of my said husband's Debts as well as for the better securing the payment of my own Debts and my Will is and I do hereby declare that the said Mannor Messuages Lands, Tenements and

Hereditaments are hereby chargeable and shall stand charged therewith And my Will further is that after my said husband's and my own debts shall be payd and satisfied I give the Residue thereof as well as what other personal Estate I am now possessed of as follows and first I give my son Edward [? Edmund] Whorwood all my Plate Goods and Chatties of what Nature or Kind soever in the parsonage house in Holton aforesaid or in the Yard or Bark side thereunto belonging except one Box of Plate and Linnen which I give to several others as the Note there directs and my desire is that my Son Thomas Whorwood will be pleased to give to my Son Edmund the first and next presentation of the Parish Church,

Parsonage or Rectory of Holton aforesaid when it shall become voyd by the Death Cession or Resignation of Doctor Thomas Imister the present Incumbent but if my son Thomas shall not be pleased to give the said presentation of the Parish Church Rectory or Parsonage of Holton aforesaid to my said Son

Edmund then my Will is that my Executor shall pay my said Son Edmund One hundred and fifty pounds and I do hereby give my said Son Edmund One hundred and fifty pounds in Case my said son Thomas doth not give him the first and next presentation of the said Parish Church in such manner as aforesaid and I give to my son William Whorwood and to my son James Whorwood each of them Two hundred pounds apiece to be payd by my Executor when they shall come to the Age of twenty one years and to my servant Mary Buttler I give fifty pounds or her Life in the living held by her father in law Ralph Buttler at the choice of my Executors and to Nurse Jane Meads ten pounds per annum by four quarterly payments for her Life and to all my other servants that shall be in my Service at the Time of my Death twenty Shillings apiece To the poor of Holton Headington Tackley and Wheatley each Three pounds and I give all the Rest of my Goods and Chatties to my said Son Thomas Whorwood whom I make sole Executor of this my Last Will In Testimony whereof I the said Jane Whorwood have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written being then blessed be God of sound good and perfect Mind Memory and Understanding. Jane Whorwood Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Jane Whorwood for and as her last Will and Testament containing two Sheets of Paper in the present of Mary Petty, George Gerard, Franc: Heywood

Probatum fuit huiusmodi Testamentatum apud London

coram venerabili et Egregio viro Johannis B. Hesworth Esquire
Doctore Curiae praerogativae Cantuariensis Magistro Custode sive
commissario legitimi constituo vicesimo secundo die Mensis Junii
Anno Domini millesimo septuagesimo vicesimo sexto Iuramento
Thomae Whorwood Armigeri Filii dictae definitae et Executoris in
dicto Testamento nominati Cui commissa fuit Administratio omium et
singulorum Bonorum Iurium et Creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et
fideliter Adminstrando ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurat vigore commis.
Exam.