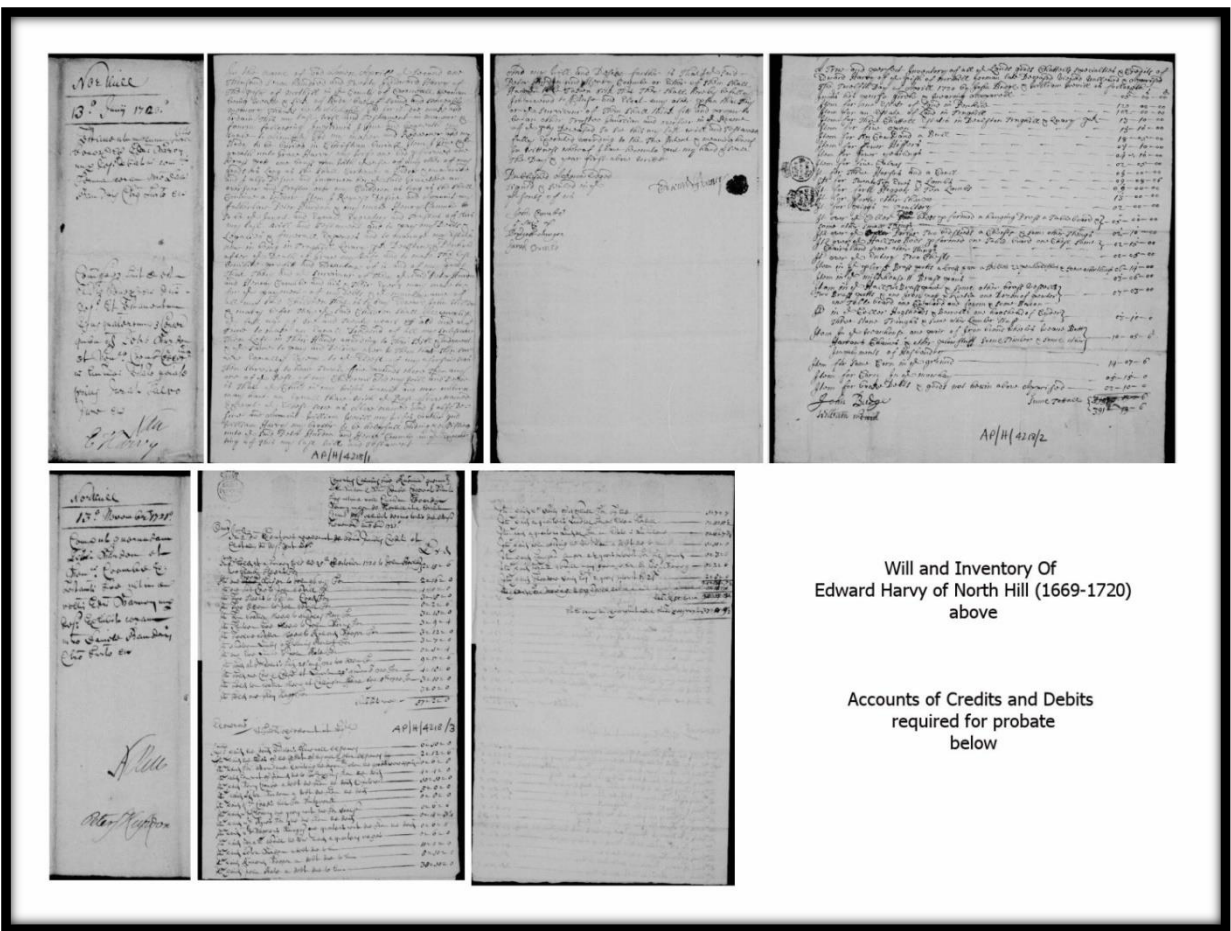


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Over 300 years ago Edward Harvy of North Hill wrote his last will and testatment. It's interesting but difficult to read because of the handwriting. The will, inventory and accounts have been typed out here to give you a feel for life in early eighteenth century North Hill.



Edward Harvy lived in North Hill for his entire 50 years. On the 2nd of April 1720, recognizing that his life was coming to a close, Edward prepared his will. A legal scribe recorded his wishes and you can see Edward's signature and seal above, on the third image of the top row. He was buried in St Torney's churchyard on the 5th of April, just three days later.

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The Will

The will has been faithfully transcribed using the spelling, grammar and punctuation in use at the time.

There are seven parts to this document which can be seen above. The second and third images on the top row are Edward's signed will in which he appoints the executors of his effects:

"... I Request Desire and Appoint my father law Peter Hurdon & my uncle Henry Coumbe To be ye Joynt and Equall Executors and Trustees of This my last will and Testament..."

