



William Wilford's Will, written in English and dated 31 December 1511 is held at the Devon Record Office (Ref: ED/M/980). The document, *see below*, carries William's ornate seal: "S. Willelmi Wyllford" with the Wilford arms surmounted by a helmet, mantelling and crest, *right, the chevron clearly engrailed and NOT ermine*:

"This ys the laste Wyll & entent of me William Wilsford esquier of & uppon my dede of feoffament made unto Jamys Chudleggh, Thomas Denys, John Calwodleggh esquyers, John Symons, John Scoos & Harry Hamlyn that the seyd Jamys Chudleggh & others my seyd feoffees schall stond & be seased of & in all messuages londs tenements rents revercons & premises w'th th'appurtenances comprised in the seyd dede of feoffament to th'use of me the seyd William & Amye my wiffe duryng our lyves & either of us lengyst levying and after our decesse y will that my feoffees make a state of all the londs & tenements w'th th'appurtenances yn Dawlysshe to Margery wiffe of John Paygge & to the heires of hurs body lawfully begoten and for defaute of suche yssue to the rygth heyres of me the seyd Willyam Also y will that my seyd feoffees after the decesse of me & ye seyd Amye make a state of parcell of ye londs & tenements in Synt Sydwill's fee to ye yerely value of xls. to Margaryt my docter and to hir heires of hire body lawfully begoten And for defaute of suche yssue to ye rygth heyres of me ye seyd Willyam Also y will that my seyd feoffees after the decesse of me & the seyd Amye do make a suffycient estate yn the law of & in all my londs & tenements sett & lyyng w'th out Westgate of ye Cite of Exeter to ye mayer and bayllyffhs & commonaltie of ye same Cite & ther successors for evermore to this entent that the seyd mayer & bayllyffs schall yerely consent & pay to ye Pryste the whiche schall syng in Synt George ys Chapell withyn the Gyld Hall of ye Cite aforseyd xiiij shillings iiij pence over & above his olde wages, wherefore y will yt ye same priste dayly when he syngyth masse schalle say in ye same masse for the soulys of me the seyd Willyam, Robt Wilsford & the seyd Amye ye Colettes of *Deus cui proprium* and *Inclina Domine aurem tuam*, & in ye ende of everye masse *De profundis*" And yf ye seyd mayer & bayllyffs defaute yn payment of ye seyd xiiij. iiijd. or the same pryst defaute yn syngyn of ye seyd Collettes & Deprofundis yn forme aforseyd then y will my seyd feoffees & ther heyres yn to ye forseyd londs & tenements enter & dispose yt elsewhere at ther plesure for the welth of ye soules aforseyd Also y will that my seyd feoffees after the decesse of me & my seyd wyff schall take levy & perseyve th'issuys & profetts of all ye londs & tenements w'th th'appurtenances yn Hyll and ther with to pay my detts and of ye seyd Amye yf hit schuld fortune hir to be yn dannger of charged w'th my detts And after ye same detts paid to remayn to Peter Willysford my son & to hys heys yn fee for evermore Also y will that my seyd feoffees after the decesse of us the seyd Willyam and Amye schall make a state of all the seyd messuages londs & tenements w'th th'appurtenances yn Forde otherwyse callyd Knolle unto Peter my son & to his heyres yn fee for evermore And furdemore y will that the resydue of all the seyd londs messuages & tenements & other premisses comp'sed yn the seyd dede of feoffament after the decesse of us the seyd Willyam & Amye schall remayne to Peter Willysford my son & to his heys in fee for evermore. In Wyttensse whereof y the seyd Willyam to either parte of this my Will endentyd have sett my sealle yeven the laste day of December the therde yere of the reygne of Kyng Henry the VIIIth". The Will is endorsed "This Wylle was sealed & delyverd yn the presence of John Wolcote of Excet Harry Hamlyn Thomas Wode & others there beyng present".