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Will of John Watson

In the name of god amen The xvjth day of the moneth of December, in the yere of our Lord god a Thousande fyve hunderth lv in the secunde and third yeres of the Raignes of our soueraigne Lord and Lady Philipp and Mary by the grace of god king and Quene of England ffraunce Naples Jerusalem and Irlande defenders of the ffaith Prynces of Spayne and Cecily Archdukes of [Ansre]Duke of Myllayne Burgundy and Brabant Counties of Haspurge fflanders and Tiroll I John Watson Citizen and clothworker of London remembering that I am mortall and that I do not knowe when that yt shall please almyghtie god to call me from this transitory world and for asmuche also that the pryncipall cause and study of euery trew cristen man and woman should be glad to learne to dye well for which purpose yt is most expedyent and necessarye that euery man shuld discharge the busynes of worldly thinges in tyme of healthe to thintente that in tyme of small sicknes and death he may hooly gyue hym to goostly and spirituall matters for the welth of the eternall ioye of the soule and not occupied then wyth wordly and temporall thinges. Therefore in my hole and perfitt remembraunce of mynde but some what wake and feble in body do constitute ordeyne and make this my present Testament conteyning therin my last will in manner and forme folowing ffirst I commend and bequethe my soule to almyghtie god my maker to his sonne our lord Jesus Christ my redemer and to all the hooly company of heaven and my body to be buried in the Church of Aldermary vnder the place whereas the Lampe did hange vnder the great stone yf so be I dy wythin the space of x myles of from London. Also I bequethe vnto the highe alter of Aldermary wythin the Citie of London whereas I am now a parishioner for my Tythes forgottyn in discharging of my conscience ys. Item I bequeth to Richard Mannsell my secunde gowne furned wyth budge and a Jerkyn of Crymasyn velvett wyth sleeves of Crymasen satton And I gyve and bequeth to my godsonne Richardes Mannsells sonne vj s. viij d. Item I gyue and bequeth to Mr. Meriett a Jerkyn of Tawney velvett wyth sleeves of the same and vijs iiij d in money. Item I gyve and bequeth to Christopher Jackson my ffoxe furned gowne and my best ryding Cote and vj s. v iij d. in money Item I gyve and bequeth to William Bridge a Clooke of Russett clothe and iij s iiij d in money Item I Gyve and bequeth to John Wardroptes a gowne. Item I gyve and bequeth to John Hubmanner CC handles and a thousand Tasills And to John Browne CCCC handles and Tasells yt yt. Item I bequeth to Hawes a gilt spoyne Item I bequeth to john Ornsten clothworker a gilt Spoyne Itme I bequeth to Thomas Hubbert a gilte Spoyne And to Thomas West a gilte Spoyne And furthermore I give bequeth and my verey will is That katherine my trustie derely beloued wif shall frely haue the howse shoppe cellers solars yarde withall and singuler Thappurtenances which I now dwell in sett lying and being in Basinge

Lane in the parysh of Aldermary in London during the naturall lyf of the said Katheryne my wyff And after the deceasse of the same katheryne my wif I cleerely gyve and and bequeth the said Tenement or howse Sellers solers shopp yards wythall And singuler Thappurtenances to the maior Comynaltye and Chamberlayne of the Citie of London and their Sucessors for the tyme being for the maynteyning of the condyte pypes and and the waster course of theym for euer. And also I gyve and bequeth to the said katheryne my wif the two Tenements wyth their appurtenances sett lyeing and being to gither in Basing Lane aforesaid in the parrysh of Aldermary nowe in the Tenure of Richard Castell and Thomas Hayes. And also an other Tenement wyth thappurtenances sett lying and being in the saied parrysh of Aldermary nowe in the tenure of William Jones, merchaunt Tailour during the naturall lyf of the saied katheryne my wif, And after the deceasse of the naturall lyff of the same katheryne my wif. I will and bequeth the same two Tenements to gither in the tenure of Richard Castell and Thomas Hayes And also the saied Tenement to gither in the tenure of Richard Castell and Thomas Hayes And also the saied Tenement with Thappurtenances in the Tenure of William Jones shall remayne to the Master wardeyns and company of the Clotheworkers of London and to their successours for euer under condicion that the saied master Wardeyns and company and their successors shall pay yerely for euer and of the saied thre Tenements with their appurtenances in the Tenure of Richard Castell Thomas Hayes and William Jones Twentie shillinges to and amonge the poorest of the parrysh of Alermary and the residue amongst the poorest of the ffree men of the saied company of clothworkers the weke yerely for euer next before Christmas. And to gyue the weke before Christmas which shalbe next following the deceasse of the said katheryne my wiff by the good discrecion of the master wardeyns and company of clothworkers and their successours Also I will and bequeth the howse or Tenement in Basing Layne in the tenure of John Cryan for and towardses the full payment of xiiij li. vj s. viij d. for the part of John Gaates to be answered by Twentie shillinges euery yere after my deceasse to thandes of myn Executors wythout deley. And of this my present Testament and last will I make and ordeyne the foresaid Katheryne my will beloued wif and the saied Richard Maunsell to be myn Executours. And I gyve and bequeth the saied Richard Maunsell for his labor and paynes to be takyn therein fourty shillinges in money And all the residewe of my goodes this my present Testament fulfilled and my ffuneralls and debtes payed. I gyve and whooly bequeth to the saied Katheryne my wiff. In wytnes wherof thies being present William Petingale John Austen and John Hickman clothwourkers wyth other./.