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Will of Thomasine Evans

In the name of God Amen The eleauenth day of October Anno Domini 1596. And in the eight and thirtieth year of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England ffrance and Ireland defender of the faith &c. I Thomasine Evans of London widowe beinge of good and perfect memorie (thankes be to god therefore) doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing viz Imprimis I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God and my bodie to the earthe and the lame to be buried in the parishe church of Saint Mary Abchurch in London in such decent order as is conuenient for my vocation and callinge and accordinge as shalbe thought meete by my Executors herevnder named or by one of them in the absence of the other. And my will is that at the time of my buriall there shalbe made in the sayed parishe church one Sermon by some learned preacher to be appointed by my Executors or by one of them in the absence of the other, to which preacher I giue and bequeath for his paynes in that behalfe twentie shillings of lawfull monie of Englande. Item I doe giue and bequeath the somme of forty shillings to be distributed by my Executors or one of them in the absence of the other to and amongst the poor people of Saint Marie Abchurch aforesayed at the time of my buriall. Item I doe giue and bequeath the somme of thirtie poundes of like lawfull monie of England to be distributed to and amongst the poore Schollers of the Vniversitie of Oxenford And likewise other thirty poundes of like monie to be distributed to and amongst the poore schollers of the vniversitie of Cambridge. The same distributions to be made by or in the presence & with the consent of the Ouerseers, or Supervisors of this my testament or of one of them at the least within six moneths after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath the somme of tenne poundes of like monie to be payed by my Executors, or by one of them in the absence of thother within six moneths next after my decease towards the releife of the poore fatherles children of Christe his hospitall in London. Item I doe giue & bequeath the somme of twentie shillings of lawfull monie of England to be distributed to and amongst the poore prisoners of the prisonne of the kings bench in Southworke. Also I giue and bequeath the somme of twentie shillings of like monie to be distributed to and amongst the poore prisoners of the pryson called the white Lyon for Survey Goyle. Item I doe bequeath the somme of twentie shillings of like monie to be distributed amongst the poore prisoners of the prysonne of the Marshallseyes in Southworke aforesayed. The same seuerall Legacies before by me giuen and bequeathed to the sayed Prisoners to be payed and distributed to them within six monethes next after my decease either for or towards the releaseinge of such as lye for their fees, or for other necessities as shall best accorde with charitie by the likeinge of my Executors or one of them in the absence of the other. Item I doe giue and bequeath the somme of six pounds thirtene shillings and fouer pence of like lawfull money of Englande to be distributed to and amongst the poore people inhabiteinge within the ward of Candleweeke streete London where I doe now dwell by the discretion of my Executors or one of them, and the Aldermans deputie of the same warde. and the churchwardens of Saint Marie Abchurch and they are not to exceede the guifte of twelue pence a weeke to anie one persone. Item I doe giue and bequeath to my cosen Lawrence Jansson one yeerelie ffee or Annuitie of fortie shillings by the yeere, to be payed to him or his assignes yeerelie by my Executors dureinge the naturall life of the same Lawrence. Item I giue and bequeath to my cosen Isabell ffoones alias Appelby of Yorke the soume of five poundes of lawfull monie of Englande to be payed vnto her or her assignes within one moneth next after the daye of my buriall. Item I giue and bequeath vnto her or her assignes within one moneth next after the daye of my buriall. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Barbara Gaylor herevnder named a greate Cypres Chest. Item I giue and bequeath to Tomazine Evans daughter of William Evans

deceased twentie poundes of like monie to be paied within six monethes after my decease. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto James Chapman sonne to my brother Guy Chapman ffifty poundes of like monie. Item I forgive vnto Robert Gosnell the somme of one hundreth and eight poundes which the sayed Robert Gosnell with one Tybby by hand stonden bounden to paye me and the penaltie also of the same bonde, if Constance now the wife of the sayd Robert Gosnell be at the tyme of my decease naturally liueing or els not. Item I doe giue

