Will of Dorothy Poulton, 1654

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In the name of God Amen I Dorothy of Hartpurie within the county of the Citty of Glouc(ester), being somewhat weake of body but of perfect minde and memorie thankes be given to Almighty God doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament, the foureteeneth day of December in the yeare of our lord 1653 in manner and forme following that is to say. First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty god my Creator, hopeing for salvation through the only merittes of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer And my body to be buryed in decent manner, according to the discretion of my Executor. And as for my temporall estate I will and declare as followeth. First I give to my daughter Alice Underhill, and her husband Charles Underhill, the sume of Tenn pounds to be paid unto them soe soone as Richard Underhill and the said Charles shall make and confirme unto the said Alice a sufficient Joynture of Twelve pounds per Annum to her, and the heires of her body betweene them lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, as was intended at the time of their intermarrying Item I give unto my sonne Richard Poulton all my goods whatsoever of all sorts I have at the hill house. Item I give unto my daughter Anne Webb, the sume of Fortie pounds to be paid unto her within sixe monthes after my decease. And also I give unto her Twenty pounds which was due unto me by Bond from my Brother in lawe Thomas Poulton, which said Twenty pounds she hath receaved, and the bond is delivered upp Item I give unto my Grandchildren Sara Pulton, Elizabeth Pulton and Elinor Poulton three dishes of Pewter, as a token of my love, and to theire brothers John Poulton, Richard Poulton and Thomas Poulton, five shillings a peece, as a token also of my love Item I give to the poore of the parish of Hartpurie Twenty shillings to be distributed among them by my Executor, the next Sunday after my decease; And I alsoe give Tenn shillings to the poore of the parish of Corse, And Tenn shillings to the poore of the parish of Upledon, to be distributed in like manner as aforesaid Item all the rest of my goods and Chattells whatsoever not formerly bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my sonne Samuell Poulton whom I make and ordaine my whole Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witnes hereof I have hereunto put my seale, and subscribed my name the day and yeare above written./. Dorothie Poulton her marke, Sealed subscribed and published in the presence of Robert Hall. William Hall.

This will was proved at Westminster the Thirteeneth day of October 1654 before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Admons by the oath of Samuell Poulton the sonne & Executor named in the said will To whom was committed Admon of the goods Chattells and debtes of the said deceased, he being first sworne by Commission truely to Adm(ini)ster the same./