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# In the name of God. Amen

the fifth daye of Auguste 1527.

George  
Hill

in the fift yere of the reigne of his Conraigne Lord King James of Englande & of Scotland  
ffifte of Hollowayhill in the Comtie of Bedford gentylman living in god and perfect memorye  
thankes be to god. Do ordyne and make this my testament and last will in manner and forme  
folowinge. And first and before all earthly thinges I bequeath my soule into the handes  
of almighty god my creator, trysting thoronghe the death and passion of his moste  
blessed Sonne Ihes Christ my Savour and redeemer to enroue me in lasting life. And my  
bodye to be buryed in the churche of Hollowayhill aforesaid in suche sevely sorte as by the  
districcion of my executors and overseers shall thought meete Item I give and bequeath  
to the poore people of Hollowayhill aforesaid tenne poundes And to the poore of Shillinge  
Scotia xviij. And to the poore of Shilliton ffifte Shillinges. And to the poore of Chynhill  
three poundes xvj. Shillinges eight pence Item I give unto every of my godchilren twelue  
pence pence. Item I give unto my mother goddaher and  
Sister to twentie Shillinges. And as concerning all my manors Landes tenementes &  
hereditamentes and chyldren tenementes and of my goodes chaffells and money wherwiche god gat  
blessed me in this worlde my mynde and wylle that the same shall be in suche sorte manner  
and forme as herin shalbe shewyn or bequeathed. Of whiche my manors Landes and tenementes  
and hereditamentes althowght I have by deede exectuted to my self most partis of them alredy  
yet to declare my full mynde and true intent I do heare ryghte and bequeath the same. Veross  
first I give and bequeath the poore Anne Bryers my Sister daughter and wife unto william  
Bryers gentleman and to the heires males of her bodye lawfullie begotten. All those my  
manors of Chynhill and other althowght uppertye in the appurtenance in the sayd Comtie  
of Bedford and all other my Landes tenementes and hereditamentes in Hollowayhill  
aforesaid ffifte althowght Shilliton Chelstoe Higham Sobion Graventhame and Barton  
mle Eley in the sayd Comtie of Bedford. To have and to hold the sayd manors  
Landes tenementes and hereditamentes unto the sayd Anne Bryers and to the  
heires male of her bodye lawfullie begotten. And for defaute of the same to remaine  
unto George Wharton sonne and heire apparent of George Wharton and to his heires  
and asynges of the sayd George Wharton the same for ever. And my will and full  
intents that the said Anne Bryers shall not alter nor change difornit we nor barre  
nor ge alow to nor indecor to alter or change difornit we nor barre the sayd estate eyle  
reversion or remyndre before recyd or limited the whiche the sayd Anne and william Bryers  
her husband haue faithfullie promysid unto me that they will obay my mynde therin. Item  
Item I give and bequeath unto my daugher Anne and her wifre during thire lyvynge the longest lyme  
of them all that mesage or tenement in Chynhill with thappurtenance wherewin the sayd Henry  
Ente doth nowe dwelle. And after the decessio of the sayd Henry and his wifre. Then  
I will the said mesage or tenement with thappurtenance to remayne unto Thomas Warre  
Henry Ente Michael Hollis and Thomas Larkis thire heires and asynges althowght  
to that endeyn purpose that the rent and profit thoro galle yere for ever ginen and  
bestowed by the thurhwardens and overseers for the poore theri appur the poore of the sayd  
Comtie of Bedford on the thir daye next before Easter Item all other my Landes tenementes  
and hereditamentes in the said Comtie of Bedford not before recyd or bequeathed. Item  
and bequeath unto the said william Bryers and Anne his wifre my sayd Sister  
daughter as aforesaid to them the said william Bryers and Anne and the heires of  
the said Anne. Item my will is that all the wantfrore, glasse stooles forme tables  
and bordes bedsteades wortes Dorees pittis Irons and ffurniture in and aboute my

