

The will of John Rogers

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In the name of god Amen the fyfte daye of the moneth of marche yn the yere of our lorde god after the course and reckyninge of the churche of England mlvC fyftie and one and yn the sixt yere of the reigne of our moste drad Soueraigne lorde Edwarde the sixt by the grace of god kinge of englonde ffraunce and Irelonde defender of the faith and of the chirche of englonde and also of Irelonde yn yerth the supreme heade. I John Rogers citizen and clothworker of london beinge sik of body but yet neuertheles of hole good and profitt remembraunce beinge lawde and prayse to vnto allmightie god make ordeyne dyspose and declare this my present testament conteyninge therein my laste will yn manner and forme followinge that is to saye ffirst and princypally and above all erthly thinges I geue bequethe & recommede my solle to all myghty god my make sauor and redember by the merrittes of whose most bitter and paynful death and passion I faythfully truste and stedfastly beleue to be saved and to be partaker of his moste blessed and gloryouse kingdome of heven. And I will that my body shalbe buried wheras my executors of this my laste will shall thinke most mete and conuienyent and after my body buried I will and demise that all and singuler such somme and sommes of mony as I do owe of right of euery person or persons shalbe first well and truely contented and payde. Item I geue and bequeth to the poore enhabitauntes and dwellers within the paryshe of saynt mary abchirche and saynt Swethenes nygh London stone thre skore sakes of coles that is to saye to euery howse holder beinge poore and nedy one sack of coles as far as the somme of thre skore sakes of roles will extende And my will and mynde ys that my executors shall cause the same yerely to be geven by the space of seven yeres next And ymmedyately followinge after my decease that ys to saye euery yere yerely thre skore sakes as is before appoynted. Item I will that my executors within iiij dayes next ensuringe after my decease shall geue and delyuer to euery poore howse holder dwellinge within the warde of walbrooke of London aswell man as woman such aswil receyve the same of charitie xij d. Item I will and bequethe to the house or howses of the poore people that ys to saye to saynt barthillmew spittell or to any other house of the poore where with the citizens of the citie of London stonden charged forty poundes to be deliuered to the rulers or gouernors of the same hospitall or hospitalls by my executors of this my laste will and testament within Lxxx dayes next ensuinge after my decease to thentente that the same rvlers or gouerners shall forthwith geue and distribute the same xl li. & euery parte thereof to and amongeste the saide poore people remayninge & then beinge within the same as by there godly wisdomes shalbe thought moste nedefull. Item I geue and bequeth to the godly poore schollers of the vniuersities of oxforde & cambridge to suche as doo study and lerne to sett forthe the trewe and lyvely worde of god & be favorers and maynetayners of the same to theire powers one hundred markes. Item I will that my exectuors within fower skore dayes next after my desease shall cause that same hundred markes and seuary parte therof to be distributed amongst the saide poore

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Schollers by the aduyse and godly discretion of the decon there of his deputie in his absence And I will that my saide executours shall geue vnto the same decon for his labour and paynes in that behalfe fower poundes ouer & aboue the saide somme of one hundreth markes. Prouided alwayes and my will is that the saide hundreth markes or any parte therof shall not be geuen to any person but onely to suche as shall study the diunitie and be of the towardnes aforesaide. Item I geue and bequeth to the master and wardeyns of the comminaltie of clothworkers of London x li. to make a dynner for them & the liury of the same commonaltie, to be payde to them within two dayes after my desease. And my will is that yf any parte of the saide x li. to remayne vnspente vpon the saide dynner That then all suche parte therof as so shall remayne vnspent shalbe putt in the boxe of the poore of the same comminaltie of the clothworkers. Item I geue and bequeth to Richarde Rogers of Harthill yn the countie of yorke my eldeste brother x li. to be payde vnto him by my executors within one yere next after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to euery of the children of the same Richarde Rogers which shalbe lyvinge at the tyme of my decease x l s. to be payde vnto them at suche tyme as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxi yeres or ells the daughters to be maryed. And my will ys that yf any of the saide children of my said brother Richard Rogers happen or fortune to dye or decease out of this present worlde before they or any of them shalbe of the saide full age of xxi yeres or ells the doughters be maryed that then the parte & porcion of him her or them so deceasinge shall fully and holy remayne to him her or them ouer lyvinge equally & indifferently amongst them to be devided. Item I geue and bequeth to John Rogers of wales in the saide countie of yorke my second brother x li to be payde vnto him after by my executors within one yere next ensuinge after my decease Item I geue and bequethe to euery of the children of the saide John Rogers my brother which shalbe lyvinge at the tyme of my decease xl s. to be payde vnto them at suche tyme as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or ells the children of my said brother John Rogers happen or fortune to dye or decease out of this presente worlde before they or any of them shalbe of the saide full age of xxj yeres or the daughters be maryed. That then the parte or porcion of him or her or them so deceaseinge shall fully and holy remyne to him her or them ouer lyvinge equally and indifferently amongst them to be devyded. Item I geue & bequeth to William Rogers of Woodall yn the saide countie of yorke

