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the Countie of Dorset, yoman beinge sicke in body but of good and perfect memory (thanked be given to god) Doe  
 ordeyne and make this my last will and testament, in maner and forme following (viz) First I give  
 and bequeath my soule to allmyghtie god the father, and to his sounth Jesus Christe my Savio<sup>r</sup>, by whiche death  
 and passion I doe fully hope to have remission of all my synnes and to be saved. Item I give to the church of  
 the church of Langton, five shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my eldest sounth John Demett, my sounth  
 in Swainth with all the ymplementes and storkes that howe Durant, some halfpenny of money upon the sounth  
 Item I give to Antygony Demett, my sounth. One hundredth pounde, to be delivred, unto him, when he shall come  
 to the age of one and twentieth yeres; And in the meane tyme he shall have the sounth to be putt forth for the profit of  
 the sounth Antygony, to fynde him a Squire. Item I give to Merye Demett, my daughter One hundred pounde  
 to be payde to her when she shall come to the full age of one and twentieth yeres or sooner if my Overseas shall  
 be made for me. Item I give to John Demett, my youngest sounth and to his heirs forever, my landes & tenementes  
 in the church of Swainth in the countie of Dorset. Item I give unto the sounth John Demett, my youngest sounth, all  
 my storkes of Cattall, Oxen, and goodes that I have upon sales and whatsombe, in the church of Swainth  
 to be putt forth and sold to his best profit till he come to the age of one and twentieth yeres. Item I give to  
 Edith, my Sevrant, fourty shillings. And of the happye my of my children to decesse before he or she  
 come to the age of one and twentieth yeres; Then I will that the portion of money goodes or cattall to him or  
 her bequeathed that he shall happen to decesse shall be distributed equally amonge my children that shall  
 survive and be living. Item I give to the poore people of Langton some shillings. Item to every of my  
 brother John ffisher, children a shilling. Item to every of my brother Roger ffisher, children a shilling; And  
 to my godson Alexander ffisher a shilling. Item I forgive to John Demett of Blanford a bill obligatorie of  
 Ten pounde. Item I give to my wyfe Alice Demett, my ffauen of Langton. Item the residue of my  
 goodes and Cattall (not given, nor bequeathed) I give to Alice Demett, my wyfe, whom I make my Exequitrix of  
 this my last will and testament to see it performed and done; And for the effectuall performance of this my  
 last will and testament I doe desire, request and ordeyne my wellbelovid brother John ffisher and Roger ffisher  
 and my frend Thomas Brown to be my Overseas for the better performance hereof; And further my will  
 is that all these storkes shall be lett forth by the discretion of these my Overseas before named to the best profite  
 remaine and profit of my said children. In Witnes whereof I have setto my hand and seale, the xxij daye of Maye, in the  
 sixte and twentieth yere of the reign of our sounth lady Elizabeth, by the  
 grace of god, queene of England ffraunce and Irelande Defendit of the faith etc 1584. By me Alexander  
 Demett. Signed and sealed in the presence of us Edward Burlett clerke, John ffisher, Roger ffisher

**Exhibatum**

fuit suprascriptum testamentum apud London: coram venerabili viro magistro  
 Willmo Duray legum Doctore ruzi p<sup>ro</sup>curatore communi etc. Nono die mensis Octobris Anno  
 Domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo quarto. Juramento Roberti Gray notarii publici procuratoris Alice  
 relicte et executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominat / Qui commissa fuit administratio etc. De beut etc. Jurat

**In the name of God,**

Edward Cupper of Dorset in the Countie of Worester  
 Esquier, of roundevit health and perfect memory (thanked to god) the  
 of Anno Domini  
 one thousand five hundred eighty two, Doe make this my last will and testament in forme following. I  
 give my soule to the unmyghty mercie of god, trusting by the unmyghty onely of the passion of our lord & Savio<sup>r</sup>  
 Jesus Christ to be amonge the electe, my body to be moderately buried in the Church of the church of Dorset  
 with a Seaman, and the church to have ffourty shillings and his sounth; And I will that to be distributed  
 to poore people that he respecting three pence a pence; And I give unto the church of Dorset beside  
 the church of Dorset after the Statute twenty shillings, to the vicar of Saint Michells in Bedwardy some  
 shillings; To poore prisoners in the Castell of Worester ffourty shillings; To the poore howsholders and  
 other poore of the parish of Dorset ffour pounde of the parish of St John in Bedwardy ffive pounde,  
 of St Michells in Bedwardy fourty shillings, of all other parishes of the City of Worester some pounde,  
 amonge them of the parish of Ludlowe by the way, of Ludford xx, of the City of Dorset by the way  
 of Buzton upon Trent by the way, of Angelys etc; And I give and bequeath to the poore  
 prisoners in and nigh London (viz) in Newgate ffourty shillings, the ffelke twentie shillings eight

