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Will of James Trussell

In the name of God Amen I James Trussell Cittizen and Clothworker of London being I humbly thanke God in good health and perfect memorie, yet calling to remembrance the vncertainety of this mortall life doe make this my Last will and Testament being desirous therein to dispose of these transitory and earthlie blessings which the Lord hath pleased to lend mee in his Life; as in either tyme of God his visitation of me with sicknesse they may be troublesome vnto mee, nor (soe neere as I may prevent) be anie meanes to breede strife after my decease, which God graunt ffirst and principally therefore I bequeath my Soule vnto Almighty God my heavenly ffather, and to Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer, and Advocate; and to God the holy ghost who santifieth mee and all mankind three persons but one true and very God, And my Body I bequeath to the Earth from whence it first came, to be decently buried in the Parrish Church of St. ffaythes in London at such tyme, and in such manner as to my Executor hereafter in this my will named shall bee thought fitt hoping and stedfastly beleevinge that it shall rise againe at the Last day, and be made pertaker of everlasting happines with the Sainte in heaven, Item I will and appoynt that all such debts as I shall happen to owe at the tyme of my decease be truelie paid with what convenient speed may bee after my decease. Item I doe further will and appoynte that after my funerall Expences discharged, and such my said debts payd, the residue of all and singuler and every my estate in wares goods and Chattells of what nature or kind whatsoever bee according to the Laudable Custome of the Citty of London devided into three equall parts whereof the one part to be paid according to that Custome vnto Elizabeth my now wife, the other third part thereof to bee devided, and payd according to the said Custome to and amongst my Loving Children Edward, Jane and John. And as touching the other, and my third parte, I doe dispose of the same as followeth Item I give vnto my sonne Edward soe much as will make vp his Customary parte Twoe Thousand pounds to bee paid vnto him by my wares and debts as they were last rated Item I give vnto my said sonne Edward my seale ringe, my great guilte Salte, and all my Bookes, And for the better performing of some annuall disbursements I gyve vnto him my Lease of my Tenement in Avey Mary Land being nowe in the tenure of [] Needham. Item I give vnto my sonne John soe much as will make vpp his Customary Parte ffifteene hundred pounds to be paid vnto him like wise in wares and debts as they were last rated. Of the which hee hath One Thowsand Pounds already in leiwe of his marriage, Item I give vnto my sayd sonne John my greatest guilt standing bowle with a Couer. Item I give vnto my daughter Jane now the wife of John Raven doctor in Phisick, soe much out of my owne part as will make vp her Customarie part the somme of ffifteene hundred pounds whereof shee hath already received one thousand Pounds which was payd for her advancement in marriage vnto her husband John Raven as per his Acquittance appeareth. The other ffive hundred pounds My will is shall be paid in forme following vizt that my Executor, or Executors shall purchase within Twoe yeares next after my decease soe much land or houses in ffee simple, with the

Said ffive hundred Pounds in the name, and to the onely vse of the said Jane and her heires of her body forever, and for defaulte of such heires after the decease of the said Jane to be to the vse of Edward Trussell my sonne, and his heires and of his body forever, and for default of such heires to the vse of John Trussell my sonne, and his heires forever, And for defaulte of such issue to be to my heires forever. Provided alwayes that when the sayd Jane Raven my daughter shall have the said Land soe purchased and conveyed accordingly shee the said Jane and her husband shall freely and absolutely discharge, and aquitt my Executor or Executors for all further claymes, and demuande whatsoever. Item my further will and pleasure is that my two sonnes having beene by mee hitherto brought vpp together in the perfect knowledge of my present trade within my said shopp that they doe and may contynue together not onely as loving brothers but as Copartners in the said Trade in the same shopp, and house where in I now dwell as aforesaid from the tyme of my departure out of this life during such terme of yeares as to them shalbe thought convenient, and not to part without great cause, or reason, and that with the consent of my neerest, and best freinds not doubting but that they will become such Copartners, and that they will for my sake agree together lovingly without which they may prevent Gods blessings vpon them. Item I doe release, and forgive vnto my Sister Trussell the wife and relict of my late brother Thomas