

Will of Thomas Bassett proved 1616
Written 20th February 1615

Digest of the will of Thomas Bassett of the mill,
Chiddingstone,
yeoman. He is the father of Michael Bassett and is no doubt
the son of
Henry the son of John

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All these parcels of household stuff hereafter named to
remain in my

mansion house or in my mills for ever:

In my hall of my mansion house my cubberde; in the kitchen
my furnace, and
in the mills all my stones, bins, troughs, crowes and other
implements.

To Alice Geale my maid servant 40s.

Residue of my goods and chattels to my wife Kateryne, who is
to be
executrix.

Overseers my friends William Birsty, Henry Streatfeild,
Edward Everest and
Thomas Saunder of Chiddingstone.

To Kateryne for life my house wherein I dwell and certain
parcels of land

in full satisfaction of her jointure. If she accept that
then she shall

also enjoy all my other lands, together with my two mills
and also all

that parcel of meadow called Eyland, 12 acres lying in
Chiddingstone until

my two sons Pentecost Bassett and Michael Bassett come of
age. On

condition that she brings up my two sons in all godly
education befitting

their degree and pay them from age 16 to 21 20s each yearly.

At age 21 to Pentecost all my said house where I dwell with
my mills and

all houses barns and buildings belonging except a house
standing upon a

parcel of land called Gillandes together with all the lands
meadows

pastures waters streams flowing of waters woods underwoods
etc to my said

house and mills belonging situated in Chiddingstone.

All the said parcel of meadow called the Eyland to my son
Michael.

Katherine shall within one year after my decease at her own

expense remove
and take down the above mentioned house upon the said parcel
of land
called Gillandes and erect it on the said parcel of land
called the
Eyland.

To Pentecost all my lease of the flowing of water to the
sawmill at 21 and
in the meantime Kateryne to have it on condition she does
not make void
the said lease.

Witnesses: William Woodgate, Walter Woodgate, John Saxby

It seems to me likely that Pentecost died young and that
Michael
inherited the whole estate. That is what the Land Tax
records show.

(Transcribed by Lionel Cole)