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nowe dwelling house shall remaine and ten tyndre in the said house wher in I nowe dwelle and encl after  
 to gyvelomes and standes to and in the same house Item I gyve and bequeath unto Mary Smell  
 my Sisters Daughter one hundred poundes of lawfull money of Englande. Item I gyve unto Peter  
 Smell my Sister somme one hundred poundes. Item I gyve unto George Wharton somme of George  
 Wharton one hundred poundes. Item I gyve and my will ys that when Edward Wharton shall  
 haue any thidre that my exentors shall paye to the sayd thidre one hundred poundes. Item I  
 gyve unto Iohanne the daughters of Beniamyn Wharton my brother thre score and shre pounds  
 thridre shillinges and fourty pente. Item I gyve unto the said Beniamyn Wharton my  
 brother ten shre pounds. Item I gyve unto my true and faithfull friende Mr Thomas Hillerdon  
 fourty poundes besides shre thridre and fiftis as he hath disbursed and layed out for me.  
 And I gyve unto Elizabeth his wifte fourty shillinges to buyt her a kyngis worth a Scarpe  
 stede. Item I gyve unto George Wharton somme and certe appayntme of George Wharton  
 vnto my fathours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the County of Duds to hym and  
 his heires for ever. Item my will and mynde ys that wheras any landes or tenementes  
 be assynd unto me and my heires upon condicione for the payment of money, the whiche  
 lyeth unto me for the semynge of money and soyle meant to be redēcted barte. I haue  
 my exentors and assyndes whiche shall happen to haue to doe therwith that as they wille  
 answere the same to god that they partie payng the moneye vnto therfor shall haue  
 and enioy the same to them and thire heires barte agayne. Item I ordaine and make  
 William Bryers gent and Anne his wiffe my Exentors of this my last will and testam.  
 To whom I haue all the residue of my goodes, rhatellis debtes and ready money, my debte  
 being payed my legatys performed and my funerall distridgtes. Item I gyve unto  
 John Howys my old servante his appyntis tyme poundes. Item to thre of the chldren  
 of William Gare dictated sometyme my servante fyve poundes a pente to eache of  
 the said chldren. Item I gyve to John Britton fourty shillinges. Item I gyve to the poore  
 of Edisware fourty shillinges. Item vnto George Wharton my brothers sonne I haue  
 haue an other childe I will my Exentors shall paye the sayd childe one hundred poundes.  
 Item I gyve unto Gomill filer my Servante ten shre pounds. Item I gyve vnto Richard  
 Day my servante fifti shre pounds thridre shillinges and fourty pente. Item vnto Elizabeth  
 Barnewell my Servante ten shre pounds. Item vnto margarit Spallniges my Servante  
 thridre shre pounds fyve shillinges eight pente. Item I gyve vnto Mr Thomas Arther parson of  
 Houghton Conquest my god friende twy shre pounds thridre shillinges fourty pente vnto me  
 I mitrate to take paynes to perteke my funerall. And I ordayne and make my leving  
 friendes Stephen Daniell gent Mr Arther and Mr Thomas Hillerdon my exentors of  
 this my present will and testam. Desirynge them to ayde and assyde my exentors  
 according to my truste reposed in them. And I do rebuke and denye all former willes  
 what pener and will that this my present last will and testam shall stande in  
 forte and god effect. In wittnes whereof I haue heremto set my hand and stale and  
 declare this to be my last will and testam in the presence of Mr Thomas Hillerdon  
 Thomas Gamble George Atwell Richard Gamble. witness rochard Thomas  
 welle his marke Gomill filer his marke: George fitte

**W**robatum fuit testamentum supra scriptum apud London eocane  
 Magistro Johanne Bone legumdoctore Surrogato venerabilis viri Domini Johesi  
 Bennett militis Legumdoctoris omni peregrinatione sanctuariorum Magistrorum  
 Enstodit fuit Comissarii Legitimi constituti portuimus non ob mensu Augusti  
 Anno Domini millesimo sextente anno octavo regnante Willm Brierd vnius