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my third brother x li. to be payde vnto him by my executours within one yere next ensuinge after my decease Item I geue and bequeth to every of the children of the saide William Rogers my brother which shalbe lyvinge at the tyme of my decease xl s. to be payde vnto them at suche tyme as thei or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or ells the dauters be maryed. And my will is That yf yt happen or fortune any of the said children of my said brother William Rogers to dye or decease out of this present worlde before they or any of them shalbe of the saide full age of xxj yeres or that the daughters be maryed. That then the parte & porcion of him her or them so deceasinge shall fully and holy remayne to them ouer lyvinge equally & yndefeiently amongst them to be devided. Item I geue and bequeth to Isabell Rede my sister vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. to be payde by her by my executors within one yere next ensuinge after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to euery of the children of the saide Isabell rede my sister which shalbe lyvinge at the tyme of my decease x l s. to be payde vnto them & euery of them at such tyme as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or that the doughters be maryed. And my will is that yf the saide children of my saide sister Isabell Rede or any of them happen or fortune to dye or decease out of this present worlde before they or any of them shalbe of the saide full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed. That then the parte and porcion of him her or them so deceasinge shall fully and holy remayne to him her or them ouer lyvinge equally & yndifferently amongst them to be deuyded Item I geue and bequeth to Margaret my sister belches wyfe vj poundes xiiij s. iiij d. to be payde to her by my executors within one yere next ensuinge after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to euery of the children of the saide margarett my sister which shalbe lyvinge at the tyme of my decease xl s. to be payde to them and euery of them at suche tyme as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed And my will ys That yf the saide children of the samde Margaret my sister happen or fortune to dye or decease out of this present worlde before they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed That then the parte & porcion of him her or them so deceasinge shall fully and holy remayne to him her or them ouer lyvinge equally and indifferently amongst them to be deuyded. Item I geue and bequeath to John Hewett my apprentice L li. to be payde vnto him by my executours at suche tyme and when as the saide John Hewett hath fully persued all suche yeres as be yett to come of the terme of his apprentished. Also I will that the saide John Hewett my saide apprentice shall well and truly persue all the residue of his terme of yeres yett

