

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLTE OF
STUBLEY, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 20 April 1561 I Robert Holt of Stubble in the countie of Lanc. esquire &c. My bodie to be buried in y^e chaunsell wthin the peroche churche at Rachdale or elsewhere it shall please God to dispose I will that all such dett^e as I do owe shalbe payd &c. And after my sayd dett^e payd and my funerall expenses fynyshe I will that my sayd good^e shalbe devided in thre equall ptes wherof I will that Isabell my wyfe shall have one equale pte to her owne pper use for and in the name of all her thrydd pte &c. And the second pte I bequeth to Fraunce my sone Margerie and Elin my doughters equallie to be devided amongst them for and in the name of there full and lawfull child^e pte And if any of the sayd ffrance Margerie or Elyn my chylderen shall fortune to dye afore the shall accomplyshe the full age of xxj yeres and before that tyme be not maried that thē the survyvor or survyvors of my sayd chylderen shall have the porciō of such chyld that shall so fortune to dye And y^e thrid equall part &c. I reserve to my executors therw^t to pforme my legacies that is to saye fyrst I geve toward^e the repracions of y^e sayd churche of Rachedale vjs viij^d To Charles Holt my sone and here apparant all my cart^e waynes plowes yokes harowes w^t all other implement^e appten^yge to husbandrie w^{ch} do now rema^y at Stubble To y^e sayd Charles all my harnes nowe beyng at Stubble and all my silyng timbre trust^yg that he wilbe good to his mother

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Isabel daughter of Roger Walkden of Forax gent. by whom he had an eldest son Charles Holte who married Mary daughter and coheiress of Robert Holte of Stubble Esq. by his wife Cicely daughter of Andrew Barton of Smethills. — See pp. 87, 88. Robert Holte's post mortem inquisition was held 3rd Elizabeth, at which time his son Charles was eighteen years of age.

and to his brother and sisters To the sayd Charles all such here lomes as Robert Holt late of Stubley th'eld⁹ esquire deceased did leve by his last will to remaine at Stubley as here lomes w^{ch} be now in the hande rule and governanc of Mr Rauff Barton y^e fourt pte of y^e pfytt of y^e Browne¹ w^t y^e fort pte of y^e copiehold lande w^{ch} I oughe to have as pcell of y^e mariage good^e of Marie Holt now wyffe to y^e sayd Charles To Isabell my wiffe Frannc^e Margerie and Elin my childeren all my intrest and terme of y^e sayd Browne which I have frō yere to yere of y^e sayd Rauff Barton and Henrie Sayvell payeng the rent accordynglie To y^e servyce at Litelbroughe viij^s To y^e children of Roger Holt my brother vj^s viij^d to bie thē shepe w^tall Unto y^e children of Charles Holt my brother vj^s viij^d to be wared upon shepe Unto y^e children of Lawren^c Kaye vj^s viij^d to be bestowed upon shepe To y^e sayd Isabell my wyffe Franc^e Margarie and Elin my sayd childeren tenne oxen gates in Haslome heye² w^{ch} I have payd for to Richard Holt for vj yeres yet to come To Roger Holt my brother all my intrest and terme in one teñt in Holcome heye w^{ch} I have bie vertue of one bargyne ffrom Georg Werbertō and that the [said] Roger shall have y^e same in as large man^r as y^e sayd Georg ought to have done by force of one graunt made unto him by Robert Holt late of Stubley y^e younger esquire deceased I geve &c. y^e sōme of tow hundreth mark^e w^{ch} is due unto me for y^e mariage of Charles Holt my sayd sone and here apparant by reasō of the last will and testamēt and other mynymēt^e wryttyng^e of y^e sayd Robert Holt y^e yonger to Margerie and Elyn my sayd doughters to be equallie devided betwyx thē and if ether of my sayd doughters shall fortune to die afore she shall accōplishe y^e full age of xxj yeres and before that tyme be not maried that thē y^e survyvor shall have such porcion of such doughters y^t shall so fortune to dye Where as I the sayd Robert Holt have taken by lease

¹ The farm now known as Browne Lodge, near Stubley.

