

TNA PROB/11/101

Will of Edward Pilsworth

In the name of God: Amen The Seaventhe day of Julye Anno Domini millesimo Sexcentesimo Tertio And in the yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lorde James by the grace of God Kinge of Englande

Scotlande, ffrance, and Irelande defender of the ffaithe &c. of Englande, ffrance and Ireland the ffirste and of Scotland the Sixe and Thirtithe, I Edwarde Pillsworthe Citizin and Clotheworker of London beinge a freeman of the said Citty beinge weake of bodye but of perfecte mynde and remembrance (laude and prayse be therefore to Allmightie God, callinge to my mynde the instability of this worlde, & consideringe that there is nothinge more certen then deathe, nor nothinge more vncerten then the hower, tyme, and place thereof: Therefore to the intente to setle in some good order suche porcion of landes, goodes and Chattelles, as the Lord hath lente me, and I doe at this presente possesse and shall leave behinde me, doo make and ordayne this my presente Testamente and laste will concernynge the same in maner & forme followinge that is to saye, ffirste and cheifly I geue and bequeathe my soule to Allmightye God the ffather the sonne, and the holy Ghoste Three persons in Trynity and one onely God in vnitie. And my bodie to the earthe to be buried in decent and comely order by the discretyon of my executors herein named. Item I will & ordaine that all suche debts as I shall owe and be indebted to any person, at the tyme of my deathe either in righte or in conscience shalbe foorthwith payd after my decease by my saide executors. And whereas I am one of the Executors of the laste will and Testamente of Sir Rowland Hayward knyghte and Allderman of London deceased, and by reason thereof haue in my handes and custodye dyvers sommes of money belonginge to his children orphants I will and my mynde and desier is that my accompte concernynge the same maye foorthewithe after my decease be persued and veiued, and suche paymentes and allowances as shalbe founde due to me beinge deducted and allowed vnto me the remaynder thereof maye be as speedely, as can be, payde over by my said Executors to my brother Willyam Cotton draper thother Executor of the said laste will and Testament of the said Sir Rowland Haward to the vse of the said children Orphantes he gevinge to my said Executors a sufficyent acquyttance and lawefull dischargd for the same. Item I will that all my debts beinge truely payde, and my ffunerall charges payde and discharged that all my goods chattelles and debts then remayneinge shalbe divided into twoo equall partes accordinge to the laudable vse and custome of the Cittie of London. The one moietie thereof I geue and leave to margerye my welbeloued wife as her parte and porcion of my goods to her belonginge accordinge to the custome of the said Cittie of London And the other moietie of my said goods and chattelles. I will shall remayne to and for the payement of my legacies here in this my presente laste will and Testamente by me geuen and bequeathed. And for the performance of this my said laste will and Testamente. Item I will, geue, and devise vnto the said margery my welbeloued wife, All those my messuages, landes, Tenements, and heredytamentes, within the Citty of London withe all and singuler their appurtenances to them, and every or any of them in any wise belonginge or appertayneinge hereafter in this presents mencioned and expressed, That is to saye one messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances sette, lienge, and beinge in Candleweeke streete in the parishe of Sainct Michaells in crooked lane in London by me lately newe buylded, and nowe in myne owne tenure or ocupacion. One other messuage or Tenement withe the appurtenances scituate, lieinge, and beinge in Bucklers burye in the parishe of Sainte Marye Woollchurche hawe in London nowe, or late in the tenure & ocupacion of Thomas ffalldoe, or his assignes, And ffoure other messuages or Tenementes with their appurtenances scytuate, lieinge, and beinge in Bartholomewe lane in the parishe of St. Bartholomewes neere the Royall Exchange in London, whereof twoo of them are on the street side, and the other twoo are in an Alley behinde, or on the backe of them, whiche said ffowre messuages or Tenementes were by me allso lately newe buylded, and nowe are, or lately were, in the seuerall tenures or ocupacions of William Crackeplace, Edwarde Creswell, Richarde Averoye, and ffrancis Garlandye, or their assignes, To