The fourth document in the top row is the inventory of Edward's belongings; this list was made on the 12th of April 1720 by John Budge and William Wevill.

Armed with the will and the inventory his executors, his 'father-in-law' Peter Hurdon and Uncle Henry Coumbe, approached the office of the Archdeacon in St Neot and were granted authority (probate) to enable them to distribute Edward's effects in accordance with his wishes. In those days it was the church, and not the state, that controlled matters of probate. The authority is the first document on the top row and formed part of a wrapper in which all the paperwork was contained.

Edward's estate exceeded £390 and this meant that there were taxes to pay. Tidying up his financial dealings, his executors compiled a list of debts and credits which can be seen in the second and third documents on the lower row. These accounts modified the value of the estate and potentially, therefore, the tax. Part of the list of credits shows people who bought items from the estate; this would have been necessary for the executors to make cash payments to the beneficiaries.

A full size copy of the will is available online at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-61TK-38?view=explore&groupId=TH-267-12596-11373-70&grid=on>. A registration to FamilySearch will be required; it's free, completely harmless and is recommended.

Those parts of the transcript that would benefit from additional context have a note at the end of this document that may help the reader's understanding.

Surnames included in this will are:

Aunger, Bartlett, Bate, Baudris, Budge, Bynes, Coad, Cloberry, Coumbe,
Darley, Harris, Harvy, Hooper, Hurdon, Stacy, Werring, Wevill

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Cover Page For The Will And Inventory

(translation from Latin)

Northill

13th July 1720, Will with Inventory of the good etc of Edward Harvey lately deceased proved in common form before Master Daniel Baudris clerk surrogate etc.

Administration of the goods etc. and all things howsoever concerning his said will granted to Peter Hurdon and Henry Coomb Executors in the said will named Being first sworn, saving the right etc

Page 1 of the will

In the name of God Amen Aprill ye Second one Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty I Edward Harvy of The parish¹ of Northill in ye County of Cornwall yeoman being weake & sick of Body but of sound and senceably memory Thanks be to Almighty God for it doe make and ordaine This my Last Will and Testament in mannon & fourm following

Imprimis² I Give and bequeath my soule to Almighty God my maker and Redeemer and my Body to be buried in Christian buriall³

Item I Give & bequeath unto Grace Harvy my Wife one bed performed one brass pott one brass pan with ye use of any other of my goods as Long as she shall Continue a widow & unmarried and I also Desire and Impower her ye said Grace to be an overseer and Trustee over my Children as long as she shall Continue a widdow⁴

Item I Request Desire and Appoint my father [in]⁵ law⁶ Peter Hurdon & my uncle Henry Coumbe To be ye Joynt and Equall Executors and Trustees of This my last will and Testament and to pay my Debts & Legacies & funerall Expences and to manage my Estates now in being in Trughill Quarry park, Dealstone; & Penhole⁷ after ye Death of Grace my Wife and to make The best benefite profitt and Advantage of it and of my goods

That They and ye survivour of Them ye said Peter Hurdon and Henery Coumbe and his & Their Exors may make to & for ye payment of my debts & ye maintainance of all my said Children That is to say Edward John William & Mary⁸ before They ye said Children Shall Accomplish ye full age of one and Twenty years of old and at ye Time to make an Equall Dividend of all my substance Then Left in Their Hands according to Their skill & Judgment & ye same to pay and Deliver over to Them that Then survive Equally Except to ye Eldest of my aforsaid sons Then surviving to have Twenty five pounds more than any one of ye Rest of my Children

And my Will and Desire is that ye Child in my wifes wombe⁹ and now unborn may have an Equall share with ye Rest Abovenamed Except ye Eldest sone as Above named

And I also Desire and Appoint William Wevill my wife's brother¹⁰ and William Harvy my brother to be helpfull Aiding & Assisting unto ye said Peter Hurdon and Henry Coumbe in ye Executing of This my last Will and Testament

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And my Will and Desire farther is That if ye said Peter Hurdon and Henry Coumbe or Either of Them shall Happen to be Taken sick that They Shall hereby be fully Impowered to Chuse¹¹ and Elect any other person that they or ye survivour of Them shall think fitt and proper to be an other Trustee Gaurdian and overseer in ye Roome of ye party Deceased To see this my Last Will and Tesatment fully Executed according to the True Intent & meaning hereof

In Wittness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale The Day & year first above written.

