

**The Will of John Moon of Loughborough - made 1575 - proved 1581**

**In the name of god Amen** The seconde daye of December in the yere of our lord god a Thousande ffyve hundred Seventie and ffive and in the eightenthe yere of the Raigne of our most gratiose Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England ffraunce and Ireland Queene defendor of the faith &c I John Moone of Loughborowe in the Countie of Leicester Draper beinge sicke of bodie but of good and perfecte remembrance thanks be to god do make constitute and ordeyne this my testament concerninge hearin my last Will in manner and forme followinge ffirst I comend my soule to Allmightie god my heavenlye ffather and to Jhesus Christe his only sonne my Redemer: by whose pretiouse death and bloodsheddinge I fullie truste and beleave to be saved amongeste the Electe and chosen of god and by none other meanes or merites: And my bodie to be buried within the parishe Church of Loughborow aforesaid as neare unto my seate there as conveniently may be. Item I give and bequeath to the poor people inhabitinge and dwellinge in Loughborowe foresaid ffyve marks of good and Lawfull current money of England to be bestowed and distributed amongeste them at the discession of the parsonne of the Church and Church Wardenes there. Item I give and bequeath to the poore people of Long Preston in Craven Within the Diocese of yorke Where I was borne one other some of three poundes six shillings and eight pence to be distributed and divided amongeste them at the discession of my ffather Richard Moone my brother Edmonde and the Church Wardeynes of the same parrishe. Item I geve and bequeathe unto the poore people and companye of the old beadehowse in the neworke in Leicester viiis iiiid. Item I give to Thomas Knowles one of the companye of the said beadehowse iiis iiiid. Item I give and bequeathe unto my cosen George Moone of Bedford Sonne of my uncle Henry Moone xls. Item I give and bequeathe to my cuson Edward Iveson of Loughborowe xxs. Item I give and bequeathe unto George Manyng of the same towne xxs. Item I give and bequeathe unto my welbeloved wif Dorothis Moone one hundred poundes in money goodes and cattelles in and forthe Whole p[ar]te and por'con of all my goodes and cattelles aswell for her thyrdes as for her full Joynter of and for the same. And also I give unto my said Wife Dorothis all her apparrell and Jewelles and one sufficient bed with reasonable furniture once over for and to the same. Item I give and bequeathe unto my daughter Bridget Moone one hundred markes in money and goodes to be paid unto her at suche tyme and When as she shall accomlishe the full age off xxi yeres or at the daye of her marriage. Item And I Will and my mynde is that my welbeloved Brother Edmond Moone of Long Preston and my verry faithfull frend henry Watkinsonne of Wakefield shall have the oversight rule and government aswell of my said daughter as also of her goodes and bequeathe aforesaide for her better preferment and bringinge up in good order and education untill she shall accomlishe and be of the said age of xxi yeres or be married And if it shall fortune my said daughter Bridget to departe this lyf and die before that she shall either be married or accomlishe and be of the full age of xxi yeres Then I Will that her said por'con of money and goodes of one hundred the markes to her before geven and bequeathed shall come remayne and redounde to the use of my two sonnes John and William Moone. Itm I geve and bequeathe to William Moone my sonne all my ffrehold Land burges and Coppiehold lande and all my Landes messuages Burgages of What name or nature of Land soever the same is of, in Wakefield withall and singular their appurtenances Lyinge and beinge in the said Townefield and boundes of Wakefield in the said Countie of yorke to him the said William my sonne and to the heires males of his bodie Lawfullie begotten and to be begotten. And for lacke of heire male of his bodie Lawfullie begotten I Will that the same Landes with their appurtenances in Wakefield aforesaid shall come and remayne to John Moone my sonne and to the heires males of his bodie Lawfullie begotten and to be begotten. And for defalte and lacke of suche issue I Will that the Landes With their appurtenances aforesaid shall remayne and descend to the right heires males of me the said John Moone the father. Item I give and bequeathe all that my message and tenement Landes Meadows and pastures with all and singular their appurtenances Lyinge and beinge in the Towne of Mallome in the countie of yorke and all rentes Res'ved upon the same unto my sonne John Moone and to the heires males of his bodie Lawfullie begotten and to be begotten. And for defalte of heir male of my said sonne John Moone Lawfullie to be begotten I Will that the same Landes with thappurtenances in Mallome aforesaid and remayne and come to William Moone my sonne and to the heires males of his bodie Lawfullie begotten and to be begotten. And for default of suche issue I Will that the same Landes with their appurtenances shall remayne to the right heirs males of me the said John Moone the father. Item I geve & bequeath unto