To haue and to houlde all the said severall messuages, landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes before mentyoned with all and singuler their appurtenances vnto the said margery my wife and to her assignes for & duringe her naturall life, So that shee doo well and truely paye or cause to be payde to the master, wardens, and comynaltie of ffreemen of the arte or misterye of Clotheworkers of the Cyttye of London, and to their successours and assignes for the tyme being out of the yssues and proffytts yearely comeinge and growinge of the said seuerall messuages Landes and Tenements before mentyoned every yeare yearely after my decease for and duringe her naturall life the some of Sixetene powndes of lawfull money of Englande quarterly at their comon hall scytuat in Minchen Lane in London at ffoure ffeastes in the yeare to wytte at the ffeastes of Saincte Michaell the Archangell, the birthe of our Lord God, The Annuncyation of blessed Marye the virgin, and the Natyuitie of St John the Baptiste or within Thirtye dayes nexte after everye of the saide ffeaste dayes by even porcions. The ffirste payement thereof to begynne at whiche of the said ffeasts shall firste happen to come nexte after my decease to be by the master and wardens of the said company of Clotheworkers in London, and their successours and assignes for the tyme beinge every yeare yerely after my decease payde, ymployed and delyuered in maner and forme followinge That is to saye, That the said Master, and Wardens shall paye and delyuer every yeare yearely after my decease, and after the receipte of the said Sixetene poundes of my said wife or her assignes before mentioned to be payde, to the Churchwardens of the parishe Church of Shittlington, in the Countye of Bedford (where I was borne) and to their successors or to one of them the somme of Twelue poundes and ffouretene shillings parcell of the sayde Sixetene poundes at or in the said comon hall of the saide companye scytuat in Mynchen lane, in London aforesaide at Twoo ffeastes in the yeare (viz) at the ffeastes of the Annuciation of blessed Marye the Virgin, and Saincte Michaell the Archangell by even portions to be by them the saide Churchwardens every yeare yearely by and with the aduise, discretyon, and consente of the person or mynister of the said parishe church of Shittlington, and of Eight of the moste sufficyent Parishioners of the same parishe for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them, geuen, distrybuted and imployed in maner and forme followinge. That is to saye to the sayde person or mynister being a Preacher Twentie shillings yearely (parcell of the said Twelue poundes fouretene shillings to make within the said parishe Church of Shitlington, yearlie ffower Sermons to wytte every quarter of a yeare one, wherein to teache the people their dueties to God & their Prynce, And allso to bestowe and employe yearely vppon necessary reparacions of the saide parishe Church of Shitlington Sixetene shillings another parcell of the said Twelue poundes & ffouretene shillings And further allso to geue and distrybute yearelie to and amongste the poore people within the same parishe Tenne poundes and eighte shillings another parcell of the said Twelue poundes ffouretene shillings in maner and forme followinge, That is to saye to Sixe of the poore people of the same parishe everye Sondaye in the yeare ffoure shillings (vizt) to every of them eighte pence a peece after mornynge prayer, and so to go orderly over, and throughe all the poore people of the same parishe ffor it is my will that those Sixe persons that shall receave this my guifte one Sondaye shall not receaue it againe vntill it haue gon throughe & over all the residue of the poore people within the same parishe, and then to begynne againe, and so to goe orderlie throughe them, And Tenne shillings, another parcell and residue of the said Twelue pounds ffouretene shillings, I geue and my mynde is shall remayne to the said Churchwardens of the said parishe Church of Shittlington yearely for ever to either of them ffyue shillings for their paynes to take care and see theis my devises and every of them yearelie to be truely and faithefullie executed & performed there in every respecte accordinge to this my true intende and meanye as my truste is in them. And Three poundes and sixe shillings residue of the said sixetene pounds