T. Alice Cupper

pinc, Ludyatt forty shillinges, sixe of the Countess ffourty shillinges, To the Gatehouse at Westmynster  
 Twentie sixe shillinges eight pence, The Marchalshys Twentie sixe shillinges eight pence, And y<sup>e</sup> Clerk  
 Twentie sixe shillinges eight pence: I give also and bequeath to every child of the children of John Coker  
 of Sudwell in Oxfordshyre and of his wife my wyfe sixe poundes thirtent shillinges fower pence, And  
 my Cosyn Thomas Carter of Godmanchester Twentie poundes, William Dyster that married my  
 Niece all suchy debty as he oweth unto me, And to the child of his child my Cosyn fobe p<sup>r</sup>vided a p<sup>r</sup>sent  
 To John Webb my Nephew Twentie poundes, Robert of the children of William Elyn and Jane his wyff  
 sixe poundes thirtent shillinges fower pence, of Walter Carter and Elizabeth his wyff fower poundes,  
 Of Robert Alexander and Catheryn his wyff sixe poundes, To curie out of my Cosyn Cernayn  
 ou<sup>r</sup> ffather's syde and another syde ffourty shillinges, To my godson Richard Colles gent fower of my  
 milke hnt to breede for him, And to the child of my other godchilden that waite be knowen tenne shillinges.  
 And I give and bequeath to my serbaunt ffrauncis Cooke, Thomas Dammell sixe poundes thirtent  
 shillinges fower pence. John Bluff fower poundes, William Comby ffower poundes, Robert out of my  
 other serbaunt in household ffourty shillinges, my late serbaunt Walter Weber twentie shillinges,  
 Elizabeth Doynt ffourty shillinges: William Hasfall twentie shillinges, Thomas Syfford twentie  
 shillinges, Clerk my gardener Twentie shillinges. Thomas Dole out my serbaunt twentie shillinges.  
 I give also and bequeath to Thomas Doynt of Ludlowe and Jane his wyff my Case of sixe  
 shillinges out of silver gilt with a bow, the other fyve of silver pence gilt with a bow, the out gulle  
 spoon and sixe other silver spoons, And to George Christopher and Catheryn his wyff my two white  
 bowles of silver, my seroude best salt of silver gilt with the row, out gulle spoon, and sixe other  
 silver spoons, And also ffower of my plowinge oxen and a wayn with iron bowde, w<sup>h</sup> wheels, a doung  
 wayn, a plowge furrishd a drey, out pair of harrowes, two yokes with bowde, harnes of iron and  
 other thinges and necessaryes of husbandrie belonging to the ffurniture of the said Tenne of fower oxen  
 And also ffower of my milke hnt, I give also and bequeath to my Cosyn Thomas Cuyper of Elympton  
 Twentie poundes, his brother Vincent Twentie poundes, And to his sister Dorothy yf she be vnuu<sup>r</sup>  
 wedd at my decease Thirtent poundes, and if she be tyme married Twentie poundes, To my good ffrend  
 Edmund Doldrey equyre for a token my gilt goblett with a row, To Mr Baldwyn of the Inntz Cuyper  
 my best gilt spoon that was my Lo: Baldwyn's and forty shillinges in money. I give also and bequeath  
 to the right honourable my Lo: Payett of Beaufort out of my gilt bolle pound and to my Ladye his  
 wyff the other like bolle for poore tokens, they haue no robes, and my sister Mrs Stott sixe Drugges  
 that I haue to Mr Babington of Siddington his hnt ffourty shillinges towards a Tombe for my Lo:  
 Tenne poundes to be payed Baldwyn at Dylesbury fyve poundes, To poore people that ffourty  
 shillinges. To John Cuyper sonne of Edmund Cuyper of Tarkley towards his exhibitory in Cambridge  
 out one dunnetye or yearly rent of Tenne poundes to be payed and goinge out of the Mannor of  
 of Corwyke that belongeth not to the psonage of Corwyke, To haue and to houlde to him for terme  
 of Tenne years, next after my decease, yf the said John shall lye longe lyfe, at the ffesty of the  
 Annuntyon of the blessed Virgyn Mary and Saut Michell the Drhamyngell yearly to be payed  
 by equalle portions, the first payment thereof to be payed at such of the said ffesty as shall fortune to  
 be next after my decease with lawfull authorite to him and his assignes to distrayne w<sup>h</sup> in the said  
 Mannor for the said dunnetye and yearly rent at any tyme when the same or any parte thereof  
 shall fortune to be behinde and unpaid: And to William Cuyper of Lodbowe Esqoller that hath  
 greute impediment in his sight ffourty shillinges by the year towards his exhibitory to be goinge  
 out of the said Mannor, To haue and to houlde to him duringe the lyke tyme w<sup>h</sup> list chardyn and  
 to be payed at lyke ffesty with lyke aucthorite.

