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The Will of John Bayworth

In the name of God Amen the one and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England 1622 And in the twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the Grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith &c and of Scotland the six and fiftieth John Bayworth Citizen and Clothworker of London being in good health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be therefore give unto Almighty God seeing daily the uncertainty of the mortal life and not knowing how soon it will be the divine pleasure of God to call me to his mercy do make and declare this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner and forme following That is to say Just I commend my soul vnto the hands of Almighty God My Creator most assuredly trusting and believing to be saved only by the death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer. And I commit my body to the earth to be buried in the Parish Church of Farnham in the County of Surrey where I am now parishioner so near unto my pew there, as conveniently may be at the discretion of mine executrix here undernamed And over my grave I will that a stone of marble of seven or eight pounds price shall be laid and engrauen round about on the sides in great Roman letters with these words vizt Here lyeth buried the body of John Bayworth born in Kent who departed out of this world the day of Anno Domini 16 And in the midst of the same stone it be engraven these words vizt to rest with his Saviour Jesus Christ and these words also to be

Engraven vizt what I haue I haue, what I kept I lost, and the same stone to be made of such longeness as may cover both my body and the body of my wife if she shall be minded to be buried by me, And I will that a sermon shall be made at my funeral by some learned preacher to whom I give for his pains twenty shillings. And for a sermon to be made by the schoolmaster of the same Town the next Sunday after my burial six shillings and eight pence. Item I give and bequeath unto the Parson Vicar Churchwardens and Parishioners of Farnham aforesaid one cup of silver gilt of the value of ten pounds for to minister the wine in at the communion of the same Parish Church with a convenient cover to lay the communion bread upon, upon which cover shall be engraven these words vizt The gift of John Bayworth to the Church and parishioners of Farnham. And as touching the disposition of my lands, tenements, goods, money, leases and other things whatsoever which God of his infinite goodness hath lent me in this world I give bequeath and dispose the same in manner and form following vizt Imprimis I give will and devise to the Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Art or Mystery of Clothworkers of the City of London All that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances situate and being within the Parish of St. Mary Fenchurch Also Gabriell Fenchurch in Fenchurch Street, London late in the occupation of Robert Carre Grocer or his assignees and which I bought and purchase to me, and mine heirs forever of one Walter Saunders, Gent: whereof there is a

Lease in being for certin years yet enduring formerly granted by the said Walter Saunders to John Browne Clothworker and Thomas Shotten merchant Taylor for the yearly rent of Ten pounds and all my right title, interest, reversion, remainder and yearly rent and profits of in and to the same together with all my deeds, Evidences, Charters and muniments touching or concerning the same To be had holden and enjoyed unto the said Master Wardens and Commonalty their successors and assigns forever Provided nevertheless upon trust and confidence and my will and meaning is that the said Master, Wardens and Commonalty and their successors and assigns for the time being do and shall yearly forever at the feast of Easter give and pay out of the rent and profits of the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens Masters and Governors of Christs Hospital in London for and towards the education of the poor children harboured in Christs Hospital aforesaid Twenty shillings of lawful english money. The first payment thereof to begin and be made at the expiration of one year commencing at the Feast of Easter next after my decease And upon like trust and confidence and my will and meaning is That the said Master Wardens and Commonalty their successors or asssigns for the time being do and shall yearly forever at the said Feast of Easter as is aforesaid give and pray out of the rents and profits of the said premises unto the poor people which are and shall be inhabiting in the four Almshouses in the parish of Farnham

Aforesaid near the corner of the churchyard these thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England, The first payment thereof to begin and be made as is before specified and upon like trust and confidence and my will and meaning is that the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their successors or assigns for the time being do and shall yearly forever on the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel give and pay out of the said rents and profits of the premises unto the Parson and Churchwardens of the said Parish Church of St. Mary Fenchurch alias Gabriel Fenchurch and to their successors for the time being twenty shillings of lawful money of England. To the intent and upon like trust and confidence that they the said Parson and Churchwardens do and shall therewith on the feast day of All Saints yearly forever pay unto the Parson of the said Parish Church for the time being or to some learned preacher in that behalf to be appointed for his pains to make a godly sermon which I will shall be preached in the forenoon of the same day in the said Parish Church for the edifying of the inhabitants of the said Parish ten shillings. And likewise yearlie for ever pay or allow towards the reparation of the said Church ten shillings by the said Master Warden and Commonalty to be made at the expiration of one whole year to commence at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel next after my decease, And the first Sermon