I will shall remayne to the said Master and wardens of the said Company of Clotheworkers and to their successors yearely to be by them yearely employed in the vse and affayres of the saide company. And I doo ordayne, and my will and mynde is that the said Church wardens of the said parishe Church of Shitlington, and their successors for ever shall every yeare yearely make a true and playne accompte in wrytinge vnder their handes of the disposinge, ymployenge, and distrybutinge of the said Twelue poundes ffoureteene shillings yearely so by me geven, and bequeathed in maner and forme (as is aforesaid) And delyuer the same accompte vnto the Parson, or mynister, and to Eighte of the most sufficyente parishioners of the said parishe of Shitlington for the tyme beinge, And I doo further will and ordayne that the said Person or Mynister, and the said Eighte of the moste sufficyente parishioners of the said parishe of Shitlington or the more parte of them together with the Churchwardens of the same parishe, and their successors for the tyme beinge shall every yeare yearely for ever make a true certificatte in wrytinge vnder their handes of the due execution and performance of this my devises there in forme aforesaid, And shall delyuer, or cause to be delyuered the same Certificatte every yeare yearelye to the master and wardens of the said Company of Clotheworkers in London for the tyme beinge or to some, or one of them. Provided allways that if it shall happen that at any tyme hereafter that the said Churchwardens of the saide parishe Church of Shitlington aforesaid or their Successors for the tyme beinge shalbe remysse or necligent in executinge and performeinge of theis my said devises, or of any of them, and shall make defaulte in payeinge, employeinge, or distrybutinge of the said Twelue poundes ffourtene shillings of of any parte thereof & shall not pay ymploy and every parte thereof every yeare yearely, to suche persons and to such uses & distribute the said xij li. & xiiij s. and in suche maner and forme as I before, in theis presentes haue appoynted & declared or in makeinge of a true and playne accompte of the employeinge, disposinge & distrybutinge of the said Twelue pouwndes ffourtene shillings to the Parson, or mynister, and Eighte of the moste sufficiente Parishioners of the said Parishe of Shitlington, or in delyveringe of a true certificatte thereof every yeare yearely to the said master and wardens of the said company of Clotheworkers in London, and to their Successours for the tyme beinge or to some, or one of them in suche maner and forme as is before lymitted and apointed by the space of Three monethes nexte after warnynge or demaund thereof geven or made to the Churchwardens of the said parishe Church of Shitlington or to their Successours for the tyme beinge, or to one of them by the said Master and wardens of the saide company of Clotheworkers or their Successors for the tyme beinge, or by their sufficyente Attorney or assignee in that behaulf made. That then my will & mynde is, that ymediatlie vppon, and after any suche defaulte, this my guifte, devise and payement of the said Twelue poundes ffouretene shillings, and every parte thereof to the said Churchwardens of the said parishe Church of Shitlington aforesaid and to their successors by me before geven and appointed by them to be employed, paide and distrybuted to suche persons, and to suche vses and purposes as I before haue lymitted and declared shall cease, and be vtterly voyde, and be no more paide vnto them by the said Master and Wardens of the saide company of Clotheworkers their successours or assignes (as before I haue devised and appointed, any thinge herein contayned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstandinge) But then I will and my mynde is that the said Master and Wardens of the said company of Clotheworkers and their Successors for the tyme beinge from thence foorth every yeare yearely for ever shall paie and distrybute, or cause to be payde and distrybuted the said Twelue poundes ffouretene shillings and every parte thereof to and amongst the poorest bretheren of the said company of Clotheworkers at their comon hall by and at the discretyon of the said master & wardens of the tyme beinge. Prouided also that if the said margery my wife, or her assignes shall not paye or cause to be payde every yeare yearely after my decease and duringe

