

### Dan's summary of Edmund Talbot's will

22 October 1635, Edmund Talbot of Blandford Forum, mercer, to be buried where executors think fit. To the poor of Broadmayne or Blandford – wherever I am buried – 40s; to the preacher 20s. To my brother William Talbot my Bible. To my brother John 'all the books that he shall think meet for his use.' To my cousin Robert Napper of Puncknowle the elder [married to Katherine Warham] my sealed ring. To Mathew Paige my kinsman that dwells with me [Matthew Page, 1620-1662, son of Edmund's sister Anne and her husband William Page] £10 to place him with some honest tradesman. To my kinsman Roger Stroud £10 'in regard that it hath pleased God to call me away before that he hath served out his time.' All the rest of my goods etc., debts on my shop book and all the wares in my shop and in my dwelling house I give to my brother William Talbot gent and to Robert Napper of Puncknowle the Elder Esq my kinsman, whom I appoint my executors 'in respect that both of them stand engaged for me' for several sums of money and bonds in which they 'stand as principals and no mention of me at all'; trusting that after they have paid my debts 'the remainder of my estate shall go and remain unto my beloved wife Edith. I have annexed a schedule of the bonds in which they stand as principals or sureties. Signed etc. in the presence of Robert Henning, John Talbot, Richard Talbot, Avis Talbot.

'A note of such money as for which my brother William Talbot and my cousin Robert Napper the elder stand bound as principals and yet the money was wholly for my use':

A bond for which Robert Napper stands principal and William Talbot and myself stand sureties to Thomas Pitt of Blandford, £400 for the payment of £200 principal, to be paid about 14 April 1636.

Robert Napper as principal and William Talbot and Mr Steven Ward as sureties are bound to young Mr Rason for £100 for my own use, to be paid 9 November 1635.

My master Mr Henry Browne and Mr Lewis Gossage stand bound in a bond of £400 for the payment of £200 to Mr Cropley Silkeman, 17 January 1634. My cousins Robert Napper, Edward Warham and Steven Ward stand bound to Mr Brown and Mr Gossage ... the £200 'was taken up for my use.'

My brother William Talbot stands principal and my uncles Mr Richards and Mr Robert Henning are sureties in a bond for £200 for the payment of £100 to Captain Hoskins of Langdown, which money was for my use.