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to come of his saide apprentishode with Johan my wyffe yf she do contynew sole and vnmaryed prouided alwayes that yf the saide Johan my wyffe do fortune to mary then my will is that the saide John Hewett shall persue the residue of his terme of yeres to come with such person as the master and wardeyns of the comminaltie of clothworkers of london shall there vnto name and appoynte Item I geue and bequeth to Annes my mayden seruaunte & cosen vnto my wyfe fyfty poundes yn recompence of her wages and preferment of her maryage to be payde vnto her by my executours on the daye of her maryage. Item I geue and bequeth to my cosen Jane William symmes wyffe xx li. & a nest of gobletts of sylver all gilt with a couer and iij siluer potts with a couer pounced parcell gilte a salt of silver parcell gilt with a couer & xij spones of siluer with mayden hedds to be payde and delyuered her within one yere next after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to John Symmes her sone & my god sone xx li. to be payde vnto him at suche tyme as he shalbe of his full age of xxj yeres Item I geue and bequethe to euery other of her children which she now hath and hereafter shall haue xl s. to be payde vnto them and euery of them at such tyme and when as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed. Any my will is that yf any of the children of the saide Jane simes happen or fortune to dye or decease before such tyme as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed That then the parte or porcion of him her or them so deceasinge shall fully and holy remayne to him her of them ouer lyvinge equallye & indifferently amongeste them to be devided. Item I geue and bequeth to hughe parker of london placesterer my cosen x li. to be payde vnto him within one yere next ensuringe after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to Annes Sister of the saide hughe parker nowe the wyffe of John cotes x li. to be payde vnto her at suche tyme and when as the saide John Cotes hath obteyned & gotten a house for his dwellinge and occupyng of his occupacion and not be fore that tyme Item I geue and bequeth to margarett the sister of the saide Annes cotes xl s. to be payde vnto her within one moneth next after my decease Item I geue to & bequeth vnto parker now beinge seruaunte with William Symes towards her maryage iij li. to be payde vnto her at the daye of her maryadge. Item I giue and bequeth to euery of the children of the saide hughe parker which he now hath and hereafter shall haue xx s. to be payde vnto them and euery of them at suche tyme as they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed. Item I geue

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and bequeth to euery of the children which the saide Annes cotes now hathe and hereafter shall haue xx s. and to euery of the children of the saide margarett sister of the saide Annes which the saide margarett now hath & hereafter shall haue xx s. to be payde vnto them and euery of them as before is declared for the children of the saide hugh parker. Item I geue and bequeth to xiiij poore men and women of the citie of London where as moste nede shalbe at the discreccion of my executors xiiij payer of shetes to be geuen by my executours within one moneth next after my decease Item my will is and I do demyse by this my laste will and testament that my executours shall delyuer to the most auncient persons of the paryshe of abchirche of london xx li. to make a dynner or repaist for the hole paryshioners of the same paryshe at suche tyme as the same paryshyners shall name & appoynt stuerdes for the makinge of the saide dynner or repayste. Item I geue and bequeth to Jane Rede of kent iiij li. to be payd vnto her within one moneth next after my decease Item I geue and bequeth to Edmonde Graye my godson xx s. to be payde vnto him at such tyme as he shalbe at his full age of xxj yeres. And I geue to margarett his sister xx s. to be payde vnto her the daye of her maryage. Item I geue and bequeth to John fyswyk my bayly in the countie of lincolne v li. to be payde vnto him at the makinge and gevinge vpp of his next accompte next after my decease to thentent that he shall end euen him self in his office to do the beste for my heires that he can in that behalf. Item my will ys and I do demise by this my laste will and testament that yf the children of the said hugh parker happen or fortune to dye or decease out of this present worlde before they or any of them shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres or the doughters be maryed. That then the parte and porcion of him her or them so deceassing shall fully and holy remayne to him her or them overlyvyng equallye and indifferently amongst them to be devided And in lyke wyse my will & mynd is for the residue of the children last before declared. Item I geue and bequethe to my cosen Johan the wyffe of Henry bodily iiij li. to be payde to her within one moneth next after my decease. And I geue to margarett townely her mayden seruante xl s. to be payde to her at the daye of her maryage. Item I geue and bequethe to my cosen Isabell Hallowell xl s. to be payde vnto her within one moneth next after my decease. Item I geue to Betrix kenby a gowne clothe to be deliuered vnto her within one daye next ensuinge after my decease. And where as Richarde kenby her husbonde doth owe to me the somme of xj li. x s. my will and mynde is that yf the saide Richarde kenby do dye be fore the saide Bectrix That then the saide Bectrix shall haue and enioye the same xj li. x s. to her owne vse. Item I geue and bequeth to William Robinson my servaunte vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. which I receyved of him before the date hereof And I geve