distribution and payment by the said Parson and Churchwardens to be made on the first day of All Saints then next ensuing And upon like trust and confidence and my will and meaning is That the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their successors for the time being do and shall yearly forever on the feast day of Saint Michaell the Archangel give and pay out of the rentes and profits of the premises unto the Parson and Churchwardens of Farnham aforesaid and their successors for the time being forty shillings of lawful english money To the intent and upon trust and confidence that they said Parson and Churchwardens do and shall therewith on the Feast day of All Saints yearly forever pay unto the Parson or Vicar of the same Church for the time being or to some learned preacher in that behalf be appointed for his pains for making a godly Sermon which I will shall be made on the same day within the said Parish Church of Farnham for the edifying of the Inhabitants of the said Parish ten shillings, And likewise yearly for ever on the said day immediately after the ending of the same Sermon give and distribute unto and amongst the poor people inhabiting within the said Parish ten shillings. And likewise upon trust and confidence that they shall yearly forever pay and allow for and towards the reparation of the said Parish Church and of the Schoolhouse these ten shillings. So the Schoolmaster there for the time being six shillings and eight pence for a Sermon to be made by him within the said Church within one month after, And to the Clerk of the said Parish Church yearly three shillings and

four pence to keep and make clean my monument The first payment of which said forty shillings by the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and the first Sermon distribution and payment by the said Parson and Churchwardens and other payments last before mentioned to the Schoolmaster and Clerk to be made in manner and forme as last before is expressed And upon like trust and confidence and my well and meaning is That the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors shall and do yearly forever on the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel pay and allow out of the said premises to the Renter Warden of the said Company for the time being in his pains in collecting the rent thereof three shillings and four pence. And to the Clerk of the said Company for the time being for his pains to be taken touching his premises three shillings and four pence The first payment thereof to be made at the expiration of one whole year commencing at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel next after my decease. And upon like trust and confidence and my will and meaning is That the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their successors shall and do yearly on the said Feast day of St. Michael the Archangel for and during the continuance in force of the said Lease of the premises now in being as aforesaid give pay or allow out of the same premises unto the said Master and every of the Wardens of the said Company of Clothworkers' for the time being Twenty shillings a piece in money towards their charges in dining at the

Lord Mayor's and Sheriffs of London according to the custom. The first payment to be made at the time before mentioned And likewise shall and do yearly for ever at the said Feast of St. Michael the Archangel from and after the determination of the said Lease pay or allow out of the same premises unto the said Master and every of the Wardens of the said Company for the time being forty shillings a piece in money towards their charges in dining at the Lord Mayor's and Sheriffs as aforesaid. And also that the said Master Wardens and Commonalty and their successors for the time being shall pay and distribute yearly forever unto, amongst the poor handicrafts men of the said Company of Clothworkers all the remainder and residue of the revenues and profits which shall arise and come of and from the premises as the said master and Wardens and their successors shall find perceive their wants and necessities to be and as they in their good discretion shall think fit. Provided always and my will and meaning is that if the said Master Wardens and Commonalty of Freemen of the said art of mystery of Clothworkers of the City of London shall at any time hereafter make default in payment of any of the gifts and legacies before specified or any part thereof contrary to my nue meaning hereinbefore declared by the space of six months next after any of the feast days aforesaid in which the same by them (out of the rents and profits of the premises as aforesaid) ought to be paid or allowed as above is limited. Then I will and desire all the said messuage and tenement with their appurtenances (whereof I have

now an estate in fee simple as afforesaid) and all my right title deeds and evidences concerning the same unto the said Mayor and Comonalty and Citizens Masters and Governors of Christ's Hospital in London and their successors for ever upon the like trust and confidence and my will and meaning is That they the said Mayor Commonalty and Citizens Masters and Governors and their successors for the time being do and shall from time to time forever pay and allow out of the rents and profits of the said messuage or tenement all and singular my said gifts and legacies before limited and devised to be paid out of the same by the said Master Wardens and Commonalty of Clothworkers in every respect as before is expressed and declared And gift or devise before specified to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding Item I give and bequeath unto the said Master Wardens and Commonalty of freemen of the art or mystery of Clothworkers in the City of London in token of the good will which i bear unto him a Salt of Siluer parrell Gilt of the price or value of Twenty pounds in money to be provided and delivered unto them by mine executrix (if I do not give them one in my life time) upon which I will that the Arms of the said Company shall be engraven on the onside thereof and my name and the year of our Lord on the other side thereof. And upon condition that Petronill my wife shall not claim or have any dower or third part of and in the said messuage or tenement by me given and devised to the master wardens and Commonalty of Clothworkers'

as is aforesaid to the uses before mentioned. I give will and devise unto the said Petronill and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances which I lately bought and purchased of Thomas Over and Agnes Over widow situate and being within the Town of Farnham aforesaid and which I the said John Byworth have lately repaired and in part new built she the said Petronill or her assigns maintaining and keeping the said messuage or tenement in all reparations and after her decease or immediately after any claim by her shall be made or her dower or third part in and to the messuage or tenement aforesaid which shall first happen I give will and devise all that part of the said messuage or tenement which is new built with the moiety or one half of the yard garden and barn thereunto adjoining and belonging and all the grass plot being the nether part next to the river there to my godson Thomas Horsford my Godson forever Item I give will and devise to my Cousin Byworth Horsford my Godson also and to his heirs and assigns for ever all that part of the said messuage or tenement which is not now built with the other moiety or one half of the yard, garden and barn, thereunto adjoining and belonging (excepting the grass plot aforesaid) Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Danyell Byworth twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease if he shall be then living Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Anne Byworth

