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In the name of Jesus Christ and as for what worldly Goods it has pleased God to bless me with I give them all to my dear wife Susanna Potter and make her full and sole executrix of all my personal Estate moreover I constitute and appoint my dear wife Susanna Potter to be Guardian over my Daughter Catharine Potter. In Witnesse whereof I the said Charles Potter have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this day and year above written - Charles Potter.

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**Charles Causton** of Little Bytham in the County of Lincoln Farmer and Thomas Ding of Little Bytham aforesaid Farmer severally make Oath that they these Deponents know and were well acquainted with Charles Potter late of Little Bytham aforesaid Clerk deceased and have often seen him and subscribed his name and thereby became well acquainted with his manner and Character of hand Writing and Subscription and they these Deponents now viewing and perusing the Paper Writing hereto annexed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Deceased bearing date the Twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty eight beginning thus In the name of God Amen I Charles Potter of the Parish of Little Bytham in the County of Lincoln Clerk and ending thus and as for what worldly Goods it has pleased God to bless me with I give them all to my dear wife Susanna Potter and make her full and sole executrix of all my personal Estate moreover I constitute and appoint my dear wife Susanna Potter to be Guardian over my Daughter Catharine Potter In Witnesse whereof I the said Charles Potter have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this day and year above written and thus subscribed Charles Potter & they these Deponents do say that they verily believe the said Will and the Subscription thereto to be totally wrote and subscribed by and with the proper hand of the said deceased Charles Causton Thomas Ding sworn this 20th day of October 1758 by virtue of the Commission annexed before me John Vessey Vicar of Bartholomew Lincolnshire.

**This Will** was proved at London the second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight before the Right honorable Sir Peter de la Moine Knight Baron of the Exchequer Master Keeper or Commissary of the prerogative Court of Cantebury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Susanna Potter Widow the executrix of the Deceased and sole executrix named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Deceased she having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer / &c.

In the Name of God Amen *William Paine*

I William Paster late of Great Eston in the County of Essex  
and now of Hinchinfield in the said County Esq<sup>r</sup> being of sound  
and disposing Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the  
same do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament  
in manner following and first my Will and desire is to be buried  
in a decent but private manner and I do hereby ratify  
and confirm the settlement made on my Marriage with  
Elizabeth my Wife and I do make and appoint my Brother  
in Law Sir Edward Essex and Sir Thomas Bridge of Great  
Fummo in the said County of Essex Executors of this my last  
Will and Testament and I do hereby give and bequeath  
all and singular my Movable Securities for Money Goods  
Chattels and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever  
whereof I have power to dispose after my decess funeral  
Charges and the Probate of this my Will paid unto the  
said Edward Essex and Thomas Bridge their Executors  
Administrators and assigns upon Trust that they or the  
Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of  
such Survivor shall and do from time to time continue  
or lend and plate out the Moneys arising from or belonging  
to my said personal Estate at Interest upon any Parliamentary  
Securities or on any Mortgage or other Securities either  
Real or personal and alter and change any such Security  
or Securities as they shall think fit and shall and do  
apply and dispose of the Yearly Interest and produce  
of the said Trust moneys from time to time as the same shall  
be required for the maintenance and Education of my Son  
George Paster until he shall attain the age of one and  
Twenty years or shall die and I do make and appoint the said  
Elizabeth my Wife and the said Edward Essex and Thomas  
Bridge Guardians of my said Son George Paster until he  
shall attain the age of one and Twenty years and I will  
that my said Son shall at his age of eight years or sooner  
be placed at some Grammar School for his better  
Education and he or they during such time as his said  
Guardians or the Major Part of them shall think fit and  
upon Trust that my said Executors and Administrators or the  
Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of  
such Survivor shall and do pay the said Yearly Moneys  
arising from or belonging to my said personal Estate or  
assign and transfer the Security or Securities in which  
the same shall be invested unto my said Son George  
Paster at his age of one and Twenty years if he shall live  
to attain that age and in case he shall die before the age  
of one and Twenty years then upon Trust that my said  
Executors and Administrators or the Survivor of them or the Executors  
or Administrators of such Survivor shall and do continue  
and keep all the said Trust moneys arising from or belonging  
to my said personal Estate at Interest as aforesaid and pay  
the Yearly Interest and produce thereof from time to time  
after my said sons death unto the said Elizabeth my Wife  
during the Term of her natural life if she shall so long  
Continue

Continue a Widow and she in and after her decease or Marriage  
 which shall first happen shall and do pay the said Trust Moneys  
 or assign and transfer the Security or Securities in which the  
 same shall be invested to all and every my Executors and  
 Heirs that shall be then living in equal Shares and Proportions  
 and my Will is that my said Executors or either of them more  
 or either of their Executors or Administrators shall not be  
 Chargeable or Accountable with or for any more of my said  
 Personal Estate than they shall respectively receive nor with  
 or for any loss thereof which shall happen without their  
 wilful default nor any one of them for the other or others  
 of them or for the Acts Receipts or Disbursements of the  
 other or others of them but each of them only for his own  
 Acts Receipts and Disbursements and that it shall and may  
 be lawful for them and every of them in the first place by  
 and out of my said Personal Estate to deduct and  
 reimburse him and themselves respectively all such loss  
 and Charges and Expenses as they or any of them shall  
 sustain beyond or be put unto for or by reason of the said  
 Trust hereby in them reposed of and concerning my said  
 Personal Estate or the Management and Execution thereof  
 or otherwise relating thereto in Writings whereof I have  
 hereto set my hand and seal this 20th day of April  
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty and  
 eight William Pasker Signed Sealed published and Delivered  
 by the said William Pasker the Testator as and for his last  
 Will and Testament in the presence of us Jane Rogers  
 Wm Wright.

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### This Will

was proved at London the fourth day of  
 December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
 and fifty eight before the Reverend William Wynne Doctor  
 of Laws Invergate of the High Court of Honourable Sir George Lee  
 Knight Doctor of Laws Master of Requests or Commissary of  
 the Prerogative Court of Cantorbury lawfully constituted  
 by the Oath of Edward the second and Thomas Bridges the Executors  
 named in the said Will to whom Administration was  
 granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the  
 Deceased having been first sworn duly to administer. &c.

### In the Name of God Amen

This is the last Will and Testament of me Elizabeth  
 Powney of Dover Place in the County of Dorset Widow first  
 being desirous that due care may be taken of the  
 Maintenance and Education of my dear Children Poystone  
 Portlock Powney and Anne and Catharine Powney I do by this  
 Guardianship of them and every of them unto my Brother  
 Edward Powney Esquire and hereby as far as by Law I can  
 do nominate and appoint the said Edward Powney Guardian

Enclosure Elizabeth Powney