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vnto him iiij li. vj s. viij d. ouer and aboue the same to be payde to him within one moneth next after my decease. Item I do clerely forgeue to John Rowlande all such mony as he oweth to me and I geue to him xl s. aboue the same to be payde to him within one moneth next after my decease. Item I geue to allen Rafeby and to his wyffe to euery of them a Ringe of golde of the vallew of xx s. Item I geue to John Pigden & his wyffe euery of them xl s. Item I geue and bequeth to William Gall xx s. Item I geue and bequeth to John Webley xl s. Item I geue and bequeth to Nicholas Lacy my workeman xl s. Item I geue and bequeth to John Sutton of the paryshe of saynt Gyles without criplegate of London glouer all such sommes of mony as he dooth owe to me. Item I geue and bequeth to Matervas a Ringe of golde of the vallewe of xx s. Item I geue and bequeth to Thomas Hewett a Ringe of golde of the vallew of xl s. Item I geue and bequeth to William Wilson and to his wyffe to euery of them one Ringe of golde of the vallewe of xl s. Item I geue and bequeth to John Ledes apprentice to John Pigden to her mariage iiij li. to be payde vnto her on the daye of her mariage and yf she fortune to dye or decease before she be maryed then my will is that the saide iiij li. by me to her before gyven and bequethed shalbe geuen and distributed amongst poore people where as most nede is. Item I geue and bequeth towardes poore maydens mariages l li. to be geuen and distributed within one yere next ensuinge after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to poore housholders where as most nede is within the citie of London and the suberbes of the same to be geuen and distributed within thre monethes next and ymmediately followinge after my decease l li. Item I geue and bequethe to John Browne & John Clerke offerrers to the company of clothworkers of london to euery of them a ringe of golde of the valewe of xx s. Item I geue and bequethe to the late wyffe of John Reffen my tennante in bekenhim in the countie of kent wydowe xx s. Item I will & devise by this my last will and testamente that the saide late wyfe of the saide John Reffen shall haue hold & occupy all that ferme with thappurtenances and all the landes thereto belonginge in as large and ample manner and fourme as she now hath and occupieth the same duringe all such tyme as she shalbe sole & vnmaryed yeldinge and payinge therfore yerely v li. of coraunt mony of englonde at such feastes & dayes as she hath vsed and accustomed before this tyme to pay the same yerely rent of v li. Item I geue and bequethe to my cosen Elizabeth now the wyfe of John Allen at flete bridge a ringe of golde of the vallewe

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of xx s. Item I geue and bequeth to Elizabeth the wyffe of a taylor in marke lane one Ringe of golde of the vallew of xx s. Item I geue and bequeth to James Pryne dyer xx s. and to William Dingley dyer xx s. And whereas Randall Thickins hath done grete hurte to one of my clothes my will is that he shall haue the same clothe & paye to my executors the vallew of the same and that at the payment therof. I will that my executours shall geue vnto him xl s. towards the lose in the same clothe Item I geue and bequeth to William Smyth clothworker xx s. To bell cottener xx s. in recompence of all reckninges to Christopher Stevens Roer xx s. To Thomas Gates Roer xl s. to colly cotner xx s. to gates cotner xx s. to John Bathe cotner xx s. to John Haryson clothworker x s. To James Williamson clothworker x s. Item I geue and bequeth to Christopher Marlar of London merchaunt taylor one standinge cupp of siluer all gilt with a couer. Item I geue and bequethe to ffraunces pope of London merchaunte taylor one standinge cvpp of siluer all gilt with a cover. Item I geue and bequethe to my mistres Richardes one pott of siluer all gylt with a couer. Item I geue and bequeth to Thomas Atkinson of london scrivener x li. to be payde vnto him by my executours within one yere next after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to Agnes corteney of London single woman xl s. to Richarde Rogers citizen & of London & to Maryan his wyffe iiij li. to mystres sackfelde of gyldford in the countie of Surrey xl s. And to John Sackfelde her son xl s. to be payde vnto them within xxx dayes next after my decease. Item I geue & bequeth to Johan his wyffe one third parte of all and singuler my goodes cattells plate Juells redy mony and detts accordinge to the laudable vse and custome of the citie. Also I geue and bequeth to the saide Johan my wyffe and singler my plate by me before not gyven and bequethe and all my lynnyn & all and singuler my householde stuff with all and singuler her owen aparell and Juells and euery parte and parcell thereof ouer and aboue the saide thirde parte by me before to her gyven and bequethed in full satisfaccion and recompence of all and singuler suche parte & parcell or porcion as she maye sholde or ought to haue of all my saide goods cattells plate Juells and redy mony and detts. Item I geue and bequethe vnto the master and wardeyns of the cominaltie of clothworkers of London all and singuler those my iiij howses or tenementes withall and singuler thappurtenances sett and beinge in the paryshe of our lady woolchirche hawe of London. To haue holde possede and enioye all the saide fower houses