vnto George Chapmans two children vizt To Robert Chapman tenne poundes and to Martha Chapman tenne poundes of lawfull monie of England to be payed within six monethes next after my decease, and if anie of them die before the receite of this my legacie, I will that Surviuor of them shall haue the portion of the deceased. Item I giue to either of my Executors herevnder named a blacke gowne of twentie shillinges the yarde price. Item I giue more to Barbara Gaylor a white syluer spowte quarte pott. And to the husband of the sayed Barbara I give a blacke gowne of the price of twentie shillinges a yarde. Item I giue to William Gover late servante to Christopher Gaylor one cloake cloth of the value of sixtene shillinges the yarde. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto Arian John Richard Samuell Symon and Robert sonnes of William Evans late deceased three poundes a peece of lawfull monie of Englande. Item I giue vnto Hellen Evans the daughter of the sayed William Evans deceased tenne poundes of like monie The same seuerall legacies to be payed vnto them seuerallie at their lawfull ages or dayes of marriages first seuerallie hapening And in the meane tyme the same to remaine to their vses in the handes and custody of Christofer Gaylor their father in lawe And if anie of the sayed children happen to die before the receipte of their sayde legacies in such case I will that the portion of the deceased shalbe equally deuided amongst the Suruiuor or Suruiuors of them. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto euery of my cosen Goodwyns three children which he had by his first wife three poundes a peece of like lawfull money of England to be payed them at the seuerall accomplishmentes of their lawfull ages. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto each of the daughters of my cosen Barbara Gaylor which she hath by her nowe husbände Christopher Gaylor three poundes a peece of like lawfull monie of Englande to be payed within six monethes after my decease. Item I doe giue & bequeath vnto Thomazon Charnocke five poundes of lawfull monie of Englande to be payde within six monethes next after me decease. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto my cosen henrie Chapman of Newecastell one nest of syluer and double guilt gobletts which were bought of him. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto my cosen Mathew Chapman of Newcastle one syluer pott which was bought of my cosen Henrie Chapman. Item I doe giue and bequeath the somme of fiftie poundes of lawfull monie of England to be distributed by and at the discretion of Barbara Gaylor aforesayde one of my Executors herevnder named and of Christofer Gaylor her husbände vnto poore maydens marriages within the citie of London. And my will is that the same fifty poundes shalbe by them distributed within the space of two yeeres next after my decease: And they not to exceede aboue the somme of twentie shillinges sterlinge to anie one poore maydens mariage Item I doe will giue and bequeath vnto the companie of the Clothworkers incorporat within the citie of London the somme of tenne poundes of lawfull monie of Englande to be ymployed towards a dynner for the same Companie. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto euery of my men servantes and maide servantes vnto whome I haue not giuen anie thinge before in these presentes And which shalbe dwellinge with me at the time of my decease three poundes a peece of lawfull monie of Englande. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto forty poore women to be appointed by my Executors or one of them in the absence of the other, which poore women shalbe at my buriall vizt To euery of them a blacke gowne cloth of the price of seauen shillinges the yarde. Item I doe giue to euery of my Executors and Ouerseers hereafter named a gowne cloth of the price of twentie shillinges the yarde And to euery of their wiues likewise a gowne cloth of like price. Item I giue to my cosen Mr. ffraunces Rogers of Darford and my cosen Hellen his wife to either of them a blacke gowne cloth of the price of twentie shillinges the yarde. Item I giue to my cosen Robert Rogers sonne of the sayde ffraunces Rogers one fflagon chaine of golde waighing three ownces and three penny gold weighte Item I giue to John Cowper Notarie publique one blacke gowne of the value of sixtene shillinges the yarde. Item I doe giue to James Chapman and his wife to either of them a gowne cloth of the price of twentie shillinges the yarde. Item I doe giue to Master Sarfeilde Parsonne of Saint Marie Abchurch

London (if he be resident there at the time of my decease) one blacke gowne cloth of the price of sixtene shillings the yarde. Item I doe giue vnto my cozen Goodwine one gowne cloth blacke of the price of twentie shillings the yarde Item I doe giue to my man servant a blacke cloake And to euery of my