duringe her naturall life to the said Master and wardens of the said Company of Clotheworkers and their Successors for the tyme beinge the said some of Sixetene poundes and every parte thereof in maner and forme as is before lymited and appoynted to be payde but shall make defaulte of the payement thereof or of any parte thereof by the space of ffortye dayes over or after any ffeaste daye of payement in which the same oughte to be payde (as is aforesaid beinge lawefully demaunded at my nowe dwellinge house scytuate in Candlewicke streete aforesaid: That then my presente guifte, devise, and bequests to the said Margery my wife of for and concernenge onely the said ffower messuages or Tenementes with their appurtenances scytuate, lienge, and beinge in Bartholomewe Lane in the parishe of Sainte Bartholomewes neere the Royall Exchange in London before mentyoned and recyted shalbe vtterly voyde of none effecte, any thinge heerein contayned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge And then and ymedyatly after suche defaulte, I will, geue and demise and devise all those my said ffower messuages or Tenementes with all and singuler their appurtenances scytuate, lienge, and beinge in Bartholomewe Lane aforesaid to the master wardens comynaltie of ffreemen of the Arte or mistery of Clotheworkers of the Cyttye of London, and to their Successors and assignes for ever To haue and to holde the said fower messuages or tenements with all and singuler their appurtenances of the said master wardens and commonalties to their Successors and assignes for ever to the onely proper vse and behoof of the said master, wardens, and Comynaltye their Successors and assignes for ever, to the intente and vppon condicion that they the said Master and wardens of the said Company of Clotheworkers, and their Successors and assignes for the tyme beinge, shall, ymedyatly after the said ffoure messuages or Tenementes with their appurtenances shall come vnto their handes and possession by this my devise, well and truely paye or cause to be payde every yeare yearely for ever out of the yssues and proffytts yearely comeinge and growinge out of the saide ffower messuages or Tenementes to the said Church wardens of the said parishe Church of Shitlington in the County of Bedford aforesaid and to their Successors for ever the said some of Twelue poundes ffouretene shillings of lawefull money of England to be by them the saide Church wardens every yeare yearely for ever by and with the aduise, consente, and discretyon of the Parson, or mynister of the said parishe Church of Shitlington and of Eighte of the moste sufficiente parishioners of the same parishe for the tyme beinge or the more parte of them geuen, distrybuted and ymployed to suche persons and to suche vses, purposes and intentes, and in suche maner, and forme, and vnder suche condicion and Prouiso as is before by me in this my presente Laste will and Testamente lymited and appoynted, And further I will and my mynde is that the said Master and wardens, and their successors I will and my mynde is that the said Master and Wardens, and their Successors for the tyme beinge lykewise of the yssues and profytts yearely comeinge and growinge oute of the said ffoure messuages or Tenementes before mentyoned from and ymedyatly after the same shall come to their handes and possession by this my devise shall also geue & paie every yeare yearely for ever for and towards the mayntenance and exhibition of one honest carefull, and well inclyned poore scholler in Magdalen Colledge in Oxford to study divinity to be from tyme to tyme nomynated and appointed by the Master, Wardens and assistants of the said Company of Clotheworkers in London and their Successors for the tyme beinge for ever the some of ffyve poundes of lawefull money of England, he to haue the same payde him haulf yearely by even porcions and to enioye the same vntill he shalbe preferred vnto some competent lyvinge at the discretyon of the said master wardens, and Assistants for the tyme beinge, and then he to leave the same Annuitie of ffyve poundes, and some other suche lyke poore scholler to haue and enioye the same in forme aforesaid, Provided allwayes, and my will and mynde is that if there shall be any of my kindred or name at any tyme within the saide Colledge capable thereof then he to haue the prefermente thereof before any other. And further my will, and mynde is that if the said

Margery my wife or her assignes shall well and truely paye or cause to be payde to the said master and wardens of the said company of Clothe=

