

Will of John Heath

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In the name of God Amen the three and twentieth day of January Anno domini one thousand sixe hundred and ffourty And in the sixeteenth yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord Charles By the Grace of God kinge of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland defender of the ffayth & I John Heath of the parish of St. Giles without Criplegate and Cittizen and Clothworker of London beinge at this present sicke and weake in body but of perfect mind and memory laud and prayse I Therefore Giue vnto Allmighty God my Creator doe make publysh and declare This my last will and testament in manner & fforme ffolloweing

That is to say first and principally I committ my soule which is immortall into the hands of Almighty God my Creator confidently beleueing through the merritts and passions of my blessed Sauour Jesus Christ to obteyne free pardon and remission of all my sumes and Transgressions and eternall life in the kingdome of heauen and my body I committ to the earth to bee buried in decent manner and touchinge such worldly substance as it hath pleased God of his infinite Goodnes to bestowe vpon mee and make mee his vnworthy Steward of in this mortall life I doe order devise and dispose of the same in manner and forme followinge That is to say first whereas I have Already in my life Tyme payd and giuen to the Company of Clothworkers London, whereof I am a member the somme of one thousand pounds, That the benefitt & ymployment thereof shall be payd to the poore in such manner as is agreed betweene them and myselfe accordinge to the Covenants in that behalfe made and sealed with the Common Seale of the sayd company I desier the sayd company carefully and faithfully to performe the same payments & charitable vses from tyme to tyme yearly foreuer And moreouer I doe giue and bequeath to the sayd company ffourty pounds of lawfull money of England to buy them a bason and Eure of the best fashion with my name engrauen thereon Item I giue and Bequeath unto the liury of the said company that shall bee at my funerall the somme of Thirty poundes to make them a dinner on the day of my buriall Item I Give vnto and towards the Reparacions of the Cathedrall Church of St. Paul in London the somme of ffifty pounds of lawfull money of England to bee payd Within Sixe months next after my decease Item I giue and bequeath towards the newe buildinge of another Church within the parish of St. Giles without Criplegate London the somme of Twoe hundred pounds, Soe as the foundacion thereof shall bee raised and layd vpp within the space of fowre years next after my decease Item I giue And bequeath vnto the poore people of the parish of Dunstable in the County of Bedd the somme of one hundred pounds which shall bee disbursed and layd out in lands and the proffitt and increase thereof shall bee yearly payd and distributed to and amongst the poore people of the sayd parish on the ffeast day of St Thomas thgople foreuer Item I giue and bequeath vnto the parishioners of the parish of St. Giles without Cripplegate London in case I depart this mortall life within the said parish the somme of one hundred pounds Wherewith shall bee purchased lands of the cleere yearly valewe of Sixe pounds per annum in ffee simple in the names of Twelue of the most able and sufficient men Inhabitinge within the sayd parish. The yearly proffitts and increase whereof as the same shall bee from tyme to tyme receiued shall bee expended And disbursed in Bread by the churchwardens and overseers of the sayd parish And by them distributed to and amongst the poore inhabitinge within the nowe limitts and precincts of the sayd parish at their discrecions Item I giue vnto the poore people of the parish of St. Buttolphs without Allgate London the some of Twenty pounds to bee payd and distributed to and amongst them at the discrecion of the parson and church wardens of the sayd parish Item I giue & bequeath to the poore of Christs Hospitall London The somme of Twoe hundred pounds to be distributed amongst them or otherwise disposed for the vse and benefitt of them at the discrecion of the Gouvernors of the sayd hospitall Item I giue and bequeath to the poore of St. Bartholomews Hospitall the somme of ffifty pounds Item I Giue and bequeath to the poore of St. Thomas in Southwarke the like somme of ffifty pounds Item I giue and bequeath to the poore prisoners in Ludgate The somme of Tenne pounds Item I giue and bequeath to the poore of the hospitall of Bridewell the like somme of fiftie pounds Item I