also the order rule governmente education and bringing upp of my said two sonnes John and William as well at the Schole as other wise for their better increase in learninge and their partes porcons of goodes issues Revenues and proffittes of Rentes of all my said Landes messuages tenementes and Leases or els Whatsoever for and to the use and uses comodities and advancementes of my said two sonnes or the Survivores of them. And for the better preferment of this my last Will and testament duringe and by all their tyme of minoritie and nonages and untill they or either of them shall accomlishe and be of the full and severall age and ages of xxi yeres. Item I Wil and aucthorise and do give power and aucthoritie unto my said brother Edmund Moone and Henry Watkinsons or their assignes that they or eyther of them shall ymediately after my decease and as sone and shortlye as may conveniently be and that within [blank] dayes space after my decease at the farthest prove or cause to be proved accordinge to order of Law this my last Will and testament for the more and better perfection of the same for and to the use and uses of my said two sonnes John and William. Item I Will also that the said Edmund my brother and Henry Watkinson or their assignes shall make or cause to be made ainst and true reckoninge or Accomptes of the rentes revenues proffittes goodes and comodities to them and to either of them my said sonnes at and when as they or eyther of them my said sonnes John and William shalbe of the said severall age or ages of xxi yeres and then delyver upp to him or them or to eyther of them their or his parte and porcon or porcons so to them or him or any of them then due. And fynallye I will that Whatsoever charges Edmund or Henry Watkinson or their assignes or any of them shall spend disburse or lay out in and for the bringinge upp and for the use of my said two sonnes and for in and about the Recovering of my debtes and the executinge of the my Last Will and testament shalbe allowed unto them and paide of the partes and porcons of the goodes of my said two sonne equallie. In Witness Whereof and to confirme these [?]ts for my Last Will and testament renoucinge all other and former Wills heretofore by me made Whatsoever I the said John Moone the father have hereunto the same putte my hand and seale in the presence of these Witnesses John Willocke Thomas Haliman Thomas Bardill Richard Moon father of the said John Moone.

**Indecimo Quarto** die mensis Marti Anno Dmi juxta computacotm ecclie Anulmne Millimo Quingentesimo Septuagesimo Quinto emanavit commissio Edmundo Moone et Henrico Watkinson Supervisoribus noiates testamento predco ad administrand bona unra er credita eisdem duran minori atate Johnnis Moone et Willmi Moone executores & cr Debene & cr in psona Mri Thomae Wheeler Notarii pu'cop procuris & cr Jurat. Decimo tertio Junii 1581 probatum fuit hunc testmentum unrametho [?] Edwardi Barker no'ry pu'ti prstuaors [?] Johis Mone filis et unnis ex'ter Cm' & c de bene & cr jurat rester vota pelestate' similt' couin faciend Willmo Moone filio er executori & cr cu' reveret & cr. [?]

On the 14th March in the year by the computation of the church of England one Thousand five hundred and seventy five before the Commissary Edmund Moon and Henry Watkinson Supervisors named in the Testament were granted administration of the goods and chattels of the deceased during the minority of John Moon and William Moon the executors, being sworn before Master Thomas Wheeler Notari Public and on 13th June 1581 probate of the said testament was granted before Edward Barker Notari Public to John and William Moon the sons and executors who were sworn to execute the same. [Free translation of the Latin]