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 in respect of the gift of the  
 vnto the psonage of Corwyke  
 Babington

**Warrant**

That I Richard Cuyper Esquire the eighteenth daie of September  
 out of my hand fyve hundred eighty three doe confesse that I before this tyme haue becom my will  
 and testment in the which I haue bestowed sundry legacies as maie appere in the said becom  
 written with my owne hand, I doe further give and bequeath these legacies followinge (w<sup>h</sup>) I haue  
 I give unto Walter Cuyper of Lille Harford Twentie poundes. Item I doe give and bequeath unto  
 John Webb Junior ffourty poundes which I promised unto him at his marriage and thirtent poundes  
 sixe shillinges eight pence which I promised to give unto him to buyt his ffreedome in Ludlowe. Item



I give and bequeath unto Jane Eaton Twentie poundes. Item I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Howard  
poundes. Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Coote my dook out dove. Item I give and bequeath unto  
Walker Seyos Sixt poundes thirtene shillings four pence and my white gelding. Item I doe give and  
bequeath unto Roger May clerk vicar of the parish church of Downe one pasture with the appurtenances called  
Stange Lake from the feast of the Annunciation of our blessed lady next unto the end and terme of eight  
yeares then next and immediately to be ransomed and ended. Item I give and bequeath unto my wife  
one dove. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Penell my serbant the steward of Stowe lake after  
said eight yeares asme given shall be ended for the terme of his life. Item I give and assigne unto Richard  
Carter and Richard yet my serbant all the residue of my yeares that whiche I have purchased in a lease  
of my house in Worcester adjoining to the palace gate. Item I give unto my Neighbour John Moore my  
booke of Cronicles: And I doe alsoe confirme his copie whiche he doth holde of me for out and of hand  
whiche my hand is not yet subscribed unto. Item I doe give and assigne unto Alice Christophers daughter  
of George Christophers the vicar or parson of my will that is of my water mill and wind mill for and  
during the terme of tenne yeares next and immediately after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto  
my wife Elizabeth Twentie poundes towardes his ransome. Doro of Downe. Item I give and  
bequeath unto Francis Coote my serbant out of the residue with his furniture. Item I give and bequeath  
unto Elizabeth Carter his wife of Edmund Carter Thirtie poundes. Item I give unto Richard  
Colles my godson one dove. Item upon Condition that Thomas Seyos and Jane his wife doe release  
unto Richard Cupper of Staunton all the interest and right that he hath in his house and assignes which he  
in Staunton aforesaid or else whiche of any lands or tenements now in the occupation of the said (Richard)  
or his assignes I doe give and graunt unto the said Thomas and Jane their heirs forever All and all maner  
of the same house and other maner of things in the parish of Downe to me due and belonging and the  
same ransomed called the house and alsoe the same water mill with the appurtenances. If  
they refuse this to doe then my will and mynde is that the said Richard Cupper shall have the said  
house and the same water mill to him and his heirs forever. Item upon condition that George Christophers and  
Catherine his wife doe release unto Richard Cupper of Staunton all the right interest and title that they  
have in his house or assignes which he hath in Staunton aforesaid or in any other the  
lands or tenements now in the occupation of the said Richard or his assignes I doe give and graunt unto  
the said George and Catherine and their heirs forever my maner of Warkhill now in the occupation of  
Thomas Carter or his assignes. If they refuse this to doe then my will and mynde is that the said Richard  
shall have the said maner to him and his heirs forever. Item I doe give and bequeath unto Richard Cupper  
of Staunton and to his heirs forever the same water mill with the appurtenances. Item I doe give and  
bequeath unto Dorothy Cigger Tenne poundes to her marriage. Item I give and bequeath to Anne Hughes  
my serbant sixt shillings eight pence. Item I doe give and bequeath to Margaret Cigger the wife of  
John Cigger Twentie poundes. Item I doe give and bequeath to William Colles my serbant two doves.  
Item I give and bequeath unto Edward Comber my serbant three sheep. Item I doe forgive unto  
John Cigger all the debts whiche he doth owe unto me. All the rest of my good things I bequeath  
I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Cupper my brother and Catherine Christophers whome I doe make  
my sole Exequitors to pay my debts discharge my legacies and to see my body honestly brought to the  
church: And I doe constitute and desire Edmund Colles Esquire to be Overseer that this my will may  
be duly performed according to my true meaning and for his pains I doe give him my best golden  
spoon. Item I doe give unto Anne Catherine and John three daughters of George Christophers  
every one of them a featherbed. Item I doe give unto Jane Seyos my best carpet. Item I doe give  
and bequeath unto my wife mourning garments at the discretion of my Overseers. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my wife Colles my doublet cloth of needlework. Item I give and bequeath to my  
sister Stott my cushion of needlework. Item I give and assigne unto William Carter my husband  
in consideration of his service and other things the least of my maner of Downe in the parsonage of  
Salop. Item I give and assigne unto Thomas Carter my husband the least of my maner in St  
Johns in Bedwode. Item I give and bequeath unto William Hayes sixt shillings of mourning.  
Item I give and bequeath to Francis Cupper son of Richard Cupper of Staunton Thirtie  
poundes. Item I doe give and bequeath unto Jane Eaton my gray mare. Item I doe give and  
bequeath unto my sister Stott my house maner and all things that is in the same house I doe confirme