Published Acknowledged

Signed & sealed in ye

presents of us

John Coumbe (*signed*)

Ye sine of Bridgett Aunger (*marked - being unable to write her own name*)

Sarah Coumbe (*signed*)

Edward Harvy (*signed*) (LS)

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Inventory

A True and perfect Inventory of all ye Lands goods Chattells specialties & Creditts of Edward Harvy of ye parish of Northill yeoman late Deceased Viewed Vallewed & Appraised The Twelfth Day of Aprill 1720 by John Budge & William Wevill as followeth

| | li | s | d ¹² |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|-----------------|
| Imprimis his purse girdle & wearing Apparell | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for one Estate of Land in Penhole | 120 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for an Estate of Land in Trughill | 102 | 00 | 00 |
| Item Three Chattell Estates in Dealston Trughill & Quarry park | 13 | 10 | 00 |
| Item for five oxen | 13 | 10 | 00 |
| Item for Six Cows and a Bull | 18 | 05 | 00 |
| Item for fower Hiffers ¹³ | 07 | 10 | 00 |
| Item for fower yearlings | 04 | 10 | 00 |
| Item for five Calves | 02 | 05 | 00 |
| Item for Three Horses and a Coult | 08 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for Twenty Six Ewes & Lambs | 09 | 08 | 06 |
| Item for Forty Hoggets ¹⁴ & Ten Lambs | 09 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for Forty other sheepe | 13 | 00 | 00 |
| Item for piggs & poultry | 02 | 00 | 00 |
| Item over ye Celler Two bedds performed ¹⁵ a hanging Press a Tableboard & some other small things | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| Item over ye Parlor Two bedsteeds a Cheeste & some other Things | 02 | 10 | 00 |
| Item over ye Hall Two Beds performed one Table board one Chest some Chairs and some other Things | 02 | 15 | 00 |
| Item over ye Entry Two Chests | 00 | 05 | 00 |
| Item in ye parlor 5 Brass potts a brass pan a skillett 22 pewter dishes & some other things | 06 | 14 | 00 |
| Item in ye milkhouse 11 Brass pans | 03 | 06 | 00 |
| Item in ye Hall Two Brass pans & some other brass vessells | } | 07 | 03 |
| Two Brass potts & one Iron pott & Keetle one Dozen of pewter | | | |
| one Table board one Cupbord one fourm & some Bacon | | | |
| Item in ye Celler Hogsheads & Barrells one hogshead of Cyder | 03 | 10 | 0 |
| Three stone Troughs & some other Lumber stuff | | | |
| Item in ye weanhouse one pair of Iron bound wheeles Butt Harrows & Chaines & other plowstuff some Timber & some other Implyments of Husbandry | } | 10 | 05 |
| Item for some Corn in ye ground | | | |
| Item for Corn in ye mowhay | 05 | 15 | 0 |
| Item for booke Debttes & goods not herin above Apprised | 02 | 10 | 0 |
| Sume Tottall | { 691 | 19 | 6 |
| | [391 | 19 | 6 |

John Budge (*signed*)

William Wevill (*signed*)

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Cover Page For The Accounts

(translation from Latin)

Northill

13th November 1721

Account requested of Peter Hurdon & Thomas Coumbe etc. to finalize the estate of Edward Harvey, deceased before Master Daniel Baudris clerk surrogate etc.

The Accounts

(introductory paragraphs translated from Latin)

Account requested of Peter Hurdon & Thomas Coumbe Executors of the will of Edward Harvey lately of Northill in the County of Cornwall, presented 13th November 1721

The Executors' report of the goods, rights, credits and chattels of the deceased

| | | li | s | d |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----|----|---|
| Imprimis Sold at a survey held 25th of October 1720 to John Bowhay | } | 2 | 15 | 6 |
| two black steeres For | | | | |
| Item one brown heifer to John Wevill For | | 2 | 16 | 0 |
| Item one Fatt Cow to John Wevill For | | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Item Two Steeres to William Coad For | | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| Item Two Oxen to John Wevill For | | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| Item Ten Weather sheep To Nicholas Stacy For | | 3 | 18 | 0 |
| Item Thirteen Ewe sheep to John Harris For | | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| Item Twelve Weather Sheep to Richard Hooper For | | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Item Nineteen Lambs to Francis Bartlett For | | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| Item one Ewe Lambe0 to John Bate For | | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Item Sold at St John's fair 20 ^o aug ^t 1720 two oxen For | | 9 | 17 | 6 |
| Item Sold one Cow & Calfe at Launeston 25 ^o Novemb ^{er} 1720 For | | 4 | 18 | 6 |
| Item Sold ten Weather sheep at Callngton Faire Sep 8 th 1720 for | | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Item Sold one Gray Nagg for | | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sume to be recep: | | 57 | 2 | 8 |