mayde servantes beinge with me at the tyme of my decease one gowne cloth. And I doe make & ordaine nominate and constitute Barbara Gaylor aforesayde wife of Christofer Gaylor citizen and Clothworker of London and my sayed cosen henrie Chapman of Newcastle vpon Tyne Alderman Executors of this my Testament and last will. Item I will ordaine and appointe these presentes That within twelue monethes next after the decease of me the sayede Thomazyn all my goodes chattells and ready monie beinge at the daye of my decease in the handes or possession of my sayed Executors or either of them, or of anie other persone or personnes (my funerall expences debtes and legacies beinge first allowed satisfied and payde) shalbe equally devided between my sayde Executors of this my present Testament or the Survivor of them, And the Executor of such of them as shall then be deceased. And yet notwithstanding I will that for performance of such my debtes and legacies as then shall be vnpayed All the goodes and chattells which my Executors maie claime hereby shall therto remaine chargeable. Prouided alwaies and my will and minde is, that if anie debtes to me due or payable shalbe oweinge to my sayed Executors at the time of the sayed deuision Then I will that the same shalbe equally devided after the recouery and receipte thereof had equally betwene my saied Executors as is aforesayde And that neither of my Executors shall by anie acte or meanes discharge or hinder the speedie recouery execution or payment of anie debtes or duties which shalbe due or payable to me or my Executors at or after the tyme of my decease Neither shall willfullie demishe waste imbesill or spoile the sayde goodes or chattells before deuision thereof made And if anie of my Executors shall doe anie acte or thinge which by the opinion or iudgment in writeinge of my Ouerseers hereafter named shalbe adiudged to tende to the wilfull wast deminishenige imbesellinge or spoile of the sayde goodes or chattells or anie parte thereof Or to the wilfull hinderance of the recouerie or receite of the sayde debtes or duties. That then he or she committinge orderinge suche acte or thinge shalbe excluded of his or her Executorshippe, and of all benefitt and advantage to them giuen by this will. And that then and from thenceforthe the other Executor shall haue the whole Execution of this my will in such forme order and course and vnder ordinance and intent as is before set downe anie thinge in theis presentes conteyned to the contrarie notwithstandinge. And I doe nominate and ordaine Supervisors or Ouerseers of this my Testament Mr John Oldham thelder citizen and clothworker of London, and my sayed cozen James Chapman requireinge them to be carefull to see this my Testament in all thinges duelie performed As my trust is in them And I doe hereby reuoke and adnihilate all former Testamentes by me heretofore made And will these presentes to remaine as my last will and Testament. And I will that if any other will be pretended or produced at anie tyme hereafter as the latter will or testament of me the sayed Thomazen The sayed will soe alledged or produced shalbe of noe validitie force strenth or vertue; but shall be actually voide to all intentes purposes and constructions whatsoever And I doe giue and bequeath to either of my sayed Ouerseers for their paines to be taken in the premisses the some of tenne poundes a peece of good and lawfull monie of England. To be payed vnto them seuerally within three monethes next after my decease. T.E. Subscripsie sigillaunt et liberanit in presentia testinum subscriptorum. Marten Lether Marchant Taylor Thomas Crompton Clothworker Cowper notarius publicus.

And as concerninge the orderinge deuiseinge and disposeinge of all and singuler my messuages landes tenementes fees rents garden groundes and hereditamentes with their appurtenances I doe deuise dispose and bequeath them to suche personnes and to such intentes and purposes as hereafter is expressed (that is to say) ffirst I giue and bequeath vnto the Master wardens and Cominaltie of ffree men of the acte or mistery of Clothworkers of the citie of London and to their Successors for ouer all those my five tenements with the shedds and little gardens to them belonginge or apperteyninge now in the seuerall teanures or

occupations of Mr Bornam gentleman Phillip Hole Carpenter, James Chapman William Charnocke Carpenter and Anthonie Gresar Crosbowe maker set and beinge in the parishe of Saint Katherin Colmans in London And

