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## **Probate for the will of Richard Haton (sic Richard Hatton) of Ware, Herts., gent - Written in 1654 proved in 1654**

### ***Transcription***

By R I Kirby (25/1/2006). Difficult text replaced by '\*'. Line padding squiggles represented by '~'. References to people emboldened.

### ***Source***

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### ***Summary***

To his wife Mary HATON, for her life, property in Ware, herts:

- Tenement called the Aviary with about 8 acres of land;
- A close of pasture land called Greenhill with about 8 acres of land.

After her death this land goes to Thomas BURDETT of London Vintner and Leonard BATTELL of Ware Maltster, in trust to sell and split the proceeds equally between: Thomas HATON of Holneby, Northampton, and his sister Elizabeth; named children of the testator's brother Thomas HATON, deceased – sons Richard HATON, Robert HATON, and daughters Mary PARTRIDGE, Katherine FITCHE and Alice HATON;

Andrew DENNIS and Elizabeth BURDETT

His sister Jane WARREN, her son and daughters

Sarah WARD Daughter of Elizabeth LIGHTFOOT the testator's Sister

The sons and daughters of the testator's brother George HATON - James HATON, Alice UPSHER, Mabel THOMPSON, Elizabeth LIESMAN, Mary DENNIS

£40 to sister Jane WARREN

£4 to Alice HATON

£10 to his sister-in-law Priscilla HATON late wife of his brother Thomas deceased

40/- to Sarah HATON, widow, late the wife of his brother John HATON

£10 each to nephew Roger HATON and Susan his wife

£5 each to Kinsman Leonard BATTELL and Mary his wife

£5 each to William MORRIS and Sarah his wife

£10 to Elizabeth BURDETT Daughter of Thomas BURDETT at age 18

40/- to the poor of parish of Ware for bread

40/- to William SMITH of Ware, joiner

50/- to Isaac Craven CLARKE to preach at funeral

Executrix: Mary HATON, wife

Witnessed: Roger HAYTON, Thomas BURDETT, Nicho<sup>s</sup> DAVIES senior, Leonard BATTLELL

Signed – 3 Oct 1654

Proved - 18 November 1654

### **Text**

In the name of God Amen

The third day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred fifty and four I Richard Haton of the parish of Ware in the County of Herts gent being Sicklie of bodie yet of perfect memorie Thanks be to God for the same) Doe make and ordaine this my last Will & Testament in providing hereby revoking all former Wills in manner and forme following And first I commend my Soul to Almighty God And my Bodie to the earth to be Decently buried by my Executors herinafter named And as ~ Touching the Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to hand unto me I will devise and Bequeath the same in manner & forme following And I Bequath all that my messuage or~ Tenement situated in Ware aforesaid and commonly called by the name of **the Aviary** with all and singular the houses, out-houses barnes stables Edifices gardens orchards landes~ meadows and pasture grounds Thereunto belonging conteyning eight acres more or Lesse And alsoe one Close of pasture ground in Ware aforesaid called **Greenhill** conteyning by estmiacon eight acres bei\* more or less unto **Mary Haton my loving Wife** for and during the terme of her naturall life And after her decease I will give devise and bequeath the same unto **Thomas Burdett of London Vintener and Leonard Battell of Ware Malster** and their heirs upon this trust & confidence that they the said Thomas and Leonard or the Survivors of them or the heire of the Survivors of them shall sell or make Sale of the said messuage and landes And the moneys thereof to rayed shall give and dispose to these severall parsons hereafter named equallie (that is to say) To **Thomas Haton of Holneby** in the Countie of Northton and to his **sister Elizabeth** To **Richard Haton Robert Haton Mary Partridge their sister Katherine ffitche one other sister of the said Richard and Robert** To **Alice Haton their sister Children of Thomas Hatton my brother deceased** To **Andrewe Dennis and Elizabeth Burdett** To **Jane Warren sonne and Daughters of my sister Jane Warren** To **Sarah Ward Daughter of ~~~ Elizabeth Lightfoot my Sister** To be equally divided amongst them share and share like To **James Haton Alice Upsher To Mabell Thompson To Elizabeth Liesman and to Mary Dennis Sonne and Daughters of George Haton my brother** Item I give and bequeath to **Jane Warren** my sister fforty punds to be paid unto her by my Executrix herinafter named within the space of Twelve monthes next after my decease Item

I give and bequeath to my sister **Alice Haton** foure pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by my~ Executors hereafter named within Twelve months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my **Sister Priscilla Haton late wife of my Brother Thomas deceased** the Summe of Tenn pounds of Lawfull money to be paid~ unto her by my Executors within Twelve months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto **Sarah Haton widow late the wife of my brother John Haton** the Summe of Fortie Shillings of Lawfull money To be paid

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Unto her within six months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my **nephue Roger Haton and Susan his wife** the Summe of Tenne pounds a peece To be paid unto them by my Executors hereafter named within Twelve months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my **Kinsman Leonard Battell and Mary his wife** the summe of Five pounds a peece To be paid unto them by my Executors within Twelve months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to **William Morris and Sarah his wife** the summe of Five pounds a peece To be paid unto them by my Executors within Twelve months next after my decease Item I give unto **Elizabeth Burdett Daughter of the said Thomas Burdett** the Summe of Tenne pounds To be paid unto her at age of eighteen yeares by my Executors hereafter named Item Item I give to the **poore people of the parishe of Ware** the Summe of Fortie Shillings to be laid out in bread to be distributed amongst them Item I will and bequeath unto **William Smith of Ware** aforesaid Joyner the summe of Fortye shillings To be paid unto him within Six monthes after my decease And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said~ **Mary Haton my lovinge wife** sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament Utterlie revoaking all former~ Wills Legacies and bequests ratefying these pages to be my onelie Last will and Testament And I doe desire my said wife to pay unto mr **Isaacke Craven Clarke** Fifty ~~ shillings of Lawfull for his payment to preach my funall Sermon And in wittness hereof I have to these present conteynging two sheetes of paper to the bottom of eache sheet have sette my hand and to the parchment labell whereinto the said twoe sheetes of paper are affixed together have sette my Seal the day and yeare first above written *Richard Haton* Signed sealed published and Declared to be the Last will and testam<sup>t</sup> of the said Richard Haton in the presence of and three whole lynes in the first sheete interlyned before the publishing hereof Roger Hayton Thomas Burdett Nicho<sup>s</sup> Davies senior Leonard Battell.

[Proved by Mary Haton the Relic]

## ***Notes***

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