**Will of Gaynor vch Robert – 1679 (B/1679/23w)**

**In the name of God Amen** the nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1679. I Gaynor vch Robert of Merthlyn, widow, being weak and sick in body but good and perfect sense and remembrance praise be to God, Do make and endorse this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz) First I do bequeath my soul into the hand of Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting to be saved by ye meritorious death and passion of my blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, and my body to be buried in Christian burial by ye discretion of my executers hereafter named. First I give and bequeath unto Thomas Edwards my son ye sum of £2 ( ????????), and all my part and stake in the Tanhouse with my best bed and furniture there unto belonging. Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Edwards twelve pence. Then I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Catherine Davies ye daughter of David ap Hugh six yearling sheep, three ewes and three weathers and a heifer of two years old to be kept by my executrix until she be in calf, and I give also unto her one pair of sheets with a couple of pewter platters and a great brass pan of mine that is now with her father David ap Hugh. Then I give and bequeath unto all my grandchildren each of them twelve pence. Then I give and bequeath unto Margaret Edwards the daughter of Edward Jones my Grandson twelve pence.Then I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Hughes ye son of Hugh ap Edmund the sum of twelve pence.; then I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Edwards all of ye rest and residue of my personal estate of goods cattells and chattels and debts both within and without.. And of this my present testament I ordaine and make my said daughter Jane my sole executrix inexorably by these presents debts due and coming unto me without, specially from Blance Parry ye late wife to William Owen of Mochdre ye sum of £4 with ????? from Edward Jones my Grandson £2 , 14 shillings, from John the shoemaker £2, 10 pence, from Nicholas Jones shoemaker 17 shillings, from George Owen £1, from Robert Parry ap David, 13 shillings. Then I give and bequeath towards ye repairing of ye parish church of Gyffin £2, then I do give and bequeath to the repairing of the parish church of Llangelynnin £2, and I give and bequeath to ye cathedral church of Bangor £1. And I do hereby also revoke and annul all former wills and testaments by me formally made, In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal ye day and years within written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in ye presence of

John Holland

William Edwards

Richard Smith

Footnote:

This is the will of Gaynor vch Robert Gruffith who was born on 1605 and married John Holland ap Owen of Llangelynin in 1627. Subsequently she remarried to Edward Williams and she had a daughter Catherine who married Gaynor’s Grandson Owen Holland son of Humphrey Holland ap John Holland. Owen Holland and Catherine had a daughter Jane who went on to inherit the estate of Carreg Y Dinas. Owen subsequently remarried Mary Wynne and had further children. Jane is not mentioned in her Grandmother Gaynor’s will presumably because she had already been provided for.