

The Will of,
Meredith Haddy,

1643.

Proved 1645.

&

The inquisition conducted by
The Charity Commissioners

at

The Guild Hall,

London.

1672.

Whereas by an Inquisition undertaken taken at Guildhall in the City of London
the 19th day of October in the 24th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Cha^s. the
2nd And in the Reign of our Lord 16th 2 Before Sir Geo^r Waterman Sir Cha^s.
Hooker J^{ts} Nicholas Archbald John Throughton Joseph Lane Theophilus Smith M^r.
Savage John Owen Tho^s. Mandale Esq^r. John Jehill M^r. Pearse Tho^s. Balkington
Stephen
Gents Commissioners by virtue of his Majesty's Com^{ms} under
the great Seal of England bearing date the 1st February then last past to them
& divers other or any 4 or more of them directed for the due examination of the
Statute made in the High Court of Parliament at Westminster 27th of Sept^r.
in the 4th year of the reign of the late Queen Eliz being an Act to redress the
misemployment of Lands Goods & Stocks of Money heretofore given to charitable
uses by and upon the Oaths of 14 honest and lawful men of the s^d. City of
London being duly impanelled returned & sworn according to the s^d. Statute &
Common It was then and there found & presented that Meredith Maddy late
of London Clerk deced by his last Will & Test in writg bearing date the last of Aug^t.
1642 amongst divers other legacies & bequests did therein devise will & appoint the
Rents Issues & profits of All his Freehold Lands in the parish of St James Garlick
Church in London & his Land & annuities in the Parishes of Michael Church
Essex Dorstone in the County of Hereford & of these leases of sevl Tenements in the
Parishes Amwell in the Coy of Hertford & Steppney als Steben heath in the Co of
Middlesex & to be employed for towards the satisfying of such legacies & other
monies which by his s^d. Will shod be & was by him therein given to pious uses
And it is therein further found & presented that the s^d. Meredith Maddy in
his s^d. Will declared that whereas he had resolved to build a free school in the
s^d. Parish of Dorstone & that the same was at that time in a good
forwardness for the building thereof & would endow the same school with £20
Pannum for a maintenance of a schoolmaster there for ever The
said Meredith Maddy in a Postscript added to his s^d. Will made part
thereof directed the s^d. free school should be endowed with the s^d. £20
Pann of his Lands & at Garlick Church in London afores^d. And
further in his s^d. Will devised & bequeathed unto the church Warden
of the Parishes of Dorstone & Michael Church Essex afores^d. the sum of £4 p
Ann to be paid unto them for ever upon the 21st day of Dec^r. yearly for the use
of the poor of the s^d. Parishes (viz) 40^s yearly for each parish & that the same shod be
distributed yearly to the Poor in each of those parishes upon the Feast of the
Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the public assemblies for

that his desire was that the s^c Generous should not be conferred upon any -
that were or should be noted to live in any known or notorious sin as -
swearing railing slandering drunkenness whoredom stealing picking quarrelling
or the like & therefore would have the same distributed in the face of the
congregation & the names of the parties receiving the same recorded in a Book
And therein further bequeathed for the support of a zealous orthodox
Divine the s^c should preach 8 sermons yearly in Michael church Eskley the sum
of £4 to be paid quarterly for ever And it was therein further found & presented
that the s^c Meredith Maddy to further the marriage of sober & poor maids that
then had or thereafter should demean themselves diligently & faithfully in one service
7 6 or 5 years or had been painfully in the house of their Parents 20 years or more
Did in his s^c Will give & bequeath the s^c sum of £100 Ann to be paid to them
successively one after another she that is first married to have it one year & then the
next & so on one after another Provided that they be Inhabitants of Michael
church Eskley Dorton Clifford or Longtown & be not married to any that should
be stained with the common sins viz swearing & good fellowship & that they which
were of his own hundred & his own name especially & being qualified should be preferred
before others And in his s^c Will Did further give & bequeath £100 to be lent
unto poor Tradesmen or beginners dwelling within the Parishes of Michael
church Eskley Dorton Clifford Abbey Dore & the Hay as followeth viz £16. 13. 4 to be
lent unto two men of each of those 6 Parishes & they to trade with or use the
same one year without giving any allowance for the same save only to procure
6 sermons in those 6 Parishes to be preached allowing the Preacher 6/8 & his
dinner for his pains which £100 his will was should unto the hands of the
Churchwardens of the several Parishes & they to give security to his Exors to dispose
thereof as was before directed & they to take security of the young men for the same
And also did will and appoint in these words following viz "And as for my
House at Garlick Heath after that my loving friend & Cousin hath built the
same according as I have proposed & the expences thereof discharged Then my
Will and meaning is that all the profits & revenues of the s^c Houses from
thence arising shall be bestowed in & upon pious uses as the God of
Heaven and earth should direct my Cousins Heart And of his s^c Will
did make the s^c Peter Mills of Christ Church London & Thomas Maddy of
Michael church Eskley his Exors & shortly after died seized of the messuages lands
& Tenmt^s in Garlick Heath afores^d And that the s^c Peter Mills only proved
the s^c Will in the Court of Perogative of Canterbury the 23rd day of May