

WILL OF ALICE (PASKE) HERNE, 1628

In the name of God Amen *I Alice Herne* the relicte of my late most deare and loveing husband *Richard Herne* sometymes Sheriffe and Alderman of London being thorough the goodnes of god at this present in good health of bodie and abillity of minde yet carefully wayting for the tyme of my change Doe willingly and readily forsake myselfe and all that I possesse to bee wth Christ the ioye of my harte, and the end of my hope And therefore dispose thereof as followeth The cheife good wch I enioye is my soul This I returne againe to god who gave it, not in that perfection wherein it was Created stamped with his own image can I return it but miserablie defaced wth mine infinite transgressions besides originall corruptions neither yet I presume to offer it unto him as it is thus defaced and defiled with sinne and wth iniquitie I know that noe uncleane thinge can enter into heaven, but as it is Washed and cleansed wth the bloud of his only begotten sonne and covered with the white robe of his righteousnes, humbly desireinge and stedfastly believing that he will accept thereof for his sake who so loved mee as that he gave himselfe a full and perfect ransome for mee, the next to my soule is the the earthly vessell of my bodie (wch at the time of there dissolucon) I recommend to the care and love of my Executors to bee decently interrred at y'er discrecon, nothing doubtinge but that as it was a Companion of the Soule heere, soe it shalbe reunited againe unto the same hereafter, and in the daie of the resurrecon, though wormes destroye my bodie, yet I shall see god in my flesh when both together shall bee satisfied with those uncouvraneeable wyes wch my redeemer hath purchased for me and not for mee onlie but for all those whoe love his appearinge As for the temporall and worldly goods wherenth the lord hath so mercifully blessed mee I give and bequeath them as is here expressed To my eldest sone Nicholas Herne I give the Teaster and vallance wrought in Tent s..ish the taffeta Curtaines thereto apptayneing wch two Taffeta windowe clothes and Cupbord clothes Suteable to the same, being in my Chamber called the Kitchn or backe house chamber To Alice Hearne my Grandchild and daughter to the said Nicolas I give one hundred pounds of monie whereas my second sonne John was by agreements to have one third parte of certaine vessells and houshold stuffe beinge at the tyme of the Said agreements in my house at Henden as appeareth by the articles of agreement betweene mee and my sonne Nicholas with third parte of utensells and houshold stuffe I am desirous by this my will otherwise to dispose off And to the end that such my disposicon maie bee effectuall & available according to my intent and meaneing to such persons as by this my will I shall dispose thereof I doe give the legacies by this my will given and to bee given to my said sonnes Nicholas & John and to their wives and Children upon condicon that my said sonnes Nicholas and John before they or any of their wives or children take any benefitt of any legacy of this my will shall assent and agree to the disposicon and gift of this my will of the said third parte and of every parcell thereof And shall likewise sufficiently by their writings release and suffer quietly to bee enioyed to and by every legatee in this my will respectively such parte of the said third parte of utensells and houshold stuffe as to every such Legatee by this my will is meant or intended Otherwise all the gifts and legacies by this my will given or meant unto my said sonnes Nicholas and John their wives and Children shalbe utterly voide And such legacies as by this my will I doe give unto my said Sonne John I doe give unto him Condiconally that he before he have benefitt thereby doe quite all clayme and interest to and in the rest of my goods bequeathed and under and upon theis condicons first to bee performed I doe give unto him the said John his Wife and Children as followeth To the said John I give the bedsted bedding Chaires stooles and three longe Cuchions of greene veluet Andirons Cobirons, tables, Carpetts and all

