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17 Dec 1638

In the name of God Amen

Twentyeth day of October Anno Domini 1638. And in the fourteenth year of the  
Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles of England Scotland France & Ireland King  
of William Jaskie of Ashdon in the County of Essex Doctor in Divinity being at  
this present thorough the goodness of God in reasonable good health perfect memory  
yet considering the uncertainty of man's life and that this might be for to morrow  
my Soule may be taken from me. Do with me my faith unto the world & obedience  
to Gods direction. Do sett my house in order one day. Do ordaine this my last will and  
testament in manner & forme following. First (reflecting on my self) I find two  
things to dispose of. my Soule & my Body. the one of a heavenly & spirituall substance  
which in all humility I comend to the Father of spiritte & to the God of all consolation, we  
beseeching him to accept the workmanship of his owne hand. to looke upon it, not as it  
is in it self a stynned & polluted soule with originall sin. But as it is washed & plunged  
with the blood of his dearest sonne & my plone Saviour. The other parte of mee; my  
body being earthly and corruptible. I comitt to earth from whence it came; to be bur-  
ied decently & without corruption. Thou art my Father & to the wormes Thou art  
my Mother & Sister. Nothing doubting, though it be consumed to dust in y<sup>e</sup> grave  
& consumed with wormes yet in its due tyme shall be raised up a glorious body and by  
the strength of Christ his members shall be reunited to the Soule, when a  
booth together waiting upon y<sup>e</sup> Lamb shall have entrance into the new Jerusalem.  
I give that I am full welcome. I comend y<sup>e</sup> blessed of my Father to the Kingdome  
prepared for you. Now for my temporall goods which God of his mercy hath lent unto  
mee. I dispose as followeth. I give & bequeath to my brother Dror Thomas  
Jaskie his wife & child (as a token of my love) this p<sup>er</sup>cell of my plate following  
To himselfe one spout spott. two silver cruets one pepper box & a silver fundle stick.  
To my loving sister his wife I give one dozen of silver spoons with a silver dish.  
To little Nan their daughter my three greate gilt bowles. Item I give & bequeath  
to my brother Samuell three children William Samuell & John as followeth. to  
William their eldest sonne I give & bequeath my whole Librarie of Booke. Also  
my best silver salt with y<sup>e</sup> cruet & salt thereunto belonging. Also to him I give  
my standing Bedstead in the y<sup>e</sup> Parler Chamber with y<sup>e</sup> Bed & Beddinge. That is to  
say one feather bed one bolster two willowes. A box of linnen & two blankette  
one quilt with a greete. A chaine & two stools suitable to the bed with y<sup>e</sup> bras Andron.  
Aron & two & a firsheorell & tongue belonging to that Chamber. To Samuell my brother  
second sonne I give & bequeath three y<sup>e</sup> greate quilt & suppo. And to his child sonne John  
Jaskie I give my two greate silver bowles. And to their Mother Martha my good  
silver as a token of my love. I give one dozen of spoons with gilt heads. Item I give  
to my Nephewes Mr. Nicholas & Mr. John & Mr. John & Mr. John the sonnes of my sister  
Mrs. Alice & Mr. Alice as a token of my love. forty shillinge a year to make them richer.  
Item to my Sisters Junes children I give & bequeath such p<sup>er</sup>cell of plate as in  
followeth. To my Nephew Richard her eldest sonne I give my Basket & Ever p<sup>er</sup>cell gilt  
with two y<sup>e</sup> greate gilt p<sup>er</sup>cell & my silver chafin dish. Also that standing Bedstead  
in the Darrie Chamber over the Lake with the Bed & Beddinge thereto appoyning  
That is to say one feather bed one bolster two willowes two blankette one chaine  
two quilt & one quilt. my second sonne of Dunske to with one long Table cloth  
eighteen napkins with a Colbert cloth & y<sup>e</sup> all my pictures in the y<sup>e</sup> Parler  
with my owne that hang in my Chamber. To my Nephew daughter Marianne  
I give & bequeath as followeth. My two silver out dishes, one silver standell  
one with a flower one silver p<sup>er</sup>cell & one dozen of gilt spoons. Also my best  
of Dunske with one long Table cloth & y<sup>e</sup> napkins one long Colbert  
on large Colbert cloth & on the side Table & my best suite of needell worke

