

Walter Cole of Lavenham, Suffolk, UK
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In the name of God Amen, this

thirteenth day of August in the yeare of our lord God one thowsand Sixe hundreth and Fiftie two, I Walter Cole of Lavenham in the Countye of Suffolke, Barber Chirurgion, though sicke in body, yet well and p[er]fecte in memory (thankes be given to Almighty God) revoking all former wills, and testaments by me made heretofore, doe now make and ordeyne this last will and testament in manner and forme following: First and before all things I bequeath and com[m]itt my soule into the hands of Allmighty God my blessed Creator, beleiveing to be saved by the alone merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my blessed redeemer: And my bodie I Com[m]itt to the earth from whence it was taken, to be decently interred at the discretion of mine Executrix hereafter to be named: And for my worldly Goods, which it hath pleased god to bestowe upon me, I give and bequeath in manner and forme followinge, Item my will is, that Susan my well beloved wife, shall have, hold, occupie and enjoy my messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell, and all and ev[er]y p[ar]te and p[ar]cell thereof, with all and ev[er]y the edifices, orchyards, & backsides, and any other the appertamentes thereunto belonging (which are now in my occupation or in the use and occupation of my assignes) scituated and being in the high streete in the Borough of Lavenham aforesaid for and during the time and terme of her naturall life, And after the decease of the said Susan my aforesaid wife, The aforesaid mesuage or Tenement with all and ev[er]y the app[er]temences as aforesaid to remaine unto Anne my daughter now wife of Abraham Nellson, for and during the time and terme of the naturall life of Abraham Nellson aforesaid of Colchester my sonne in lawe, and during the time and terme of the naturall life of my daughter Anne wife to the aforesaid Abraham Nellson, And after the decease of the said Abraham Nellson, and Anne his wife, aforesaid, I give and bequeath the aforesaid messuage or Tenement with all the appurtenances unto Abraham Nellson the sonne of the aforesaid Abraham and Anne, To have and to hould to him the said Abraham Nellson my nephewe and to his heires for ever, yet upon Condt[i]on
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notwithstanding that the said Anne my daughter or her heires, Executo[ur]s, Administrators shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto my daughter Jane, the now wife of Thomas Day of Colchester in Essex aforesaid, or her heires, the full sum[m]e of fifteene pounds of lawfull money of England, within one whole yeare after the deceasse of Susan my aforesaid wife, And also twenty shillings more unto my daughter Elizabeth, the nowe wife of John Fuller, in New England. To be paid within three yeares after the deceasse of Susan my wellbeloved wife aforesaid; It[e]m I give unto my daughter Susan the now wife of William Death of Lavenham aforesaid five shillings, to be paid to her

within one moneth after the deceasse of Susan my aforesaid wife; All the residue of my goods and Chattells whatsoever my debts being paid, and my funerall expenses being discharged, I give unto Susan my aforesaid wife whome I ordaine and make the sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. In wisse whereof I have sett to my hand and seale the daye and yeare First above written, The marke of Walter Cole; Read, sealed, and subscribed in the p[re]sence of us , The marke of Thomas Wood, Thomas Jarvis script' (writer)

This will was proved at Westminster before the Judges for probate of wills and granting Administrac[i]ons according to an Acte of Parliament, intituled, An Acte for probate of wills and granting Administrac[i]ons, the foure and twentieth day of September, in the yeare of our lord God one thowsand sixe hundred Fyftie and three, by the oath of Susan Cole the relict of the said dec[eas]ed, and Executrix named in the said will, To whome Administrac[i]on of all and sing[u]l[e]r the goodes Chattelles and debtes of the said deceas'd was Committed, She being first sworne by vertue of a Com[m]iss[i]on to that effecte, well and truly to administer the same.