workers and their successors and assignes for the tyme beinge the saide some of Sixtene poundes every yeare yearlye after my decease duringe her naturall life at the dayes and place, and in suche maner and forme as is before by me lymited and appoynted. Then after the decease of the saide Margery my wife. I will geue and devise all those my saide ffoure messuages or Tenementes withall and singuler their appurtenances before mencioned scytuate, lieinge and beinge in Bartholomewe Lane in the parishe of St. Bartholomewe neere the Royall Exchange in London aforesaide to the Master, Wardens, and Comynaltye of ffreemen of the Arte or mistery of Clotheworkers of the cyttie of London their Successors and assignes for ever. To haue and to hould all the saide ffoure messuages or Tenements withe all and singuler their appurtenances to the saide master, Wardens, and Comynaltye their Successors and assignes for ever to the onely proper vse and behoofe of the saide Master, Wardens and Comynaltie their successors and assignes for ever, To the intente, and vpon condicion that the master and wardens of the said company of Clotheworkers and their Successours and assignes for the tyme beinge shall every yeare yearlye for ever, ymedyatly after the saide ffower messuages or Tenementes with their appurtenances shall come into their handes and possession by this my devise, well & truely paye or cause to be payde oute of yssues and proffytts yearlye comeinge and growinge of the same ffower messuages or Tenementes to the saide Churchwardens of the saide parishe Church of Shitlington in the Countie of Bedforde, and to their successors for ever, or to one of them the said some of Twelue poundes ffouretene shillings of lawefull mony of Englande in maner and forme as is before lymitted and appoynted to be by them the said churchwardens and their successours every yeare yearlie for ever, by and with the aduise consent and discretyon of the saide parson or Mynister of the saide parishe Church of Shitlington, and of Eighte of the moste sufficyent parishioners of the same parishe yerely forever, or the more parte of them, geuen, ymployed, distrybuted and bestowed to suche persons to suche vses, intentes and purposes, and in suche maner and forme and vnder suche Proviso and condicion as is before by me in this my present laste will and Testamente appoynted and declared And further allso that the saide Master or wardens of the saide Company of Clothworkers, and their Successours and assignes for ever out of the yssues and proffytts yearlye comeinge and growinge of the saide ffower messuages or Tenementes with their appurtenances ymedyatly after the saide ffower messuages or Tenements with their appurtenances shall come to their handes and possession by this my devise, shall lykewise geue and paye every yeare yearlye for ever the somme of ffyve poundes of lawefull money of Englande for and towards the exhibicion and mayntennance of suche a poore Scholler in Magdalen Colledge in Oxforde aforesaide at such tymes, and in suche maner and forme as is by me in this my presente laste will and Testamente before lymited and declared. And lykewise after the decease of the saide Margery my wife. I will geue and devise all those my other twoo saide messuages or Tenementes with all and singuler their appurtenances to them and either of them belonginge or in any wise appertayneinge before mentyoned and recyted, wherof the one is scytuat, lieinge and beinge in Candlewick streete in the parishe of Sainte Michaells in crooked Lane in London aforesaide, & is nowe in myne owne tenure and occupacion, And thother of them is scytuate, lieinge & being in Bucklers burye in the parishe of Sainte Marye Woollchurche hawe in London aforesaide, and is nowe, or late was in the tenure and occupacion of Thomas ffalode or his assignes to Roberte Pillsworthe my brothers sonne and to the heires of his bodye lawefullie begotton To haue and to houlde the same Twoo messuages or tenementes with all and singuler their appurtenances to the said Roberte Pillsworthe my brothers son and to the heires of his bodye lawefully begotten for and duringe the tyme, and vntill the said Roberte Pillsworthe or any issue of his bodye lawefully begotten, shall attempte endeavour, practyse, assente to doo or willingly and wytingly suffer any acte or acts thinge, or thinges whatsoever whereby the estate hereby diuised and bequeathed vnto

