

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD^s THE FAMILY DOCUMENTS

In 1926 Professor Cav. G. ORLANDINI published the texts or, in most cases, brief summaries of seventy-five documents relating to the Polo family and property, the dates ranging from 1280 to 1387 (cf. p. 15 note 1). The following documents, which are also chronologically arranged, include first fifteen of those published in 1926, and these have the same numbers here as in 1926; secondly unpublished documents whose dates fall between 1280 and 1387, and these have the number of a preceding document followed by a, b, etc.; and thirdly unpublished documents of later dates which are numbered 76 to 100. In the first of these classes the documents have been copied from the originals, some which were before in summary being here given complete while, with one exception, only extracts are here given of those which ORLANDINI printed completely; but in the second and third classes it has sometimes been necessary to rely on ORLANDINI's unpublished transcripts or notes, kindly placed at our disposal, and in these cases the initials G.O. have been added in acknowledgement.

1. Will of Marco Polo senior, 27 August 1280.

Will (parchment, 570 × 218 mm.):

In nomine dei eterni amen. anno ab incarnatione domini nostri ihesu xpisti millesimo ducentesimo Otuagesimo mensis augusti die Quinto Exeuntis Indicione octava Riualti. Cum nulli hominum dies neque hora uocationis domini sit penitus cognita sollicitus unicuique inminet precauendum ne subite mortis incautus sua indisposita derelinquat. Idcirco Ego Marcus paulo condam de constantinopoli nunc habitator In confinio sancti seueri, Corporea infirmitate Grauat sano tamen intellectu existens ad me venire feci Marcum de bonouicino presbiterum Et notarium Quem Rogavi ut hoc meum scriberet testamentum. In quo esse constituo meos fidecommissarios Jordanum triuisanum de confinio sancti antoninj Et flordelise cognatam meam de confinio sancti seueri quousque nicolaus & matheus fratres mei fuerint ueneciis Et tunc ipsi soli sint mei commissarii. In primis uolo Et ordino solui rectum decimum. Item uolo quod omnes mei panni Et totum meum massaraticum vendantur, Et de eorum precio ordino fieri expensas mee sepulture, Et illud quod superauerit a predictis expensis mee sepulture detur per meos commissarios in missis celebrandis pro anima mea secundum eorum discrecionem / Item notum facio quod habeo de meo Capitali In societate quam habeo cum donato Grasso condam de confinio sancti juliani nunc uero habitatore Justinopolis libras denariorum uenecialium Septingentas; Et eciam ultra illas libras Septingentas expendidi pro ipsa societate Jadre libras denariorum uenecialium Quinquaginta de meo capitali sicut scriptum est in meo quaterno bene Et ordinate. Et Eciam