

Will of William Franckland

In the name of god Amen the Nynetenth daye of August in the yeare of our lorde god A Thowsande fyve hundred threescore and fowretene and in the Sixtenth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England ffrance and Ireland defender of the ffaith & I William ffrancklande of the Rye in the Parrisse of Stansted Abbott in the Countie of Hertford Esquier and Citizen and Clothworker of London being weake in boddye but in good and perfecte Memorie and mynde lande and praise be vnto almightie god for the same do make and declare this my presente Testamente conteyninge herein my Last will in Manner and forme followinge that is to saye ffirst and principallie I gyve and bequeath my Sowle to almightie god my maker and Creator and to his sonne Jesus Christe my maker and Creator and to his sonne Jesus Christ my onelye Saviour and Redemor by whome and throughe the Merits of whole bitter deathe and passion all my trust is of clere remission & forgyvenes of all my synnes and my bodye to be buried in the Parrisse Churches of suche place where I shall depart this transitorie worke at the discretion of my Executor vndernamed Item I will and bequeathe vnto my sonne William ffranckland all those my Mannors or Lordshippes of Rye alias the yle of Rye and Theill alias Goldingtons with all and singuler their rightes hereditamentes Members and appurtenances scituate lyng and being in the Townes Parrisses hamlettes territories or fieldes of Stansted Abbottt Theyll Hoddesdon Broxborne Aunwell ware Bengoie Thunriche Widford Houinsdon Eswick and Rodon in the Counties of Hertford and Essex And also all other my Mannoures Landes tenementes meadowes ffeadinges Pastures Wooddees vnderwooddes llandes ffyshinges waters rents revercions seruices and hereditamentes whatsoever with all and singuler their Appurtenances sett lyng and being in the Townes Parrishes hamletts Territories or ffields of Stansted Abbott Theyll Aunwell Broxborne Hoddesdon Ware Bengowe Thunriche Woodford Hertford and Essex To haue and to holde all the saide Mannors or Lordshippes with all and singuler their rightes members and appurtenances And all other the saide Landes Tenements Meadowes Pastures Wooddes and premisses with all and singuler their appurtenances vnto the saide William ffrancklande my sonne and his Assignes for terme of his Naturall lief vppon this condicion that he the same William or his Assignes yearelie everie yeare during his naturall lyf vppon Lauffull demaunde shall trulie paye or cause to be paide oute of the rentes yssues and proffittes of the saide Mannors Landes Tenementes and hereditamentes not onelye vnto Henrie ffrancklande my sonne or his Assignes during his naturall lief twentye poundes of Lawfull moneys of Englande at twooe ffeastes or termes of the yeares that it to saye at the ffeastes of Thannuciacion of our blessed Ladye the virgin and Saincte Mighell tharchangell by evin porcions But also vnto my Sister Agnes Whitfeld or her Assignes yearelie everie yeare during her Naturall lieff tenne poundes of lawfull money of Englande at the twoo ffeastes in the yeare afforesaid by even porcions Item after the deceasse of the saide William my sonne I gyve and bequeath all the saide Mannoures of Lordshippes with their appurtenances and all other the premisses aforesaid with all & singuler their Appurtenances vnto Hughe ffrancklande my Brother Richarde ffranckland his sonne To haue and holde all the said Mannors or Lordshippes with their appurtenances and all other the premisses aforesaid vnto the saide Hughe ffranckland and his Assignes during his Naturall lyeff vppon this condicion that he the saide Hughe or his Assignes yearelye everye yeare during his naturall lyeff vppon this condicion that he the saide Hughe or his Assignes yearelye everye yeare during his naturall lief vppon Lauffull demaunde shall paye or cause to be paid oute of the saide rentes yssues and profittes of the saide Mannors or Lordshippes and other the premisses vnto Harrye ffrancklande my sonne twentye poundes of Lauffull moneye of England at the twoo ffeastes or termes of the yeare aforesaid by even porcions And vnto

my saide Sister Agnes Whitfeild or her Assignes during her Naturall lieff tenne poundes of Lawfull moneye of Englande yearelye at the ffeastes aforesaid by even porcions Item after the deceasse of the said hugh ffranckland I will and gyve all the saide mannor with all their appurtenances and all other the premisses with their Appurtenances