Recovered Et fidule ?-- ?-- ?-- *(in Latin)*

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----|----|----|
| Imprimis paid the decd Testator's Funerall expences | | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Item paid the Fees of the Probat of this will & other expences | | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Item paid for attendance & writing the Inven ^{try} when the goods were apprized | | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| Item paid for rent of Ground due to sever ^{ll} persons from the decd | | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Item paid Henry Coombe a debt due from the decd & Interest | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Item paid Peter Hurdon a debt due from the decd | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item paid Wm Coads bill for Smithwork | | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Item paid Mr Clobery one years rent and for Lease | | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Item paid Mr Bynes for tythe due from the decd | | 0 | 4 | 3¼ |

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| | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Item paid Mr Hoopers Heiresses one quarters rent due from the decd | 0 | 6 | 11 |
| Item paid Sarah Wevill the Serv Maid a quarters wages | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Item paid Peter Hurdon a debt due to him | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Item paid Richard Hooper a debt due to him | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| Item paid John Bate a debt due to him | 38 | 10 | 0 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Item paid Mr Darly of Northhill For Tythe | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Item paid a quarters Land tax For an Estate in Northhill | 0 | 11 | 10½ |
| Item paid a quarters Land tax For an Estate in Linkinhorne | 0 | 6 | 7¾ |
| Item paid John Werring the ?-man a debt due to him | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Item paid Sampson Aunger a ½ years Interest for Six pound | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Item paid Sarah Wevill mony given to her by Edw ^d Harvey | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Item paid Theodore Darly Esq ^{re} 2 years Interest of 24 [£] | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Item paid for drawing ?-?-? | 0 | 15 | 4 |
| ?-Expenses | 94 | 19 | 9½ |
| <i>(this line is in Latin - no translation)</i> | 37 | 01 | 9½ |

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Ken Ripper, 16 August 2024

¹ The script of the time used commonly understood abbreviations. The 'ar' or 'er' following a 'p' as in 'parish' or 'performed' were omitted and appear as 'pish' or 'pformed' in the will. The missing letters have been included here in *italics*.

² Imprimis is Latin for "First of all".

³ This is a very shortened introduction to a will. Many earlier wills had long introductions but this was beginning to become less common. The introduction to a will was, and had been for centuries, the last and highly important opportunity for a testator to declare their capability to make these final decisions, express their trust in God and declare their allegiance to the Crown. An example of this can be seen in the 1715 will of Richard Spoure, son of Henry Spoure of Trebartha Hall in North Hill "... In the Name of God Amen I Richard Spoure of Grays Inn in the County of Middlesex Gent do this third day of March in the Second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the faith etc. and in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifteen make this my last Will and Testament as followeth First I give my Soul unto the hands of the Almighty God Trusting by the merits of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to receive a Glorious Resurrection to life immortal my Body I leave to the Earth to be decently buried in the parish of St Andrew Holborn with a charge not exceeding the Summe of Twenty and Five pounds ..."

⁴ This clause seems to infer that Grace may not have been the mother of all of the children and perhaps Edward had married her as a widower, having had a child or children with his first wife.

⁵ Text that is not in the original will but has been added to help understanding is shown in square brackets, e.g. [in]

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⁶ The use of “in law” in relationships shown as father-in-law or daughter-in-law was not as defined as it is used today. Father-in-law, for instance, may mean stepfather or some other relationship. The same applies to daughter-in-law which could mean, for instance, the daughter of a spouse’s previous marriage or the wife of a son.

⁷ Trughill, Quarry Park, Dealstone & Penhole are tenements or parts of tenements in North Hill and Linkinhorne parishes

⁸ The eldest of the children, Mary, was about 7 years old when Edward, her father, died. The youngest child, William, was just over two years old.

⁹ This unborn child was baptised as Grace Harvy in October 1720 at St Torney’s.

¹⁰ If Edward’s wife’s brother is William Wevill then she would have been born as Grace Wevill. It is probable that their father was Edward Wevill, making him the testator’s father-in-law. The reference to Peter Hurdon being a father-in-law is an epithet that local people would have understood but does not meet present day definition of the term (see note above)

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¹² Pre-decimal currency applies - £ s d: libra (pound £), solidus (shilling) and denarius (penny). See <https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/journal/history/pounds-shillings-and-pence/> for a guide.

¹³ Heiffers

¹⁴ Hoggetts are juvenile sheep, older than lambs, and between 11 and 24 months of age.

¹⁵ An item shown as performed commonly indicates that it is not actually in the possession of the testator having been given to a beneficiary prior to the testator’s death, but recognized as being part of the bequests made under the terms of the will.