other furniture of the great chamber as it usually stood in my life time I give him alsoe the bedsteed beddinge wth the whole furniture thereof and the Court Cupbord in the little wainscott chamber next the Studdie The bedsteeds beddinge and all other furniture of the two next chambers lying on each side of the entry from theure to the great chamber I give him alsoe all my Coppers, brewinge vessells and other utensells in the brewhouse washhouse and Dayrie house To my Daughter Susan the wife of my said sonne John I give one of my pearle braceletts conteyninge the number of two hundred and twentie & five pearles To Alice Herne my Grandchild and goddaughter and daughter to the said John I give one peere of plate that is to saie a lyon of silver guilt To Joseph Herne my Grandchild and sonne to the said John I give one hundred pounds of money, To my third sonne Richard Herne I give one featherbedd, one bolster one pillowe, one rugge a paire of sheets and a pillowbeere wch I delivered to my sonne John for the use of the said Richard one other Featherbedd bedsteed bolster two blancketts Rugg quilt and a yellow Cotton coveringe a side Cupbord a chest wth drawers a trundle bedsteed and beddinge and brasse andirons in the Chamber called the Kitchin or Backehouse chamber I give him alsoe three paire of Flaxen sheets and three paire of towen sheets two pillowes three paire of pillowbeers fower tableclothes and fouer dozen of napkins flaxen, one tablecloth one dozen of napkins and one towell diaper one beere bole one wine Cupp six spoones wth heads called appostles heads one trencher salt one stoop or pott of silver and one fourth parte of my pewter I doe allot give unto the said Richard one hundred pounds of money to bee paid unto him at such tyme and upon such occasions as shall seem most fitting to my two sonnes his brethren Nicholas and John Herne wth the advice & consent of my Executors To my brother William Paske I give one suite of Damaske that is to saie one table cloth sixteene napkins one Towell and a (Table crossed out) Cupbord cloth I give him alsoe one paire of fine flaxen sheets one paire of fine pillowbeers two silver Orewells And I doe returne unto him a Diamond Ringe wth six stones wch he had formerly bestowed on mee To my broth' Samuel Paske I give one sute of Damaske that is to saie one Table Cloth sixteene napkins one Towell and a Cupbord Cloth I give him alsoe one paire of fine flaxen sheets and one paire of pillowbeers To my brother Thomas Paske I give one sute of Damaske that is to saie one Table cloth sixteene napkins one towell and a Cupbord cloth I give him alsoe one paire of fine flaxen sheets and one paire of pillowbeers To Anne Paske the wife of my brother Thomas I give one longe sike Cushion wrought wth an harte worke, two dishes mother of pearle and one hundred twentie and five pearle in one of my braceletts to whom I give that other hundred alsoe wth remayne of the said bracelett paying & allowing for the same the some of twentie and five pounds To my Sister Francis Bowles I give five pounds of money To my Sister Margaret Bradshawe I give five pounds of money To my Sister Jane Herne I give the bedsteed beddinge quilte and furniture thereto apperteyninge the Court Cupbord or chest wth drawers one high chaire two stooles, a paire of brasse andirons five shovell and tonges beinge in the Chamber over the parlor I give her alsoe six silver saucers one sute of diaper that is to saie a Table Cloth twelve napkins one towell and one Cupbord Cloth To my nephew Richard Herne eldest sonne to my Sister Jane I give the bedsteed beddinge and all the furniture in the upper chamber over the backehouse, the walnutt tree there standing in the Chamber over the parlour, one silver stoope or pot, two dozen of napkins two table clothes two pillowbeers and two paire of flaxen sheets one sute of diaper that is to saie one table cloth one dozen of napkins a towell and a Cupbord cloth and one fourth parte of my pewter To my nephew Nicholas Herne second sonne to my Sister Jane I give one halfe headed bedsteed wth a Canopie of Dornex fower dornex Curtaines to the windowes wth the beddinge and other furniture in one of the gallerie Chambers, one beere bole one silver porrenger two dozen of Flaxen napkins two table clothes two

pillowbeers two paire of sheets flaxen and one sute of diaper That is a table cloth a dozen of napkins a towell and a Cupbord cloth, and one fourth parte of my pewter To my nephew Robert Herne third sonne of my Sister Jane I give the bedsteed beddinge and all the furniture of the hothouse chamber, two dozen of napkins two table clothes two pillowbeers two paire of sheets flaxen, one sute of Diaper that is to saie one table cloth one dozen of napkins one towell and one Cupbord cloth one wine Cupp six spoones of silver wth heades called appostles heads and one fourth parte of my pewter, to my neece Marie Hearne Daughter to my Sister Jane I give the two beddstees bedding quilt and all other the furniture in the red chamber wherein I used to lodge together wth a barred Chest a Cabynett a Court Cupbord and two redd stooles wch usually stood in that Chamber, one beere bole, one wine Cupp of silver one sute of Irish stitch wrought in silke That is one longe pillowe, and two fine pillowbeers three paire of flaxen sheets and three paire of towen sheets, one sute of diaper, that is to saie, one table cloth one dozen of napkins one towell, and one Cupbord cloth To Mr Hinton if he bee Viccar of Henden at the tyme of my decease I give five pounds And to every hired servant in my house as well maid servants as men servants I give fortie shillings in money To the six inhabitants of the six almehouses erected by my late husband in the burrough at Henden I give five pounds That is to saie twentie shillings to thinhabitants of every of such house, And to the poore of that parish five pounds To the poore of Saint Fosters parish in Cheapside London I give ten pounds of money And for the better execution and performance of this my last will and testament I doe hereby make and ordaine my beloved brothers William Paske and Thomas Paske my Executors And in witnes whereof to this my last will and testament now made and published conteyneinge six sheets of paper written with two and twentie lines in every sheete I have sett my hand and unto every leafe of the same, and to the last leafe thereof I have sett my seale this five and twentieth daie of November in Anno domini One thousand Sixe hundred twenty eight And in the fourth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god Kinge of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Defend'r of the faith & c *Aylle Hearne* Sealed subscribed and published the daie of the date hereof in the presence of us Robt Wilson Scriptor Phillip Grymer Tho: Stockton

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