eldest daughter unto my said Brother danyell Byworth forty shillings Item I giue and bequeath unto my cousin Alice Byworth his daughter Twenty pounds to be paid on the day of her marriage Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Martha Byworth ten pounds to be paid also on the day of the marriage Item I giue and bequeath unto my Cousin Thomas Horsford and my cousin Elizabeth his wife a siluer cup parrell gilt of the value of five pounds whereupon shall be engraven my name his name his wife's name and the year of our Lord God Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Robert Horsford and his wife a silver cup parrell gilt of the value of five pounds to be engraven as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my brother in law Christopher Strickland a silver cup parrell gilt of the value of five pounds Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Christopher Fyvens and his wife a silver cup parrell gilt of the value of three pounds and ten shillings and to my cousin Ellen Fyvens his sister a silver cup parrell gilt of the value of three pounds both of them to be engraven as is aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin George Moore and his wife a silver cup parrell gilt of the like value of three pounds to be like manner engraven Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Oliver More and Elizabeth his wife a silver cup parrell gilt of the same value of three pounds to be engraven as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Robert Nybart and his wife a silver cup also parrell gilt of the value of three

pounds to be engraven as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law Joan Parkins widow a silver cup parrell gilt of the value of Three pounds to be also engraven as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Augustine Phillipps and his wife a silver cup parrell gilt of the value of five pounds to be engraven also as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Town of Farnham aforesaid a silver cup gilt of the value of Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to be engraven as mine executrix and overseers shall think fit Item I give and bequeath to my servant Robert Duinnell a silver cup of the value of forty shillings to be engraven with my name his name and the year of our Lord as is aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Mannering the Cobler that dwelleth over against me thirteen shillings and four pence in money to buy him leather Item I give and bequeath unto and amongst my servants that shall be dwelling with me at the time of my decease forty shillings Item I will that mine executrix aforesaid shall give and bestow unto and amongst fifty poor old men inhabitants of Farnham aforesaid which shall be at my funeral to every of them two shillings a piece and a pair of new gloves in remembrance of me. And I also will that my said executrix shall give and bestow unto and amongst thirty poor women widows inhabiting also in Farnham to be at my said funeral two shillings a piece and a pair of new gloves in the like remembrance And that on the said day of my funeral she shall by and with the

advise of the Churchwardens of the said Parish of Farnham give and distribute unto and amongst poor people at the Church in penny loaves of bread three pounds Item I also will that my said executrix within such fit time after my decease as she shall think good shall cause six Sermons to be made within the said Church by some godly learned preacher for the better edifying of the parishioners there to praise Almighty God and give hearty thanks for his daily blessings bestowed upon us for which Sermons I do appoint to be paid and allowed three pounds Item I give and bequeath the sum of forty shillings to be bestowed upon a drinking or repast for the Clerk, Sexton and Ringers on the said day of my funeral or on the next day after at the said Clerk's discretion The residue of all and singuler my goods, chattels, leases, money, jewels, plate and other things whatsoever not by me herein given or bequeathed my debts, funeral and legacies paid and discharged and this my present testament truly performed I fully and wholly give will and bequeath unto the said Petronell my loving wife whom I make and appoint full and sole executrix of this my said last will and testament desiring her (according to my trust in her reposed) that she do truly perform this my will in every respect so far forth as in her lyeth according to my meaning herein set down and declared. And I make and appoint Mr. Cozens Vicar and Minister of Farnham aforesaid Mr. Johnson Schoolmaster there my cousin Roberts Horsford and

Augustine Phillips aforesaid overseers of this my said testament upon trust and confidence that they and every of them will be aiding and assisting unto my said executrix in and about the due execution thereof as occasion shall require. And in respect of their pains therein to be taken I do give unto every of them forty shillings a piece and moreover my will and meaning is that it at any time hereafter any doubt or question shall arise or be moved by any person or persons to whom any legacy is given in and by this my said last will and testament touching or concerning any gift or legacy herein given or bequeathed or any other matter or thing which shall or may concern the same That there all and every of the same doubts questions and controversies shall be heard resolved and finally ended by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Clothworkers for the time being when any doubt question or controversy shall arise or be moved. And that all and every person & persons whom it shall concern shall wholly submit themselves to such order and determination as shall be therein taken or made from time to time by the said Master Wardens and Assistants and stand to observe and keep the same And finally I do hereby revoke disanull and countermand all former and other wills whatsoever by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the said John Byworth to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Per me John Byworth for my last will & testament

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