

Will of Lady Dians Feilding 28 July 1715

I the Lady Diana Feilding of Ashford in the county of Surrey, widow do make this my last Will and Testament(7 lines)..... when I dye and I give and devise all chosefon(?) and severall Burgages, Messuages and Tenements with their and every of their Appurtenances situate lying and being in Castle Rising in the County of Norfolk by me purchased of John Chamberlain William Jodin Johosaphat Isallands Cony(?)Rolf and John Fayer and also all those Messuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the said County of Norfolk which were purchased which were purchased during the Minority of my late Grandson Edward Lord Dudley and Ward deceaseds under a decree of the High Court of Chancery for his benefit or which were purchased by him since his attaining the age of twenty one years and were devised(?) to me by his last Will and Testament and also all other Burgages, Messuages, Land Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever in the said County of Norfolk which were purchased by me or the said late Lord Dudley and Ward or for his benefit and to which I am intituled(?) by virtue of the last Will and testament of the said late Lord Dudley and Ward or _____(3 blank lines) otherwise howsoever unto the Right Honorable Henry Bowes Howard Earl of Berkshire for and during the Term of his Natural life without Impeachment of Waste and from and after his decease then to such person and persons as shall for the time being be instituted to the Manor of Castle Rising in the said County of Norfolk according to the Estates and interests which they shall respectively have in the said Manor by virtue of the limitations in an Indenture Quadripartite bearing date the 19th day of October 1727 and made between me and the said Edward late Lord Dudley and Ward of the first part John Skynner Esq. of Berkshire and the Honourable Thomas Howard Esq. one of the younger sons of the said Henry Bowes Howard Earl of Berkshire of the third part and Robet Steele Gentleman of the fourth part for declaring the uses of a Recovery Suffered of the said mannor of Castle Rising and other estates therein mentioned It being my intention that the severall Burgages, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments herein before given and devised shall go to and be enjoyed by such person and persons successively as shall be entitled to the Mannor of Castle Rising as aforesaid subject nevertheless to an annuity of ten pounds per annum Granted by my said late Grandson Edward late Lord Dudley and Ward out of part of the said premises in the County of Norfolk to Stephen Gandin for his life Also I give and devise all that Messuage or Tenement called Newsteads with the outhouses Garden and Orchard thereto belonging and one piece or parcel of Meadow or pasture in Ashtead

Several pages later another reference to Castle Rising

Court of Chantry against my said Grandson the late Lord Dudley and Ward and the executors of Richard Butler Esq. deceased whereby it is decreed that the summe of £1000 advanced by me to make up a somme of £5000 for the portion of my daughter the Lady Dudley and Ward deceased pursuant to the Will of my late Husband The Honorable Thomas Howard Esq. deceased upon a mortgage of the said Manor of Castle Rising in the said County of Norfolk taken in the name of the said Richard Butler should lye a charge upon the same Mannor and Lands Dent(?) I was by said decree to keep down the interest of the said £1000 during my life and my said grandson the said Lord Dudley and Ward and those to whom this inheritance shall come who should be intituled to the said mortgage promises expectant on my death within 6 months after my decease. Now I do hereby give and bequeath the said summe of £1000 to my Godson the said Thomas Howard, son of the said Henry Bowes Howard, Earl of Berkshire, also I give unto my said Godson Thomas Howard all my

books (except Receipt Books) and I give to my executors the summe of £1000 to be by them laid out and applied in rebuilding the Chancell of the Church at Castle Rising aforesaid and in the building a large room in the Mansion House at Castle Rising, wherein I usually dwell when I am in Norfolk to be used as a dining room upon elections of Members of Parliament for the said Borough of Castle Rising and also in building a bedchamber and a closet over the said dining room. Also I give to my ____ Executors the summe of £500 to be by them laid out and applied in the building of an Almshouse at Ashtead aforesaid for 6 poor widows of the Parish of Ashtead in the place where the pounds(?) formerly stood or some other place which shall be thought by the Lord of the said Mannor of Ashtead for the time being _____

Several lines on poor of Ashtead-----

Also I give £50 to the poor of the parish of Castle Rising and £50 to the poor of the parish of North Wootton in the county of Norfolk to be distributed amongst them as Anthony Hamond of South Wootton in the said county of Norfolk and James Hoaste of Sandringham in the same county Esq. or the survivor of whom shall think fit and I give to all my servants mourning and to each of them a years wages over and above what shall be one to them for their wages.

Last will of Lady Diana Feilding

Codicils relate to her personal belongings. No mention of Castle Rising