or tenementes with thappurtennances to the said master and wardeyns and to their successours master and wardeyns of the same cominaltie for the tyme beinge for euer to the onely vse and behoofe of the same master and wardeyns and their successours for euer to the intent that the same master and wardeyns and their successours euery yere yerely foreuer shall from tyme to tyme geue and distribute the yerely rentes and profitts cominge rysinge and growinge of and vpon the saide iiij houses or tenementes amongst the poore people of the saide comminaltie of clothworkers except onely suche parte of therof as shalbe yerely bestowed vpon the reparacions of the same iiij howses or tenementes. Item I geue and bequeth to the saide Johan my wyfe all that my howse or tenement with thappurtennances sett and beinge in the paryshe of saynt martayne in the vintrey in the warde of the vintry of London. And all that my fferme with their appurtennances and commodities thereto belonginge sett meddowes leasures pastures and fedinges with thappurtennances to the same ferme belonginge except and refved to my executours all the woodes and vnderwoodes thereto belonginge. To haue and to holde all the saide tenement and ferme with all and singuler their appurtennances (except before excepted) to the saide Johan my wyffe and hir assignes ymedyately after my decease duringe her lyffe naturall. And I will and do demise by this my testament that the saide howse or tenemente with thappurtennances sett and beinge in the parishe of saynt marteyne in the vintrey of London and all the saide ferme in beekingham aforesaide with thappurtennances and all and singuler the londes meadowes lesures pastures fedinges woodes vnderwoodes rentes suetes appurtennances to the same ferme in Bekkinham aforesaide belonginge or in any wyse apperteyninge ymmediately from and after the deathe or decease of the saide Johan my wyffe shall fully and holy remayne to Rycharde Rogers Sonne of the saide William Rogers my brother and now dwelling with me. To haue holde possede and enioye all the saide tenement and ferme and all and singler londes medowes lesures pastures fedinges woodes vnder woodes rents sutes premises and all other heredytamentes with all and singuler thappurtennances in the saide ferme belonginge to the saide Richarde Rogers soone of