vnto him or them shalbe discontinued, altered, changed, barred or incombred otherwise then for a Joyuncture or Joyntures to his or any of their wyues, or for leases to be made for Twenty and one yeares or Three lyues onely whereuppon the antyente and accustomed rente shalbe reserved. And further my mynde and will is that after suche attempte, indeavour, practise or consente of the said Robert Pillsworthe or of any issue of his bodye shalbe had, made, and don in maner and forme aforesaid Then I will geue, and devise the same Two messuages or Tenements with all and singuler their appurtenances to Willyam Pillsworthe my brothers sonne and brother to the said Robert Pillsworthe, and to his heires and assignes for ever. To haue and to hould the same Two messuages or Tenements with all and singuler their appurtenances to the said Willyam Pillsworthe my brothers sonne and to his heires and assignes for ever. Item I geue and bequeathe to the Master, Wardens and Comonaltie of ffreemen of the Arte or mistery of Clotheworkers of the Cyttye of London for and towerds a competent dynner to be made for them, and the Livery of the said Company Tenne poundes to be payde within one moneth after my decease. Item I geue and bequeathe to the Governors of Saincte Bartholomewes hospitall neere weste Smithe feylde in the Suburbes of London to the releif of the poore therein, Tenne poundes to be payde within Three moneths next after my decease, Item I geue and bequeath to the governors of Christs Hospitall in London to the relief of the poore people therein five poundes [] within three monethes next after my decease Item I geue and bequeathe to Thomas, Richard and William the Three sonnes of my Sister Dorothie Avery, to every of them Tenne poundes a peeces to be payde within one yeare nexte after my decease. Item I geue and bequeathed to Elizabethe Bullock my God daughter Tenne poundes to be payde to her at the daye of her maryage or age of Twentye and one yeares whiche shall first happen Item I geue and bequeathe to Roberte Pillsworthe my brothers sonne Thirtye poundes. Item I geue and bequeathe to Edward Pillsworthe the sonne of the saide Robert Tenne poundes to be payde vnto him within one yeare after my decease. Item I geue and bequeath vnto Willyam Pillsworthe my brothers sonne Twentye poundes to be paid within one yeare after my decease. Item I geue and bequeathe vnto Edward Pillsworthe sonne of the said William Pillsworthe Tenne pounds to be payde within one yeare after my decease. Item I geue and bequeathe to John Pillsworthe ffyve poundes to be payde within one yeare after, my decease, Item I geue and bequeathe to mistris Bullock Tenne poundes to be payd within one yeare nexte after my decease. Item I geue and bequeathe to Peter Heyborne bedle of the company of Clotheworkers (if he lyvinge) at the tyme of my deathe Twentye shillings, Item I will and my mynde is that the master and wardens of the said company of Clotheworkers in London ymedyatlie after my decease shall nomynate and appoincte ffortye poore men beinge free of the said Company of Clotheworkers suche as can provide themselues seemely & conveyent gownes to weare to attend vppon my bodye to Church at my ffunerall And I will that my Executors herein named shall geue to every of them for their paines therein Sixe shillings and eighte pence a peece, to be payde, ymedyatlie after my said ffunerall. Item I geue and bequeathe to my cozen mistris Lacye wife to my cozen Mr John Lacye ffortie shillings to make her a ringe Item I geue and bequeathe to Mrs Candler widdowe ffortie shillings to make her a ringe. Item I geue and bequeathe to my daughter and good frend Mrs Dyamond ffortie shillings to make her a ringe. Item I geue and bequeathe unto my Sister Jone Dewesbery widdowe ffortie shillings to make her a ringe. Item I geue and bequeathe to my cosen Margaret Smithe, wife to John Smithe ffortie shillings to make her a Ringe. Item I geue and bequeathe to Willyam Terrye draper Twenty shillings to make him a Ringe. And I doo ordayne constitute and make the said margerye my wife and the aforenamed Roberte Pillsworthe my brothers sonne my Executors of this my laste will and Testamente. And I doe hereby revoke adinhilat and

and renounce all former and other willes by me heretofore made, and doo make ordyane and appoynte this for my Testament and laste will, In wytnes whereof I the said Edward Pillsworthe to this my present Testamente and laste will haue sett my hand and seale yeoven the daye and yeare firste aboue wrytten. Edward Pillsworthe. Subscrybed sealed pronounced delyuered and declared by the said Edward Pillsworth the Seaventh daye of July aforesayde Anno Domini Millesimo. Sexcentesimo Tertio to be his laste will and Testamente in the presence of vs hereafter named vizt Griffin Davies Clotheworker, John Gayen servant to the said Edward Pillsworthe, John Humfrey clotheworker, and Edward Smithe. The marcke of the said Griffin Davies, John Gawen, John Humfrey, and Edward Smithe.