Trussell deceased all such debts and sommes of money as shall bee found oweinge, or to be detayned from me by her selfe or her sayd husband deceased att the tyme of my decease, either by Bond Bill or otherwise. And I doe alsoe give vnto her a Mourninge gowne of the value of Three pounds, and Tenn pounds in money. If I doe give any bequeath vnto my Nephew James Trussell sonne of the said Thomas Trussell my brother the somme of Threescore Pounds in money to bee paid him at his age of one, and twenty yeares, And I doe give vnto him alsoe the somme of Six Pounds in money yearely, to be paid vnto him quarterly by even and equall porcions att the vsuall ffeast or quarter dayes in the yeares hapninge after myd ecease vntill hee shall attayne his age of one and twenty yeares for his further, and better maintenance, Item I give, and bequesth vnto my newpnew William Trussell his Brother the somme of Twenty Pounds in money to be paid him, att his age of one and twenty yeares. Item I doe give vnto Susanna Trussell my nece, daughter of my said Brother deceased the somme of ffive Pounds in money, to be paid vnto her at her age of one, and twentie yeares, or day or marriadge, which shall first happen, Provyded alwayes that if it shall please God, That if anie of them shall happen to dye before they have attayned those yeares that the survivors shall have the said portion devided betweene them. Item I doe give vnto Elizabeth Trussell daughter vnto my deceased Brother Avery Trussell the somme of ffive Pounds in money to bee paid within one yeare next after my decease. Item I doe give vnto my God sonne James Ward the somme of ffive Pounds in money to be paid him att his age of one and Twenty yeares. Item I give vnto my Godaughter Mary Philpott ffive Pounds to be paid att her age of One & twenty yeares, or day of Marriage, which shall first happen. Item I give alsoe vnto my Cozen Thomas Philpott now student in Cambridge ffive Pounds to be paid him within Sixe moneths after my decease. Item I give alsoe vnto my Ante Jane Philpott an outside for a Gowne worth Three pounds to be worne att my funerall. Item I give vnto my Mother in Lawe Elisabeth Trussell an outside of a gowne worth Three pounds. Item I give vnto my lovinge Cozens, and freinds John Perrin, John Cother, Rowland Pitt and William Philpott, to either of them Cloke cloath of Three Pounds It I doe gyve

Vnto my brother lawe Addam Ward a Cloake of Cloath of Three Pounds. Item I doe give vnto my Lovinge Cozen and kind ffreind, George Pitt a cloke cloath of the value of ffower Pounds and fferty shillings in money to make him a Ring alsoe And as touching my Lands and Tenements I doe will, and dispose of them as followeth. Item I doe give, and bequeath vnto my sonne Edward the house that I now dwell in, to hm, and his heires forever. As alsoe the house called the Mermayd being a Taverne, to him, and his heires after the decease of my wife according to the conditions betweene mee and him att the tyme of his marriage and vnto his wife a mourning gowne of Three Pounds Item I give vnto my sonne John my two houses standing and being in Paternoster Rowe nowe in the possession of ffrancis Blower, or his Assignes. To him, and his heires forever, and vnto his wife a Mourning gowne. Item I give vnto my brother humble and my brother Allanson either of them a Cloke of ffower Pounds. And for my Tenement in Warwick Lane now in the possession of Robert Chippe being of the yearely value of Twenty ffower Pounds per Annum, and Cost me Three hundred, and Twenty Pounds, the which house by force of a decree in Chancerie I am to part withall vnto Robert Chippe for the same price that it truelie Cost mee, he paying vnto mee all the rent in arreare due vnto mee being nowe about ffowerscore Pounds, The which with the Three hundred and twenty Pounds payd for the Purchase thereof will amount vnto the somme of ffower hundred pownds or vpwads, with which somme my will, and meaninge is that my Executor within Twoe yeares next after my decease shall purchase some good house or howses of the yearely value of Twenty Pounds per Annum or better if hee cann, the which I doe give and bequeath vnto the Master Wardens and Socyete of the Companie of Clothworkers whereof I am a member to them, and to their Successors Master and Wardens forever to the end, and purpose following, vizt that the sayd Master Wardens and Socyety of the Company of Clothworkers shall yearely pay vnto the Treasurer of the hospitall commonly called Christs hospitall the somme of ffive pounds att the ffeast of Easter yearely to the vse of the poore Children of the said Hospitall forever, Alsoe vnto the Poore of the Parrish of St. ffaythe the somme of Three Pounds yearely to be paid vnto them on the ffiveth daie of November yearely forever vizt vnto Twelve of the Poorest of the said parishe to each of them ffive shillings a peece, And more my will is there shalbee given att the same tyme two