

## **Will of John Poulton, 1613**

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**In the name of God Amen** The thirteenth daie of January in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hudnred and thirteene I John Poulton of Tewkesbury in the county of Gloucester draper beinge sicke in body but of perfekt remembrance thankes be unto Almightye god for the same And callinge to mynde the frayltie of mannes lyfe and howe certaine it is that all fleshe shall chainge and departe from this lyfe And howe uncertaine the tyme and hower thereof is to the intente that my mynde may be the lesse occasioned to thineke on worldlie thinges nowe when yt hath nowe pleased god to sende me sicknes the messenger of death to warne me to make readie to departe out of this worlde and to thentente to avoyde striffe and contention which might otherwise axist after my death concerninge these goodes Chattelles landes tenementes and hereditamentes whereof yt hath pleased god hither unto to give me the use doe make and declare my last will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge First I commende my soule to Almightye god humblie acknowledginge my owne wretchednes and infinitt synnes and fyndinge nothinge worthie in my selfe to be p(re)sented to his Maiestie therefore lamentinge the same my manifolde synnes I pute to his maiestie the most prec(i)ous death and blodsheddinge of Jesus Christ my onely saviour and redeemer as a full satisfacon for all my offences hopeinge to be saved by and for his onely and alone merritte and for my body I commende the same to the earth in assured hope that at the last daie the same shall rise agayne and become incorruptible and my Will is that the same my body in comelie manner be buried in the parish Church of Tewkesbury aforesaid neare to the place where the body of Thomas Powlton late of Tewkesbury aforesaide my brother deceased was buried yf you will and permitt the same And concerninge my goodes Chattells landes tenementes and hereditamentes I will and bequeath them in manner and forme followinge Firste whereas John Shorte late of the Cittie of London marrchantaylor deceased did by his last will and testamente did give and bequeath to his sonne John Shorte the some of two hundred poundes makeinge Elizabeth Shorte his then wife his Executrix of his last Will whoe havinge itred into the probate of her husbandes saide Will founde that the saide John Shorte her late husbände had given away to his saide sonne more then the thyrde parte of his goodes and estate was worth she did therefore renounce the saide will and revoked yt refusinge to be executrix thereof and she claymed her husbandes goodes accordinge to the Custome of the City of London where and uppon puttinge in of an Inventory of the same goodes into the Orphanes Courte in the Guild hall in London aforesaid yt was founde and allowed the thirde parte of all the goodes of the saide John Shorte deceased came but to fower score and twelve poundes six shillinges and eight pence or neare thereaboutes for the true paymente whereof I the saide John Poulton having married with the said Elizabeth Shorte widdowe entered into bonde in the saide Courte of Orphanes with three other suerties to paye to the saide John Shorte the sonne and trulie to discharge the saide bonde accordinge to the true purporte and effecte thereof wherefore I give and bequeath to the saide John Shorte the some of one hundred twenty and seaven poundes thyrteene shillinges and fower pence of lawfull money of England to be paide to the saide John Shorte at his age of one and twenty yeares so as he be then lyvinge and doe holde himselfe fullie satisfied of the saide some of two hundred poundes to him in forme aforesaide bequeathed by his saide Father And so as the saide John Shorte the sonne uppon receipte of the saide money to him hereby bequeathed doe give to my executor a Reasonable and Sufficient release as well of the saide some of two hundred poundes so as aforesaide to him bequeathed by his saide Father as also of all other legacies to him by the saide recited will bequeathed

Item I give to the saide John Shorte a featherbed a bolster and one payer of Flaxen sheetes Item I give unto my daughter Marye Horneblore the Wife of Roger Horneblore the some of two hundreth poundes of lawfull money to be paide unto her within twleve monethes after the death of the saide Roger Horneblore her husbnde And yf the saide Mary Hornblore my daughter shall die before the saide Roger Hornblore then I will that the saide some of two hundreth poundes shalbe paide to Elizabeth Hornblore my grandchilde daughter of my saide daughter Mary and in the meane tyme I will that the saide some of two hundreth poundes shalbe by my Executors delivered into the hands of Thomas Cooke Richard Poulton and Thomas Surman my kinsmen to every of them an equall parte thereof to be by them ymployed for the benefitt of the saide Mary Hornblore my daughter and of the saide Elizabeth Horneblore my grandchilde for their mainteynance educacon and livelyhoode & that the profitt and encrease thereof be yearlie paide to them for their saide mainteyn(an)ce Item I give to my daughter Marie Hornblore twenty poundes of lawfull money of England to be paide unto her within three monethes after my decease to buy her some wearinge apparrell which severall legacies of two hundreth poundes and twenty poundes bequeathed to my saide daughter Mary I will shalbe reysed and taken out of the goodes Chattells debtes and ready money not hereby bequeathed Item I give to Elizabeth Hornblore my grandchilde the some of twenty poundes the which twenty poundes my Will is shalbe paide to Thomas Surman thonnger to be by him employed to the best advantage and for the use benefitt and behoofe of the saide Elizabeth and to be paide unto her at her age of one and twenty yeares or her daie of marriage w(hi)ch yt shall please god to sende first And yf it shall please god to take her out of this transitorie worlde before either of these happen then my Will is that her Mother my daughter shall have her porcon paide to her within six monthes after her death by the saide Thomas Surman my kinsman Item I give to the Minister that shall make my funerall Sermon the some of tenn shillinges Item I give to Prudence Surman the some of three poundes to be paide unto her within one yeare after my decease Item I give unto the poorest sorte of people in Tewkesbury the some of three Poundes to be distributed amongst them by my executors by the discretion of the Minister and Churchwardenes of the Church of Tewkesbury for the tyme being The which distribution my Will is shalbe made within a moneth after my deathe Also I give towards the reperacons of the highe waies and bridges aboute the Towne of Tewkesbury the somme of forty shillinges of lawfull money of England willinge my executors to see the same bestowed accordingly within one yeare after my death Item my will is that my executors doe pay unto Thomas Dobe sonne of Richard Dobe of London deceased the some of twenty poundes of lawfull money of Englande to him bequeathed by my saide brother Thomas Poulton deceased by his last will and sithence come into my handes and also the some of eighte poundes more percell of the goodes of the saide Richard Dobe comen into my handes and also the some of eight poundes eight shillinges of lawfull money of England And for the use and encrease of the saide severall sommes of twenty poundes and eight poundes which severall sommes amounteth to thirty six poundes eighte shillinges which my will is shalbe trulie paide unto the saide Thomas Dobe Also I give to my sonne John Poulton my two leases of a mill six Acres of pasture a messuage with a garden and Orchard and one hadland with the Appurteynances in Kemerton in the county of Gloucester Also I give my sonne John my best coverlidd my greate Chest of Elmen bordes The one halfe of all my owne plate and my will is that my sonne shall have all the wainscott table bordes formes glasse windowes a ceston of stone my malte Quearne and furnace with all bedsteades and other ymplmentes which are standares to my house Provided alwayes and neverthelesse my mynde is that my sonne shall not meddle with any of the goodes which were my Wives before I married with her Also my Will is that my Executors pay to Thomas Poulton sonne of William Poulton the