Eximtorum, ni eadem testamento, nominat. Omnes tamen sunt Administrato bonorum suorum et reddituum  
dicti Definiti de bene et fideliter Administrando et ad sancta dei Evangelia fratrum. Testimonia plate  
similium. Domini sicut in fiducia domini Anne Bures uxori dicti Willm Bures et alteri exentor in eisdem  
testamento etiam nominat cum resipuerit petum in debita suis forma dimisit.

**Anne Browne** the daughter of Robert Browne and Sutley his wife to honest  
wherethenore dwelleth to her or for her. To Robert Browne his parte of the globe. To James Cawdell  
fforty pounds. The rest to Sutley Browne making her executrix. The marke of Willm Sly  
Seymm. Robert's father. Agnus Elizabeth's father. The marke of ffrauncys Godhand. The  
marke of Agnes. In Godhand the marke of Mary Williams; the marke of Dorothy  
Lynklinhorne. Memorandum that theforesaid William Sly did further by word of mouth  
after the making of this will above written say on the fourthe Daye of August anno Domini  
one thousand five hundred and eighte or thereaboutes being of perfect mynde and memorye thine  
and bequeth unto the poore of the parish of Saint Leonards in Shoreditch in the County  
of Essex ffifti shillinges. And to Ongbert Burleigh his swerde and his hatt. In the presence  
and hearing of the witness abovesaumented.

T. Willm  
Sly.

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dicti Willm i 608

**Probatum** fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud Londoniam  
venerabilis viro magistro Johanne Amy legum doctoro. Surrogato venerabilis dictum viri  
Johanni Bennett milie legum dictoris. Curie Prorogatione. Santiuarie. magistri  
Ex officio Commissarii legum constituti vice primo quarto die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo  
secentesimo octavo fuiturum. In die. Browne Executrix in codicem testamento nominata. Qui commiss.  
fuit Administrato bonorum suorum et reddituum eisdem Definiti de bene et fideliter Administrando  
et ad sancta dei Evangelia fratrum.

T. Richard  
Bennett.

**In the name of God Amen** the vny and twentynight  
Daye of Januarye in the yere of our Lord god one thousand fifti hundred and seuen and  
in the yere of the reigne of our souerayne Lord James by the grace of god kyng of England  
Scotland ffraunce and Irelande Defender of the fayth &c. That is to saye of England ffraunce  
and Irelande the fift kyng of England the xxviij yere of his reigne. Richard Bennett citizen  
and Draper of London being in health of his bodye and of somme und perfect memorye  
and praise be giveth to Almyghty god for the same. Yet settynge before myne eyen this fift  
and twentynight of this mortall life. Do therefore make and declare this my last will and  
testament in maner and forme folowynge that yis to saye. first and principally I command  
my soule into the mercifull handes of Almyghty god the fader the Sonne and the Holy ghost  
hoping and stacastlye beleyning to haue free remission of all my synnes thoronghe the merites  
of Christe Jesu my sacerdot and only Savouour. My body I committ to the earthe to be  
daintly buried at the discretion of my exentor. And wheras I do now stand possessed  
of a casse made by the Bishopp of London of my wifes dwelling house situated and being  
in the parish of Saint Gregorye next to the South side of the Cathedral. Quiche is in  
Danle in London. My intent will and meaning yis that I haue my wif. I shall haue  
hondre the said house for the tyme of one wholyere next after my decess. Except the  
chappell and warhouse I sent free according to the governement made before my mariage  
with her And after the said yere expid. Then my will and meaning yis and I do hereby  
desire that the sayd Anne my wif shall still hondre the same house sent free for her owne  
dwelling and habitation only and not otherwise during the tyme of sayre whiche shall be