And are abuttinge on the Queenes highe streete leadinge from the crossed ffryers towardes Aldgate To the intents and purposes followeing vizt that the sayed Master warden & Cominaltie of free men of the arte or mistery of Clothworkers of the citie of London and their successors for the tyme beinge for euer shall every second yeere yeerlie for euer betwene the last daye of October and the fouer and twentieth daie of december carefully and dyligentlie elect & chose eight poore women beinge widdowes or wiues vnable to get their owne liueinge and euery of them to the age of fifty yeeres or vpwardes and inhabiteinge and dwellinge within the citie of London whereof two of them soe to be elected and chosen every second yeere yeerely and from tyme to tyme shalbe personns, inhabiteinge and dwellinge within the parochie of St Mary Abchurch London and such as are not competently provided for of Livelihode by the Almes or sustencion of anie other benefactors or Almes house. And that they the sayed Master Wardens and Cominaltie of free men of the arte or Misterie of Clothworkers of the Citie of London and their Successors for the tyme beinge shall euerie second yeere yeerlie with parte of the sayed rentes issues reveuenes and proffitts cominge issueinge or groweinge yerely of or by reason of the sayed five Tenementes Sheddys and Gardens giue imploy and bestowe vpon the sayde eight poore women, soe elected and chosen in forme aforesayed, to euery of them one gowne of New collar or Ratts collar clothe or some other good dureable cloth euery gowne to be of value of twentie shillings a peece And further my will and meaneinge is That it shall not be lawfull for the sayed Master Wardens and Cominaltie of free men of the arte or mistery of Clothworkers of the citie of London, Or their Successors againe to chose or elect anie of the poore women which haue bene partakers of this my beneuolence before thend and expiracion of fouer yeares after her or their last election, whereby other poore women may every second yeere be also be relieued. Item I doe further giue and bequeath and my will and minde is that with some other parte of the issues, reuenues and proffitts of the same five Tenementes shedds and gardens The sayed Master Wardens and Cominaltie of free men of the Arte or mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie of London and their Successors for the tyme beinge shall every yeere foreuer provide and giue Or by their Officers or Ministers cause to be provided and giuen, two carte loades of greate coales euery load to containe thirty sakes of Coales to the poore people inhabiteinge within the parochie of Sainct Katheren Colemans aforesayde whereof one load to be deliuered betwene the last daye of October and the fouer and twentieth day of December. And the other load to be delivered tenne dayes before the feaste of Easter at the farthest. And to be giuen and deliuered to such poore as shall by the discretion of the sayed Master Wardens and Cominaltie and their Successors for the tyme beinge, and others their Ministers or Officers by them thought meete and conuenient to deliuer the same vnto. And also my will is, that within the tymes herein aboue limited for the deliuey of coales the sayde Master Wardens and Cominaltie of free men of the Arte or mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie of London and their Successors foreuer shall yeerely giue and deliuer to the poore people inhabiteinge in the parochie of Saint Mary Abchurch aforesayd the same parochie nere vnto the Tenement or messuage commonly called the gilden key without fraude or delay provided alwaies and my will and minde is. And I doe deuise that if the Master Wardens and Cominaltie of free men of the arte or mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie of London or their Successors for the tyme beinge shall in anie second year be negligent or remisse in performeing and distributeing of the sayde eight poore womens gownes and of the deliuey yeerely of fouer loades of greate coales before in this my present Testament and last will lymited and appointed. That then and from thenceforth my sayed deuise and guifte to them made of the sayed fiue Tenementes with shedds and gardens and of all other the premisses shalbe vtterly voide frustrate and of none effecte And that then as nowe, and nowe as then, I giue will and bequeath the sayed five Tenementes shedds & gardens and all other the premisses by me before denized vnto the mistery Companie and

Comynaltie of drapers in London by whatsoever other title or name the same mistery or
Companie of Drapers are or ought to called by, and to their Successors for ever

