Summary of the will of William Talbot (I)

10 June 1574, William Talbot of Broadmayne, to be buried in the church of Broadmayne.

To my brother Thomas Talbot in consideration of 'mere brotherly love' and the four score pounds he gave me towards the purchase of my land of Broadmayne, Ilsington and elsewhere in Dorset, the four following tenements: 1. One which was sometime in the tenure of Thomazin Kingmane but now in the tenure of my brother Thomas Talbot. 2. One in the tenure of William Paine. 3. One in the tenure of Thomas Paine. 4. One in the tenure of Christian Slone in Ilsington. Also to Thomas, the meadow in Kingston which Mr Henry Williams now holds. Also to Thomas the chief rent which Mr Mogg of Bradford Peverell pays, with the moiety or halfendeale [half share] of the wood and pastures of the wood in Ilsington, paying yearly to my heirs who possess the residue of my land 4d at the usual five terms viz at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel etc. 'if the same be lawfully asked in or upon the premises with also the portion of the rent to the chief lord of the fee'. [This is effectively peppercorn rent.]

To William Talbot my son during his life one tenement now in the tenure of Margery Symonds after his mother's decease paying to his lord 6d. To John Talbot my son one tenement after his mother's decease now in the tenure of Thomas Vallance paying 6d to his lord. To Christian Talbot my wife the rest of my land unbequeathed in Broadmayne and Kingston during her life 'with the house which I now dwell in', with the other moiety of halfendeale of the wood in Ilsington. To daughter Elizabeth after her marriage £6 13s 4d and to 'every of the rest of my daughters' £6 to be paid on the day of their marriage. If my wife 'do not live and enjoy my said living some reasonable time and space', my three sons George William and John shall pay these sums 'every one of the according to the case of their living'.

I bind my son George 'whom I do make mine heir' that he make his uncle Thomas Talbot as good assurance of the tenements etc. I have given him, when he, George, 'shall come to his full age, as may be by any learned counsel in the law devised', at the charge of Thomas.

The rest of my goods and chattels to Christian my wife and sole executrix.

The overseers [I can't read the word he uses] of the will: Michael Geye, John Yeomans [presumably a relation of Christian's], Richard Squibe, Thomas Talbot, Thomas Gye. Witnesses: Richard Squibe, Thomas Gye, Giles Sampson, Walter Bullock, James Best, Henry Harford, Thomas Talbot 'with others'.

Proved 29 September 1574.