shillings six pence a peece vnto the Clarke and Sexton of the said Parrish, and two shillings Six Pence a peece vnto the Clarke and Beadle of the Company of Clothworkers for their paynes in the distribution thereof. And more vnto the Parson of the said parrishe Tenn shillings yearely foreuer for a sermon to be preached in the afternoone of the same daye in all the somme of ffower pounds. It more my will is that the said Master and wardens shall paye vnto the Poore of the Parrishe of St. Brides where I was borne the somme of Three Pounds yearely forever vizt vnto ffower & twenty poore, and aged men of the said Parrish two shillings six Pence a peece, to be paid vnto them on the daie of March being the day that the Company meeteth at St. Brides Church for the perrformance of the service for my Lady Paggington, att St. Dunstans alsoe my will is that there shalbee given att the same tyme vnto the Clarke and Sextone of the same Parrish, Two shillings Six Pence a peece, Alsoe vnto the Clarke and Beadle of the Companie of Clothworkers, two shillings Six Pence a peece, Also vnto the Master and Wardens of the said Companie of Clothworkers the somme of Tenn Shillings for their paynes in seeing the distribution to be made in all the somme of ffower Pounds yearely foreuer, Provided always if any of them the Master or Wardens doe fayle in their meetinge att that tyme

Then any menainge is that the rest that are there shall have the same amongst them. The residue of the yearely value of the said house or houses my will is shalbee distributed by the said Master and Wardens to the poore members of the said Company yearely against the tyme of he ffeast of the Birth of our Saviour att the discretion of the said Master and Wardens forever, allowing out of it Tenn shillings to be given vnto the Officers of the said Company such as they shall thinke meete att the tyme of the distribucion. Item I give, and bequeath vnto my Executor, or Executors the somme of Tenn Pounds wherewith all to buy a fayre stone to be layd, vpon my grave after my buryall, or otherwise to make rayse and finish some other Monument for me after my decease in some convenient place neere vnto the place of my Buriall as conveniently may bee whether of them my Executor, or Executors shall thinke most ffittinge, If I give, and bequeath vnto every one of my menservants that shalbe with me at that tyme of my decease a mourning Cloke worth ffivety shillings a peece, and as much black dutch serge of ffyve shillings the yard as will make euey of them an outside for a suite of clothes to be worne att my funerall, to the end that they may bee aydinge, and assistinge to my Executor to the vttermost of their power in the gathering, and getting in of my debts, as I doubt not but with all readynes, and willingnes they wilbe found soe to doe as occasion shalbe offered, Item I give vnto every one of my mayd servants that shalbe with mee at the tyme of my decease an outside for a gowne of stufte worth fforty shillings a peece, to be alsoe worne at my funerall Item I doe give more vnto the right worshipfull Company of Clothworkers a Sylver Bowle both in fashion and wayte alike, and answerable as neere as may bee vnto that Bowle that my late ffather Edward Trussell gave vnto the Company entreating their Acceptance thereof. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my worthie freind Mr Doctor Browne the now Rector of St ffaithes the somme of Tenn pounds to make for me my funerall sermon which I entreate him soe to doe on the day of my buryall. Item I doe further give, and bequeath vnto my lovinge ffreind, and Brother in lawe, Mr William Hone ffortie shillings to buy him a Ringe, The residue, and remainder of all and singuler my said goods Chattells and Creditts whatsoever, my debts being payd, My funerall expences alsoe discharged, and my Legacyes bequeathed performed. I doe wholly give and will, and bequeath the same vnto my lovinge wife, and my two sonnes Edward, and John equally to be deuided betweene them, And I doe make, and ordayne my Lovinge cozen George Pitt and my sonne Edward Trussell the Executors of this my last will and testament, And I doe nominate and appointe the said Doctor Browne, William Hone and John Perrine to bee Overseers of the same, desiring them to be ayding and helpfull to my said Executors, to the vttermost of their powers to see the same performed in all things, And I doe hereby renounce all other former wills and Testaments by me at my other tyme made, And I doe ordayne, and appoynt that this shall onely stand and remayne for and as my Last will & Testament dayed this Tenth day of October, One Thousand six hundred thirty five conteyning in all seaven sheets the last being reckoned for one, per me James Trussell. Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of these whose names are vnderwritten the ffowerteenth day of May One Thousand six hundred thirty six ffrancis Collyer James Clarke