the saide William Rogers my brother & to the heires masculyne of his body lawfully begotten. And yf it happen or fortune the said Richard Rogers to dye or decease out of this present worlde withoute heires masculine of his body lafully be gotten then I will and to devise by this my present testament that all the saide tenement & ferme and all other the premisses to the saide ferme belonginge shall fully and holy remayne to the saide Richarde Rogers my eldest brother and to the heyres masculine of his body lafully be gotten. And for lack of such yssue I will and demise by this my presente testament that all the saide tenement & fferme and all other the premisses to the saide ferme belonginge shall fully and holy remayne to the saide John Rogers my second brother and to the heires masculyne of his body lawfully begotten And yf the saide John Rogers my seconde brother happen or fortune to dye or decease out of this present world without heires masculyne of his body lafully begotten Then I will and do demyse by this my present testament that all the saide tenement and ferme and all other the premisses with all and singuler thappurtenannces to the saide fferme belonginge shall fully and holy remayne to William Rogers my third brother and to the heires masculyne of his body lafully begotten. And yf yt happen the saide William Rogers my third brother to dye or decease out of this present wolde without heires masculyne of his body lafully begotten then I will and do demise by this my testament that all the foresaide tenement and ferme and all and singuler other the premisses with thappurtennances to the saide ferme belonginge shall fully and holy remayne to the right heires of me the saide John Rogers foreuer To be holden of the chefe lorde or lordes of the ffee or fees of the same by the rents and premises therof due & of right accustomed Also I will geue devise and bequeth to the saide Richarde Rogers my eldest brother two thirde partes of all that my manner of malbthropp with thappurtennances in the countie of lincolne and two thirde partes of all and singuler those my landes tenementes medowes pastures ffeedinges woodes vnderwoodes rentes reuercions premisses and other heredytamentes what soeuer they be in malbthorpe otherwise called malbthorpe & the telthorpe or ells wherin the saide countie of lincolne holden in capite of our soueraigne lorde the kinge. Also I will demise geue and bequeth to the saide Richarde Rogers my eldist brother all that my manor of manby in the saide countie of lincolne with thappurtennances and members therevnto belonginge. And also all and singuler other any londes and tenementes rentes reuersions premises & heredytamentes what soeuer thei be with all and singuler thappurtennances sett lyinge and beinge within the townes paryshe and felde of manby north somercotes and southe

Somercotes or euery of them not beinge holden in cappitie of our soueraigne lorde the kinge And also all that my manner of Abinghim with the appurtennances in the saide countie of lincolne and all and singuler my londes tenementes messuages medowes pastures ffeedinges woodes vnderwoodes rentes reuercions premisses and other hereditamentes whatsoever they be with thappurtennances sett lyinge and beinge in the paryshes townes and feldes of abvinghim thedilthorpe and mablethorpe or any of them orells where in the saide countie of lincolne beinge not houlden in cappitie of our soueraigne lorde the kinge. To haue holde and enioye all the saide two thirde partes of all and singuler the saide londes tenementes meddowes pastures ffeedinges woodes vnderwoodes rentes reuercions premices and other heredytamentes in malbthorpe aforesaide and all the saide mannors of malbthorpe and Abvinghim with their appurtennances and all my saide londes tenementes meddowes pastures ffeedinges woodes vnderwoodes rentes reuercions premises and other heredytamentes within the saide countie of lincolne to the saide Richarde Rogers my eldest brother and to the heires masculyne of his body lafully be gotten. And yf the saide Richard Rogers happen or fortune ro dye or decease without heires masculine of his body lafully begotten. Then I will and do demyse by this my present testament that all the saide two partes of the said manor of malbthorpe and of all other the premisses with thappurtennances in malbthorpe aforesaide and also all the saide two maners of manby and abvinhim with thier appurtennances and all my saide landes tenementes messuages medowes pastures fedinges woodes vnderwoodes rentes reuercions premises and other herdytamentes within the saide countie of lincolne shall fully and holy remayne to the said John Rogers my seconde brother and to the heires masculine of his body lafully begotten. And for lack of suche yssue the remaynder therof to remayne to the said William Rogers my third brother and to the heires masculine of his body lafully begotten and for lack of suche yssue holy and fully to remayne to the right heires to me the saide John Rogers and to thier heires & assignes foreuer. And I make and ordeyne Nicholas Smalle & Phillipp bolde citizens and clothworkers of London my executors of this my present testamente and last will And I geue and bequeth to euery of them for their labour and paynes herein to be taken one hundreth markes the residue of all and singuler my goodes cattells plate Juells redy mony and detts after my dettes be payde my funerall charges borne and this my presente testament and last will in all thinges performed and fulfilled I will that my executours shall well and truly geue and distribute amongst my saide brethern their children & other my poore kynsfolkes and amongst other godly poore people wher they shall think most nedefull. In witnes whereof to this my present testamente and laste will I the saide John Rogers haue sett my seale and subscribed my name with my owne hande the daye and yere ffirst abouewritten.