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The said parts to her and her assigns during her life Item I will that xx
 Elizabeth my wife shall have paid her by my Executor over and above what
 is already given her the five pound which is in my brother Johns hand
 and was her own money for the performance of the said legacies to my
 wife I bind all my messuages and household land in Hunstanton aforesaid
 first to hold and enjoy the same and dispose thereof until her said forty
 shilling and some yearly be paid with the due performance of the rest of
 my bequest and be paid all such charges as shall be occasioned to her by such
 performance hereof Item I give to Ann my daughter sixty shilling
 a year to be paid every year until she shall come to the age of one
 and twenty years and then I will she shall have twenty pound the
 sixty shilling to be paid quarterly the legacies to be paid by my Executor
 Item I give to John my son twenty pound to be paid him within
 one year after the said Ann shall be might have to the age of one
 and twenty years if she had lived for performance of which two
 last legacies I bind all my land in Hunstanton they to enter and enjoy
 the same to them and their assigns until a full satisfaction of each of
 legacies be made Item I give to the poor of the parish of Hunstanton five
 shilling Item I make and Ordaine Edward my Sonne my sole Executor
 to receive my debts and pay my debts and performe my legacies and to
 bring my body to the ground In witness whereof I have set
 my hand and Sealed the day and year above written William Staff
 Memorandum that if the said John shall not come and make a demand upon
 some parts of my said land within five years after it ought to be paid
 then I will that Ann my said daughter shall have ten pound parts
 of the twenty pound bequeathed to John above said Sealed and
 delivered in the presence of us Job Dodder John Woodroves Margery Dodder
 November the eight one thousand six hundred fifty five I also will
 that Barbara the wife of John Willes shall have twenty shilling p
 annuum during her natural life to be paid by equal portions quarterly
 out of my lands and tenements aforesaid witness Job Dodder the
 maner of Hodon Wood.

This Will was proved at London before the Judges for probate of Wills
 and granting of Administration lawfull authorized the xxix
 Nynthenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand six
 hundred fifty five by the oath of Thomas Staffer the sonne and
 Executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was
 committed of all and singular the goods chattels and debts of the
 said deceased he being first sworn by vertue of a commission issued
 forth truly to Administration of.

In the name of God Amen

William Staff

the Twelveth day of July one thousand six hundred fifty five I
 William Staff of London in the County of Suffolke Husbandman, being
 of good and perfect memory doe now declare and make this my present
 Testament and last will in manner and forme following. Item I give
 and bequeath unto William Staff my sonne all my moveable goods
 chattels debts ready money bills bonds and household stuffe of what so ever

nature or condition; but my minde and will is, that Henry Coubold of Weydon
 in the Countie of Suff: yeoman and John Mages of Wanganford in the said County
 yeoman as frionde that I putt in trust shall have full power to dispose of all
 my goode and personall estate what so ever as to make off all expences of the same
 as they shall thinke fitt for the use of William my sonne untill he shall accomplish
 the full age of one and twenty yeares, and then my minde and will is, that the said
 Henry Coubold and John Mages or thore heires or Assignes shall lett him have the
 one halfe of all my goode and personall estate. And then my minde and will is
 that the said Henry Coubold and John Mages shall lett him have the residue of my
 goode and personall estate when he shall accomplish the full age of four and
 twenty yeares, and to give the said Henry Coubold and John a generall acquittance
 for a discharge of the same. And further it is my minde and will that if it shall
 so fall out that William my sonne shall not live to accomplish the full age of
 one and twenty yeares that I doe then give and bequeath unto Elizabeth
 daughter my sister the full somme of Ten poundes of lawfull English monie
 to be paid by my Executors within one quarter of a yeare next after my
 decease. And all the residue of my goode and personall estate all charges being
 deducted out, I wholly give and bequeath unto Mary Staff and William Staff
 my brother's sonne and daughter to be divided betwene Thomas my Executor
 shall see cause to the one more and to the other lesse. And I doe nominate
 and appointe Henry Coubold and John Mages to be Executors of this
 my last will and Testament hoping that they for favour in the said power
 shall live will for the same performed In witness whereof I the said
 William Staff to this my present will and Testament have put to my
 hand and Seale and published the same in the presence of William Staff
 his marke. This beareth his marke Elizabeth his wife her marke: /

This Will was proved at London before the Judges for probate of a
 Will and granting of Administrations lawfully authorized the thirteenth
 day of May in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty six
 by the oathe of Henry Coubold and John Mages Executors named in the
 said Will to whom Administration was committed of all the goode chattels
 and debte of the said deceased, they being, they being first sworn by
 vertue of a Commission issued forth to the effect kinde to the Minister of

In the name of God Amen I Rogon

Rogon Symson:

Symson of Beartost in the Countie of Suffolke Tayler though sick and
 weak in body yet whole in minde and in good confort and in the
 be of Almighty God doe hereby ordaine and make this my last will and
 Testament And first I commend my soule to God who gave it, and my
 body to the grave. Item I give unto my wife Mary during my life, all
 my honser and Concomite together with the Orchard wauce and garden
 the same unto belonging situate and being in Beartost aforesaid, and one
 Messuagge or Concomit situate in Lavenham, And after the decease
 of my said wife I give those my Concomits in Beartost unto my sonne
 John provided that he pay out of it twenty poundes. Twenty poundes
 to my sonne Robert one yeare after the decease of my said wife and
 twenty poundes unto my sonne George two yeares after his decease.
 Next I give unto my sonne Thomas after the decease of my said wife
 that my Messuagge or Concomit in Lavenham aforesaid provided that he
 pay out of it fifteen poundes unto my daughter Anne two yeares after