² In the parish of Bury.

of y^e sayd Raufe Barton and Henrie Sayvell and others w^{ch} lease beyrithe date y^e 10 April 3 - 4 Philip and Mary certen meases lande &c. cōveed and assured by y^e sayd Robert Holt y^e younger to Robert Barton esquire and others y^e cooffefees to certen uses and intentē mēcioned in one payre of indentures beyryng date 8 March 3 - 4 Philip and Mary mad betwix the sayd Rauff Barton and Henrie Sayvell uppon y^e one pte and me y^e sayd Robert Holte one y^e other pte payeng yerelye for y^e same fourtye mark^e I geve &c. y^e sayd lease to y^e sayd Charles Holt my sayd sone and here apparant duryng all y^e terme of y^e same so that y^e sayd Charles wilbe cōtent quyetye to pmytte my sayd tow doughters to receve y^e sayd ij hundredreth markes other wyse I will y^t y^e sayd lease shall pase to my executors I will that my serūnt^e John Holt Roger my brother Henrie Holt Wyll^m Deurden Edmūde Mylne Edmūde Holland and James Holt shall have evy of thē one blake coate and y^e resydue of all my pte of good^e my dett^e beyng payd &c. I holly geve to my sayd doughters Margerie and Elin equallye to be devyded betwene them I make y^e sayd Isabell my wyffe Margerie and Elyn my doughters my true and faythfull executors to execute this my last wyll as the shall answer before God and I shall desire M^r Holland esquire Roger Holt my brother and Frances Walkeden to be supvisors of the same to se it executed accordynglie These witnesses Richard Holt S^r John Cheth^m clarke and Edmūde Mylne

Inventoriū omniū bonoz et catalloz que fuernt Roberti Holt nup de Stublei armig die quo obiit app^rcia^t p Edmūdū Whithede Edmūdū Kirshaghe Robertū Stott et Jacobū Heylewel fide dignos Inp^rmis viij oxen xxj^{li} vj^s viij^d — ij bulle and one segg^g iiij^{li} — xvij kyen xxviij^{li} vj^s viij^d — ij heffers liij^s iiij^d — iiij steres vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d — vij twinters vij^{li} — x styrkes vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d — on geldynge iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — one stagge iiij^{li} — iiij mares vj^{li} — jx schore shepe xxj^{li} — fyve swyne xl^s — in mayle and malte x^{li} — jx fether bed^e jx bolsters vj pillowes w^t pillowbers vj^{li} — iiij mattresses xx^s — xjx coverlet^e v^{li} —

xx payre of shete v^{li} — xx payre of blankette iiij^{li} — iiij coveryngē for bedde xxx^s — a syl^v salt and xiiij spones viij^{li} — in brase and masselen v^{li} — arkes and chyste ij^{li} — in pewter vessell xx^s — stonndē kayres basens w^tall implemētē of howsehold xx^s — ij coveryngē for a table w^t a coveryng for a cubbard xij^s — viij bourde clothes ij cuppebourd clothes v towels and x napkens xl^s — a payre of standyng bedd stocke w^t a payre of whele bedd stocke y^e hangyngē and a cuppebourd in my lords chambre xxij^s — ij payre of bedd stockes y^e hangyngē a cubberd a long bord and a forme in y^e greite chambre xvij^s iiij^d — tow payre of bedd stocke w^t hangyngē and a cubbourd in y^e chappell chambre and in y^e iner chambre xij^s iiij^d — a cuppebourd w^t a joyned fourme in y^e new parloure vj^s viij^d — a cuppebourde in y^e hale vj^s viij^d — a longe bourde and ij loose formes in the hale ij^s iiij^d — a chimney of iron in y^e hale xxvj^s viij^d — a payre of standyng bed stocke a table w^t trestles in y^e inner plore vij^s — ij payre of bedstocke a cupbourd and a lose bourd in y^e old plore xij^s iiij^d — ij payre of beddstockes in Sr Myghelle chambre v^s — a payre of bedstocke in y^e chambre w^tout xx^d — ij chyste and one lose bord in y^e closet iiij^s — viij payre of bedstocke at y^e Whit wale x^s — in beyff bacon and salt vij^{li} — a spit and a gawbe iron ij^s — vj cheres and viij chusshens x^s — iiij payre of tonge ij^s — jx seackē and ij wynnowshetē xxj^s iiij^d — a heire x^s — in woll and cloth xl^s — in flaxe and linen cloth xij^s iiij^d — cartē wanes plowes harrowes yokes w^tall implementē belongyng to husbandri xl^s — in sylyng tymbre¹ xl^s — cowp tymbre x^s — sawen borde x^s — barked lether xx^s.

[No sum total mentioned.]

¹ i.e. timber used for wainscot.