my said sonne John Moone all that my tenement with thappurtenances Lyinge and beinge in Loughborowe with the Countie of Leicester in a street there called the Baxtergate to him and to the heires males of his bodie Lawfullie begotten or to be begotten. And for defalt of heire male of his bodie La+wfullie begotten or to be begotten I Will that the same tenement with thappurtenances shall come and redounde to William Moone my sonne and to the heires males of his bodie Lawfullie to be begotten. And for defalt of suche issue to the right heires males of me the said John Moone the father. Item I give and bequeath unto my said sonne John Moone all and singular my said two messuages and tenementes with their appurtenances in Barbican in London and my Lease for and of the same for all the terme of yeres of the same therein yet to come. And also those my Leases and terme of yeres Which I have of my Lord Ritche of certayne bowthes and standinges in Barthelemewe Faire for iiii dayes space there and the proffittes of the same excepte only and re'rv'd two boothes in the said Bartylemewe Faire called the third and the tenth boote p'cell of the xii boothes which I geve and bequeathe to my nephewe George Moone sonne of my brother Thomas Moone deceased to him and his assignes for by and duringe all the tyme and tearme of the Lease & graunte thereof to me made for the yeres therein yet to come. Item I give and bequeathe unto my said sonne John Moone and to his assignes all that my Lease and Interesse and terme of yeres Which I now have of in and to one Oxgange of Lande one Close and Certayne broken Lande within the Lordship of Loughborowe aforesaid and of in and to one dovehowse and the close wherein it standethe in Shelthorpe and all and singular their appurtenances for by and duringe all the tyme and terme of yeres in the same Lease menc'oned and unexpired and yet to come. And I Will that my Overseeres shall bestowe yerelye the issues and proffittes thereof towards the better bringinge upp of my said sonne John in learninge at the Universitie or at some other good Schole until he be able to governe and order and use it himselfe for his better preferment proffit and comoditie. Item I give & bequeathe unto my father Richard Moone xxs in money and my beste gowne faced with budge. And also I give unto my mother one other some of xxs. Item I give and bequeathe unto my brother Edmund his three sonnes Richard Thomas and William to every one of them xxs apeece. And I give Elizabrth, William Preston his wif xs. Item I geve and bequeathe to every one of my brother Knowles daughters xs apeece. Item I geve to my brother Edmund my beste coate. Item I give and bequeathe to my deare frend Robert Somerskall Attorney dwellinge in Woodstreate in London three poundes six shillings and eight pence for his paynes taken and to be hereafter taken to help my children myne executores administrators and Overseers to get and Recover suche debtes some and somes of money as of right is due and owinge unto me by my debt booke either in London or ells Where over and besides his ordynarie ffee and ffees for his travell and paynes therein taken or to be taken. Item I geve and bequeathe unto my S[erv]ante Robert Littlewoode fiftie three shillings and foure pence in considera'con that he shall do What he can to gether upp and recover my debtes and to yelde upp and make a inste and true Accompte or Accomptes of my goodes under his hande rule and governaunce unto my brother Edmund and Henry Watkinson or to either of them Over and besides ffortie six shillings and viiid Which I owe unto him for seven yeres service ended as I thinke at Christmas nexte: And I geve & bequeathe to my nephewe George Moone sonne of my b[r]other Thomas Moone over and besides the goodes which I do owe unto hym three poundes six shillings and viiid. It the Residue and reste of all my goodes cattelles and Debtes moveable and unmoveable my debtes payde my Legacies fullfilled and my funerall expences discharged I geve and bequeathe unto my two sonnes John Moone and William Moone Whom I ordeyne and make my full Whole and only true and Lawfull executores of this my laste Will and testament. And also I do sett constitute and appointe my welbeloved brother Edmund Moone aforesaid and my faithful and very frend Henry Watkinsonne of Wakefield aforesaid the Overseers and Supervisors of this my Last Will and testament to see the same instalie Wholie and trulie executed fullfilled and p[er]formed accordinge to my mynde and Will herein expressed And I give unto them for their paynes herein to be taken tenne poundes that is to saye ffyve poundes apeece. Item if it shall happen or fortune that either of my sonnes John or William to die and depart this life before he shall accomplishe and be of the full age of xxi yeres then I Will that the p[ar]te and porcon of goodes cattelles and debtes of him so dead and deceased shall come descend and remayne unto him that then shalbe S[ur]viv[o]r and Lyvinge of them my said two sonnes. Item my mynde and will is that my said brother Edmonde Moone and Henry Watkinson aforesaid shall not only have as administrators the execution of this my will for the better p[er]formance of the same But