some of tenn poundes with the Trewe use thereof for three yeares three quarters past after tenn poundes in the hundreth And yf yt shall so happen that yt shall so fale out that he doeth demannde other tenn poundes that tenn poundes I did lett his Father have to give to his Master when he was bonnde prentize at London The which his Father gave his bonde to me to save me harmeles from his sonne When he shoulde come to the age of twentye one yeares Also I will that my executor paye to Richard Poulton and Ellioner Poulton sonne and daughter to the foresaide William Poulton Feeftene poundes apeece to them bequeathed by the saide Will of my saide brother Thomas Poulton and comen to my handes Also I will that my executors pay to the saide Richard Poulton Ellioner Poulton and to either of them the use and encrease of the saide severall sommes according to the rate of tenn poundes in the hundreth for the tyme paste that this money came into my handes which is three yeares three quarters Item I give to my said kinsmen Thomas Cooke Richard Poulton and Thomas Surman the severall sommes of five poundes apeece to be paide unto them within one yeare and a halfe after my death prayinge them to take care of my daughter Maries porcon accordinge to my order appointed them as my speciall trust is in them Item I give to Gibe Gilberte yt goes on my arrantes the some of twenty shillings Item I give to Tyft the Cobler the some of fyve shillings and to William Grindell the Gunsmithe five shillings to old Grindell his father five shillings to be paide to every of them within one yeare next after my decease Also I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Corse the some of twenty shillings to be distributed unto them within one yeare next after my death Item I give and bequeath to my sonne in lawe Roger Horneblore one bond which I have of his of a hundreth thirty poundes and odd money Item I give to my sone John Poulton my signett Ringe and all my Wearinge apparrell Item I give to old Gilbert my neighbour my old fustian doublett a payer of old ronnde hose and a payer of nether stockines my gownes and other apparrell my Will is that my sonne John Poulton shall have yt Lykewise my Will is and I give unto my sonne John a lease of a tenemente I have at London on Samite Marie hill neare Billinsgate called the Signe of the blewe ancker Item I give unto the Bayliffes and Comonaltye of the Towne of Tewksbury towards the paymente of there Charter the somme of five poundes of lawfull money of England to be paide unto them within one yeare after my decease Item I give to my wife two leases the one held from Margaret Stratford of Bushley the other holdern from Mr Henry Browen of Hasfeilde And also my Will is that she shall have all her owne householdstuffe without any lett or disturbance by my sonne or any other p(er)sonne What soever All the Rest of my goodes and Chattells unbequeathed my debtes and legacies beinge and my funerall expenses discharged I give and bequeath to my sonne John Poulton and to my Wife Elizabeth Poulton Whome I make and ordaine my full and whole executors Charginge them as they Will and swear before god to see the same same instelie and trulie performed as my truste is in them Moreover my Will is that my saide Wife shall have her abode and dwellinge in the house where I nowe dwell for the parte of three yeares nexte after my Decease ~~Richard Poulton and Thomas Surman to be the Overseers of this my saide Will~~ John Poulton In Witnes whereof I the saide John Poulton have to every leafe of this my laste will and testamente subscribed my name the daye and yeares first above Written And further I doe appoint Thomas Cooke Richard Poulton & Thomas Surman to be the Overseers of this my saide will. John Poulton. Subscribed in the p(re)se(n)ce of us whose names are underwritten Edward Lost by Thomas Surman Junior William Poulton Gyles Parker ./.

**Probatum** fuit Testamentum suprascriptum Apud London Coram venerabilis viro domino Johanne Bennett milite legum doctore???? vicesimo octavo Die Mensis Junii Anno Domini Millisimo seycentesimo decimo tertio Juramente Elizabeth Poulton relicte et Joh(ann)is Poulton filii ???