Giue, and bequeath vnto the pore prisoners in the Twoe Counters ffiue pounds to each Compter Item I giue vnto the sayd company of clothworkers the somme of ffifteene hundred pounds of lawfull money of England Three hundred pounds whereof my will and mynd is shall bee expended and layd out at the discrecion of the sayd Company in Buildinge and erectinge ffyue Tenements of Bricke each Tenement to conteyne Twoe Roomes And with Twelue hundred pounds Residue and Remaynder of the sayd Somme of ffifteene hundred pounds. The sayd Company shall purchase lands or Tennements in ffee simple of the cleere yearly valew of Threescore pounds to inhabite which sayd Tenements The master wardens and assistants of the sayd company for the tyme beinge successiuey shall elect and choose Tenne poore men of the sayd company whoe shall be clothworkers or dressers of Cloth and aged Threescore years or thereabouts And become soe infirme and impotent that they cannot labor in their sayd callinge And such as Then shall haue beene laborious and industrious in their sayd vocacion and of honest and sober life and Conuersacion And for want of Tenne men of the sayd company) qualified as aforesayd Then to elect And choose such others mechanicke and handicrafts men free of the sayd Company (whoe shall be soe Aged qualified and Conditioned as aforesaid)as shall make vpp the sayd number of Tenne men. Towards whose supportacion and mayntenance. The yearly rents and proffitts of the sayd lands (to bee purchased as aforesaid) shall be equally payd parted and devided as aforesayd to and amongst them Quarterly by the Renter Warden of the sayd Company for the tyme beinge And vppon the death of any of the sayd Tenne men others of the sayd Company shall bee elected and chosen in the place or places of him or them soe doeinge successiuey foreuer in manner and forme heerein prescribed and appointed and accordinge to my true intent and meaninge Item I giue and bequeath vnto my sonne in lawe John Hill the somme of twoe hundred pounds of lawfull money of England Item I giue and bequeath to my sonne in lawe Leonard Tyfe the somme of Twoe hundred pounds of lawfull money of England Item I Giue and bequeath to John Hill my god sonne the somme of Twenty pounds of lawfull money of England Item I giue and bequeath unto John heath Scriuener the somme of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England And to his sonne my Godchild Twenty pounds And to his wife the same so ffyue pounds to make her a ringe Item I Giue and bequeathe to George Day my kinsman the somme of ffifty pounds of lawfull money of England And to euery one of his Children the like somme of ffifty pounds to bee payd vnto them as they shall seuerally and respectively Accomplish their severall ages of Twenty and one years or at the tyme of their marriage ffirst happeninge Item I giue and bequeath vnto my kinswoeman Ann Turner the somme of Thirty pounds. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my kinsman John heath of ffleet street London the somme of Tenne pounds. Item I giue vnto my kinsman Thomas Heath Tenne pounds Item I Giue unto my kinsman Richard Heaths children Tenne pounds a peece (The sayd Richard beinge nowe deceased) Item I Giue vnto my Godsonne John Heath sonne of Nicholas Heath Chirurgion ffyye pounds Item I Giue vnto Judith Atkinson my ffirst wiues Grandaughter Tenne pounds Item I Giue vnto the Children of Ann Palmer my ffirst wyves daughter Tenne pounds a peece Item I Giue vnto William Charles Clothworker ffyue pounds Item I Giue vnto Mr ffrancis Heath Tenne pounds And a mourning Cloake Item I Giue unto Mr Wigginton my playeing Tables Item I Giue vnto Robert Yarway my Countryman ffifty pounds Item I Giue vnto John Heath merchant ffifty shillings to but him a ringe to weare as a memoriall of mee I can I giue vnto Mrs Bibb whoe was heeretofore my servant ffyve pounds Item I Giue vnto Mathewe Yarway ffifty shillings Item I giue vnto Mr Arthur

Jackson minister (in case he preach my funerall sermon) the somme of ffyue pounds Item I Giue vnto my servant John Davies ffiue pounds Item I Giue vnto my servant Alice Kemshead (If shee dwelleth with mee at the tyme of my decease Tenne pounds Item I Giue to such other servants as shall dwell with mee att tyme of my decease ffifty shillings a peece Item I Giue and bequeath vnto the poore of the parish where my Corpse shall bee interred Twenty pounds. Item I doe heerby declare will and ordeyne That there shall be bestowed on my funerall and in mourning Aparrell for my freinds And vppon a Tombstone to bee layd vppon my Graue and a Statue to bee erected for a moment in the Church wherein I shall bee buried the somme of ffyve hundred pounds at the least which I desier my executrix carefully to performe Item I giue vnto my Loueinge freind Mr Roger Draper ffiue pounds All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattles plate leases debts and whatsoever estate to mee shall bee belonginge at the tyme of my decease I doe fully and wholly) Giue and bequeath the same vnto my loueing wife Mary Heath whome I doe ordeyne constitute and make the sole and alone executrix of this my last will and Testament desiringe her to bee carefull in the due performance heereof And the rather because I haue left vnto her a large porcion And the Greatest parte of my estate And I doe intreate my loveinge freinds Mr Roger Draper And John Heath Scrivener Supervisors and ouerseers of this my last will whome I intreate to bee aydinge & assistinge to my wife in the performance thereof And lastly I doe revoke and make voyd All former wills and Testaments whatsoever heeretofore by mee made In witnes whereof I haue heerevnto sett my hand and seale The day and yeare above written

Memorandum That I doe further will And Give vnto Sarah Walden my kinswoeman Tenne pounds Any thing heerin conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge John Heath Signed sealed published and declared by the sayd John Heath to bee his Last will and Testament in presence of Robert Yarway scr George Nodes Tho: Aspley

Whereas I John Heath of the parish of St. Giles without Criplegate London haue in and by my last will and Testament Giuen and bequeathed vnto my sonne in Lawe John Hill the somme of Twoe hundred pounds as thereby may appeare Nowe this presente Codicill witnessed That I the said John Heath beinge at this present very sicke and weake but of perfect and sound and memory laud and praise bee therefore Giuen to Almighty God doe heereby revoke adempt annihilate and take away one hundred pounds parcell of the sayd legacy of Twoe hundred pounds Given vnto my sayd sonne in lawe in and by my sayd will And that my sayd will shall not bee effectuall to the sayd legacy for the recouery of any more they one single hundred pounds for which my Executrix (as to him) shall only stand charged to pas at such tyme as is in my sayd (will expressed for the whole Twoe hundred pounds, And that to all other legacies bequests and purposes my sayd Last will & Testament shall stand contynue and bee ffirme effectuall and irrevocable In witnes whereof I haue to this presente Codicill Sett my hand and Seale This one & Twentieth day of Aprill Anno Domini One thousand sixe hundred ffourty one And in the Seauenteenth yeare of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lord kinge Charles & John Heath Signed Sealed and declared and deliuered by the sayd John Heath in presence of vs George Nodes Tho: Aspley Robert Yarvay sch.