Vnto the heires Males of my said sonne William francklande lawfullie begotten of his bodye for ever And for defalte of heires Males lawfullie begotten of his bodye Then I will and gyve all the saide Mannoures with all and singuler their appurtenances vnto the heires Males of Henrie ffrancklande my saide Sonne Lawfullie begotten of his bodye And for defalte of suche yssue Then I will and gyve all the saide Mannours with all and singuler their appurtenances vnto the heires males fo the saide Hughe ffranckland for ever Item I gyve bequeath vnto the Maister and ffowre wardens of the guilde or ffraternytie of thassumptione of our blessed Ladye the virgen of the arte of Mistery of the Clothworkers in the Cittie of London all those my twooe Tenementes with their appurtenances sett lying and being in Thames streate over against ffryar lane in the parrisse of Alhallowes the more within the Cittie of London late in the tenure of occupacion of John Sturley and Walter Ley vppon this condicion that the said Maister and wardens or their deputies yearelie everye yeare for ever shall paye oute of the Rentes yssues and profittes of the said twoo Tenementes twentie Shillinges to be distributed in Coales to the poore people within the saide parrisse at the ffeaste of all Sainctes acordinge to the desyer and request and to be the gyfte of Margerye ffrancklande late my wieff And also shall pay yearelie for ever three poundes of Lawfull moneye of Englande to the poore people inhabitinge in Somerskales heselwood and the Storys within the parrisse off Sipton in Craven in the Countie of York when as anye of them or their deputies dothe demaunde it Item I gyve and bequeath to my brother Richarde ffrancklande and the said Hugh ffranckland his sonne All that my Mannor or Lordshippe of Bloberhowse withe all and singuler the Appurtenances thereof in the Countie of Yorke And all other my Tenementes Landes meadowes Pastures wooddes, vnderwooddes, rentes commons and hereditamentes what soever sett lying and being in Bloberhowse and ffoiston in the Countie of York To haue and to hold all the saide Mannor or Lordshippe with all and singuler the Appurtenances and all other the premisses aforesaid with all and singuler their Appurtenances vnto the saide Richard ffranckland and Hugh ffrancklande and to the heires males of the saide Hugh for ever I gyve and bequeath vnto Joyce ffrancklande my daughter one hundreth poundes of Lawfull money of Englande to be paide to her at the daye of her Mariage Item I bequeath and gyve vnto my brother Richard ffrancklande tenne poundes Lawfull money of England Item I gyve and bequeath to my Sister Alice Pott Sixe poundes thirtene shillinges fowre pence Item I gyve and bequeath vnto my Sister Agnes Whitfeild twentie Markes of lawfull moneye of England Item I gyve and bequeath to the poore people in Yorkeshire tenne poundes of like lauffull moneye of England to be gyven and distributed there at the discretion of my Executors Item I gyve and bequeath to everie one of my Servantes that shall dwell with me when I doo departe oute of this wordes ffortie shillinges a peece Item I will and gyve three Poundes to be gyven and distributed in breade to the poore people at my buriall Item I gyve and bequeath Thertene poundes tenne Shillinges to the poore people dwellinge within the Parrisse where I do departe out of this wolde to be gyven everye Sondaye in breade ffyve Shillinges during one hole yere nexte after my deceasse ffynallye All and singuler other my Gooddes and Chattells moveable and vnmmoveable of what kynde Nature or propertye so ever the same be my dettes being paide my Legacies and ffunerall Chardges being paide and discharged I whollie gyve and bequeath vnto William ffranckland my sonne aforesaid and Hughe ffranckland my brother sonne aforesaid whom of this my presente testament and last will I make my full executores renowncinge and forsakinge all former willes Legacies gyftes & bequeste by me in any wise heretofore made gyven willed or bequeathed myndinge that this my presente Testamente shall stand and remayne as my last will and testament for ever and none other or otherwise In witnes whereof to every Lease of this my presente Testament for ever and none other or otherwise In wittnes whereof to everye Lease of this my presente Testamente I haue subscribed my name the day and yeare first above written