Vnder and vppon the like conditions. And to the like vses purposes and intents in euery respect as I haue before in this my last will and Testament denized for the sayed Master wardens & cominalty of free men of the arte or mistery of Clothworkers of the citie of London and their Successors yeerely to doe and performe. Item I giue will and bequeath vnto Christofer Gaylor and Barbara his wife and to the longer liuer of them. And to the heires of the sayde Barbara by the sayed Christopher begotte and to be begotten, all that my tenement with a little garden and an other little Tenement on parcell of the same garden latelie builded now or late in the teanure of Oliver Ayner and his assignes, And for lacke of such issue of the sayde Barbara by the body of the sayed Christofer Gaylor for euer To be holden of the cheife Lord or Loordes of the fee or fees of the premisses by the rentes and services therfore due and of right accustomed. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Henrie Chapman of Newcastle vppon Tyne, marchant all that my greate garden nowe in the teanure or occupation of me the sayed Thomaze Evans. And all that my brasell mill with all the edifice stables roomethe easementes waies commodities and appurtenances thereto belonginge now in the teanure or occupation of John Oldham and his assignes. And also all those my stables with the hayloftes easementes and commodities to them belonginge nowe in the teanure or occupation of Henrie Billyngsly Alderman of London and his assignes, which sayed premisses are set lyinge and beinge in the sayed paroche of Saint Katheren Colemans in London And also all the rents and yeerely proffitts whatsoever reserved vppon anie demise or graunte made of the premisses or of anie parte or percell thereof. To haue and to holde the sayed garden Brasell mill Stables roomethe and other the premisses with thappurtenances vnto the sayed Henrie Chapman his heires and assignes, to thonely proper vse and behofe of the sayed Henrie Chapman his heires and assignes for euer. To be holden of the cheife Lord or Lordes of the ffee or ffees thereof by the rentes and services therfore due and of right accustomed. Item I giue will and bequeath vnto Mathew Chapman of Newcastle vppon Tyne marchant all that my garden or garden plotte late in the teanure or occupation of the assignes of Thomas Hunt set and beinge within Northumberland place, and ingresse egressse and regresse into and from the same. And all that my garden nowe or late in the teanure or occupation of John Manby or his assignes. And all that my garden nowe or late in the teanure of Sir ffraunces Carewe knighte. And all that my stable or stable roometh with free ingresse egressse and regresse into and from the same now or late in the teanure or occupation of Henry Lewys butcher set and beinge within Northumberland place aforesayde. And all that my stable or stable roometh with free ingresse egressse and regresse into and from the same nowe or late in the teanure or occupation of William Scotte Butcher set and beinge within or neare Northumberland place aforesayed. And also all that my Tenement nowe or late in the teanure occupation of Thomas Yonge with free ingresse egressse and regresse into and from the same which sayed gardens Stable and Tenement are set lyinge and beinge in the sayed paroche of Sainct katheren Colemans London, together with all the rentes and yeerelie proffitts whatsoever reserved vppon anie demise or graunte made of the premisses or anie parte or parcell thereof. To haue and to holde the sayde Tenemente gardens and Stable and all other the premisses to them belonginge or apperteininge vnto the sayed Mathew Chapman his heires and assignes to thonely proper vse and behoofe of the sayed Mathew Chapman his heires and assignes for euer To be holden of the cheife Lorde or Lordes of the ffee or ffees thereof by the rentes and seruices therfore due and of right accustomed Item I bequeath vnto James Chapman of London Clothworker All that my garden & howse there vppon builded with thappurtenances nowe in the teanure or occupation of one Mr Poyntes gentleman or his assignes And all that my Garden and howse with thappurtenances nowe in the teanure or occupation of George Hanger marchant or his assignes And all that my Tenemente and garden with thappurtenances nowe or late in the teanure or occupation of William Otwell or his assignes which sayed gardens houses Tenements and premisses are set lyinge and beinge

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Chapman his heires and assignes, to thonellie proper vse and behoofe of the sayed James Chapman his heires and assignes for euer, To be holden of the cheife Lorde or Lordes of the ffee or ffees thereof by the rents and services therefore due and of righte accustomed prouided alwaies and my will and minde is, that notwithstandinge anie thinge before in these presentes specified or seemed to be intended my Executors aforesayde shall and maie receiue take and enioy one whole yeeres rente and reuenue of all the landes and tenements aboue recited and deuized (except of the premisses deuized to the Companie of Clothworkers London as aforesayde), next ensuinge after my decease vizt fouer Quarters Rente towards the performance payinge and discharginge of my legacies aforesayde And my will minde and intent is that the sayde Companie of Clothworkers shall distribute the eighte gownes before by me deuized to poore women in this forme followeing vizt to beginne such their deliury of poore womens gownes the first yeare after my decease, and then euerie seconde yeere after to deliuer like gownes and so from seconde yere to seconde yeere forever. In witnes whereof I the sayde Thomazen Evans to this my present Testament and last will haue set my hande and seale yeeuen the daye and yeere first aboue written TE Sigillanit subscripsit et liberanit in presentia testium subscriptorum Marten Lether Marchant taylor Thomas Crompton Clothworker Cowper notorius publicus 1596.