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Will of Samuel Lese

In the name of God Amen I Samuell Lese Citizen and Clothworker of London beinge at this present sicke and weake in body but of good and perfecte remembrance praised by God for the same doe make and ordaine this my testament and last will in manner and forme followinge That is to say ffirst and principally I Comend my soule into the handes of Almighty God my Creator and to Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer by whose merittes death and passion I hope assuredly of everlastinge life. And my body I comitt vnto the earth to be interred with Christian buriall accordinge to the good discretion of my Executors herevnder named. And touching the disposing of such my goodes and chattells wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me in this I doe giue and bequeath the same as followeth Item I giue and bequeath vnto Robert Nixon dwellinge in Norwich the somme of ffive poundes in mony Item I giue and bequeath vnto John Nixon a shoemaker dwellinge in Alborow in the County of Suff the some of fforty shillings in mony Item I giue and bequeath vnto Alice whose name was Nixon before shee was marryed the some of Twenty shillings in mony Item I giue and bequeath vnto Phebey nowe the wife of Robert Ludbrooke thelder of Weneston in the said County of Suff the some of twenty shillings in mony Item I giue and bequeath vnto Mary Hewes the wife of John Hewes Paynter Stayner in feild lane the some of twenty shillings in mony All theis legacies before named my will and mynde is shalbe payd and satisfied within one yeare next after my decease Item I giue and bequeath vnto the poor prisoners of the ffoure, prisons of Ludgate, Newgate and the two Compters in London towards the releasing of poore prisoners there remaying to each of them fforty shillings, the same legacies to be payd within the Compace of twoe yeares next after my decease Item I giue and bequeath vnto the Cathedrall Church of St Paule in London for pious uses the some of fforty shillings in money Item whereas the parishioners of St Andrew in Holborne London have heretofore recovered of me the some of fforty shillings yerely for ever for the vse of the poore of the same parishe As appeareth by a writinge vnder my hand and seale I am willing to continue and confirme the same, which said yeerely payment is to issue and payd out of the house wherein William Coxe haberdasher nowe dwelleth Item I giue and bequeath vnto the cheife inhabitantes of the parishe of St Andrewe in Holborne London the some of ffive poundes in money to be bestowerd towards a ffreindly meeting of the said parishioners within the freedome at a Supper Item I giue and bequeath vnto Walter Leemy Apprentice the somme of fforty shillings in mony to be payd vnto him within two yeares next after my decease, and a newe mourning Cloake, and a newe black suite of Clothes as my ffunerall Item I giue and bequeath vnto Isabell harrison my servant the howse wherein I nowe dwell knowne by the signe of the Raynbowe neare Holborne bridge London with a garden, plott and a litle howse adioyning to the same backwardes for and during the terme of Tenn yeares next after my decease with all the profittes and Commodities therevnto belonginge for the said Isabell to dwell in, And also I give and bequeath vnto the said Isabell Harrison All and singuler my goodes Chattells and howsholstuffe whatsoever remaying and being aswell

in and about my said now dwelling house in Holborne aforesaid as also in and about the house of William Loves Butcher in feild lane, and my shop in shoee lane in Anthony Grose howse and one mourning gowne of black (all my leases only excepted) And it is my will and minde that after the end and expiration of the sayd terme of Tenn yeares I giue and bequeath the same howse wherein I now dwell with the said litle backhouse and garden together with the house next adioyning towards the west, now in the occupacion of William Coxe haberdasher and also one tenement or house with a plott of ground adioyninge scituate in Mutton lane, in the parish of St James Clerkenwell in the County of Midd with all the appurtenances thervnto belonging vnto the Worshipfull the Master, Wardens and the society of the Clothworkers of London and their Successors for ever Also I giue and bequeath vnto the said society of the Clothworkers of London, all and singuler my leases of my houses in London and Midd with all the rentes profittes and comodities to them and every of them belonginge, payinge all my debtes, legacies and ffunerall Charges and expences, And it is my will and that the somme of Twenty poundes in mony shalbe expended and bestowed in and vpon my funerall And I doe ordayne and appoint the said Master Wardens and society of Clothworkers of London to be the Executors of this my last will and testament, And I doe by theis presentes revoke and make void all other wills by me heretofore made in any manner of wise And I doe pronounce this to be my last will and testament In wytnes wherof I have herevnto sett my hand and seale dated the six and twentieth day of Aprill 1634. And in the Tenth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God king of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland defender of the faith &c. Samuel Lese. Sealed and delivered in the presence of vs Michaell Marshe William Coxe, And of me William Keebel Sec.

A Codicall dated the last day of Aprill 1634 which is to be annexed to my will as followeth Item whereas by my sayd will I haue giuen and bequeathed all my landes tenements and leases whereof I stand possessed vnto the Master Wardens and Society of the Company of the Clothworkers of London as by my sayd will appeareth The true intent and meaning of this my said will and my earnest desire is That all the same landes tenements and Leases together with all my debtes shalbe by them bestowed for and towards theis charitable vses following That is to say, The principall money arising of my said landes tenementes Leases and debtes to be lent out to honest young men and others of the said Company for ever vpon good security for certaine yeares as the sayd Master and Wardens for the tyme beinge shall thinck good, And the profites thereof arysinge from tyme to tyme to be disposed of and payd quarterly to the poore and aged men and women of the same Company accordinge as in their discretion shalbe thought most meete and Convenient for ever. And my will is to have a sermon preached every yeare for ever vpon such festivall day as my Executors shall apoint And I give vnto my executors and to their successors fiue shillings a peece yerely foreuer for their paines therein to be taken whome I doe intreate and desire to see this my will to be carefully and truely performed according to my trust reposed in them. Theis words were spoken by the sayd Samuell Lese the day and yeare aboue written in the presence of vs (he being in his perfect memory) who desired me that made his will to expresse the same in a Codicall to be annexed to his sayd will And in testimony hereof we have herto set our hands the day and yeare abouesaid per me William Keble Scr. Isabell Harrison