to be pteced of my last will and Testaments, I doe alsoe give and bequeath unto the church of a  
 wite bindit over a booke called witefoord, in the Success high way leadinge from Sabroth  
 towards y<sup>e</sup> Dividede Streete Hillinged. Item I doe give and bequeath unto Jane Mitgall  
 children Tenne pounde. Item I forgive unto John Holloway Tenne pounde of the debt which he  
 oweth me. Item I doe forgive unto William Comby of Saynt all the debt which he by bill or othe  
 dothe owe unto me. Alsoe I doe give and bequeath unto Dorothy Cupper daughter of Henry Cupper  
 towards the pteced of her marriage the bond which she and I doe have by me. Item  
 I doe give unto Thomas Pennell and Richard Attermy serbaunt the bed which they had by me. Item  
 I doe give unto John Cantow in consideration of his longe service a lease in the town four out and  
 mynde is my executor shall conferre all the aforesaided debt of Dorothy Hillinged. Item I doe  
 forgive unto Thomas Past all such debt as he shall have due unto me in his decess.

Item I doe give and  
 bequeath unto Suzanne  
 Cooke wife of Thomas  
 Cooke all the moveable  
 stuff in my house in wote

Willelmo Cupperi 1587  
 De bonis non ad opus  
 Cupperi ad in des. Non onus  
 De bono filio de Jure. Et op. act.

**Decimo die**

quarto: emanavit commissio Johanni Cupperi filii naturali et legitimo defuncti ad administrand  
 bona iura et redditu dicti defuncti, iuxta tenorem testamenti huius de beate ety in plena Publici Say notarij  
 quod testamenti nominat ex certis tunc et animo suo in capite iuste merito ety executoris testamenti

**In the name of God amen,**

**W**hereas I have given and bequeathed unto the church of a wite bindit over a booke called witefoord, in the Success high way leadinge from Sabroth towards y<sup>e</sup> Dividede Streete Hillinged. Item I doe give and bequeath unto Jane Mitgall children Tenne pounde. Item I forgive unto John Holloway Tenne pounde of the debt which he oweth me. Item I doe forgive unto William Comby of Saynt all the debt which he by bill or othe dothe owe unto me. Alsoe I doe give and bequeath unto Dorothy Cupper daughter of Henry Cupper towards the pteced of her marriage the bond which she and I doe have by me. Item I doe give unto Thomas Pennell and Richard Attermy serbaunt the bed which they had by me. Item I doe give unto John Cantow in consideration of his longe service a lease in the town four out and mynde is my executor shall conferre all the aforesaided debt of Dorothy Hillinged. Item I doe forgive unto Thomas Past all such debt as he shall have due unto me in his decess.

**T**he  
 Signe  
 of  
 Skyppe

**Exorobatum**

fuit suprascriptum testamentum argud London: coram venerabili in  
 tercio die mensis Octobris Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo  
 nono publico procuratore Elizabetha Skyppe, Pellet et executoris ety ety commissi

**In the name of God amen,**

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