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Cushion, that is to say, on long Cushion with six lesser Besides out of my greater  
 Parter I give to her my green cloth Chappin with a long green Jarpitt of broad cloth  
 & the furniture of the chimney that is to say on page of brass Andron a fire shovel  
 and tonge of brass with a brass Chappin & Iron Outpore And also my silver  
 covered. To my Nephew Nicholas I give my sister James second some I give  
 two of my parrell quilt pott. To Robert my sister's younger son I give  
 of my parrell quilt pott. & on pincel my new Cup. And to their mother my former  
 sister's a remembrance of my true affection I give my white silver Candel, with  
 my silver porringer. To my sister Brunne (as a token of my love) I give unto her  
 forty shilling to make her a ring Also I give unto my sister Grace shew some  
 reward if she survive me. To my servant Agnes Braddock for her true  
 faithful service I give & bequeath as followeth. In money Twenty pounds, in plate  
 on of my small beere Bowles, on white wine Cupp, my ordinary silver Salte &  
 six silver spoons without head Also I give unto her two Iron pott. that is to say  
 the lesser of my two greater ones & one of the little ones, on pott pott. & another of  
 brass the greater & Copper little with a lesser little of Iron. In my Potter I also  
 give her on dozen spars, two of each sort except the largest with on dozen of Sumers  
 & on dozen of plates. Moreover on page of pott & dandelstick with a pott of brass &  
 a brass Chafingdish. For my Dary I give her on three Cabb on Charnock Cabb on my  
 Whang. For my three milk pott. & on faulting pott. To her also I give two of my  
 shoes on hogge with two shott. Also in my dwelling house I do namely in my little  
 Parter I give her the drawing Table there on the side. Hubbard with some wanstall  
 stool. Also I give unto her all my furniture in my one leding Chamber on the  
 kitchen excepting one of the barred Trunk. To nam. To the Beddinge with  
 Bedstead to with one feather bed on Bonster two pillows two blanket with them  
 & remembrance Besides belonging to the same Chamber six halfe Chaires of Redd  
 & white thyme on green cloth Chappin two wanstall Chappin's lower lower stools  
 on wanstall Chest with drawers on bl. barred Trunk on small Trunk on side on  
 Cabb on small beere Cabb on small beere Cabb on small beere Cabb on small beere  
 tonge of iron that Chamber Also I give unto her a Cyprus Chest standing in the  
 little wanstall Chamber a Capstry Chappin lined with leatherum six thymes Cushions  
 of white green & the subt of needelworke Cushions of Cuffstuffs worke. In my  
 lyminge I give to her two page of flayn sheet two page of Gorse sheet, on  
 lower Cabb cloth of these that were commonly used in my own Chamber & two  
 of a longer sort in all six with four dozen of Napkins two of flayn & two of  
 Canvas. To my Nephew M. Large I give & bequeath the other of my beere Bowles  
 on silver wine Cupp with the Bedstead & Bed here & his wife lyce on withall the  
 beddinge thereunto belonging Also to him all my Apparell & myne & Cassocke  
 & shute with all other my wearing clothes; only excepted my best Cowne my best  
 hatt my best shoker my two best Cuffstuffs which I give to my Nephew William  
 & his the same of my brother Samuell. To my servant Thomas Miller I give  
 twenty pounds if he be in my service at my death Also the half-headed bed here  
 of lth to lyce on with the flord bed & bonster & the other beddinge there to belonging  
 Item to William Dover I give & bequeath if he survive me Item to Anna Berne  
 my servant I give & bequeath if he survive me Item to John Broughen my servant I give  
 forty shilling Item to Ellen my servant I give twenty shilling Item to me  
 Phillippe Danmarch my servant I follow give twenty shilling if they are in  
 my service at my death Item I give unto William Dore my Clerk if he survive  
 me twenty shilling. To my son William Borton I give forty shilling  
 to buy him a ring And also forty shilling to his wife to make her a ring Item to  
 the parish of Altham I give & bequeath twenty pounds in money to be employed  
 for y<sup>e</sup> best of poor children either such as are fatherless or such as have

parents are no waye able to provide for them in placing them with Masters either  
 in voyage of Apprentices or to husbandry where by they may be fitt to earn their  
 living another daye And my will is that this money be paid by my Executors  
 into the hands of Steven Wally Barnaby Freeman & Richard Cottage John Brouell  
 & William Freeman of Churchthorpe employed as afore said or in any other waye  
 they shall thinke fitt for the benefit of the poore children as they advise with my  
 Lord Mayor & his brethren & consent therunto Also I give unto the poore  
 of Alden Ewenty nother to be distributed the next Sabbath day after my death or  
 buriall by those forenamed Inhabitant according to the divers desires  
 them to enlarge the benevolence in such poore furnished where they finde most  
 honesty & most Industrie for that is true Charity No for the remainder of my  
 Estate whether in money lande bills debte moveables or what else soever (my  
 requyres & full charge & charges) I leave unto the trust of my Executors  
 namely my loving brother Doctor Thomas Paske my Nephew Mr Richard  
 & some some of my sister Jane Berne My moveables & bequeathed to be sold  
 And then the whole remainder of my Estate to be divided by them my Executors  
 to my Brother John Paske six some namely John Emethie Thomas Robert  
 William & Henry not by equall portions but to them most who take good comfort  
 & contentment in their dwelling And left to them that doe the contrary No my  
 Executors shall thinke fitt And further my will is that this parte of my Estate  
 to my brother John six children thus bequeathed be delivered unto them at such  
 times & on such occasions as my above named Executors shall see most as we  
 becom full for them & not otherwise And this I make my last will & Testament  
 In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day of the date  
 hereof William Paske Sealed & subscribed in the presence of Mr Henry  
 Cartwright Jo: Large Barnaby Freeman /

**Probatum** fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram Magro  
 Henrico Dillingham Clerico Surrogato ventis viris Dni Henrici Marten milite  
 legum Doctoris Curie & Delegato Cantuariensis & Magro & Justicio suo Commissario  
 constituti Quarto die mensis Septembris Anno Dni Millesimo septingentesimo tertio  
 novo Juramento Thome Paske & Richard & Berne Executorum in hoc testis  
 nominalibus & omnibus remissa fuit Administratio omnium & singulorum bonorum  
 in re & in actione in personis & in re & in actione & in personis & in re & in actione  
 summa de Evangelia Jurat. /

Willms Greene  


In the name of God Amen The Eight  
 day of July Anno Dni 1639 And in the ffiftenth yere of the reign of  
 our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland &c  
 of France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c William Greene the elder  
 of William in County of Northampton being at this time of greates age and  
 weak in body but of whole & sound mind & perfect memory (praised be Almighty  
 God) doe make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner & forme  
 following First I comitt my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator  
 hoping & assuredly trusting by & through the meritt & passion of Jesus Christ  
 my Saviour to have remission of all my finnes & to be made partaker of life  
 everlasting And for my body I comitt it to Earth whereof it was made to be  
 buried in y Church of Churchyard of the parish of William aforesaid in such  
 place as my Executors hereafter named shall thinke fitt Also I give  
 bequeath unto John my loving nephew & some of Mr Wallys & Barnaby  
 which I have now in occupation And also I give unto her All my stock of