

In the Name of God Amen John Nodes of Pirton in the county of hertford Gent being at this present time not very well in bodily health but of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding praised bee Almighty God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of all mankind the certainty of death and the uncertain time thereof and that it ought to set my house in order before my change shall come doe make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say

First and Principally I Recommend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and maker hoping and stedfastly believing in by and through the sole merits death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sinns and bee made partaker of life everlasting in the Kingdome of Heaven And as for my body I Commit it to the earth whereof it was made to bee buried in such decent and Christianlike manner as my Executrix hereinafter named shall thinke most fit and convenient And for that Wordly Estate which it hath pleased Almighty God of his goodnesse to bestowe upon mee and blesse mee withal I give and dispose the same as followeth

Inprimis I give devise and bequeath unto my loving mother Susan Nodes All that my Messuage Tennement or Farmehouse with the Appurtenantes situate standing and being in hollowell in the County of Bedford commonly called or Knowne by the name of Norfolkes Farmhouse And alsoe all the houses outhouses dovehouses buildings barnes stables orchards gardens lands meadows pastures woods underwoods Tennements and hereditamenta with the appurtenances to the said Messuage Tennement or Farmhouse belonging or in any wise appertaining And alsoe all my estate right title interest property possession reversion Equity of Redemption claime and demand whatsoever of into or out of the said Messuage Tennement or Farmehouse lands meadows pastures Tennements heriditaments and appurtenances and every or any parte or parcel thereof

To have and to hold the said Messuage Tennements or Farmhouse and all other the premises aforesaid with their and every of their appurtenances unto my said loving mother Susan Nodes and to her heirs and Assigns for ever

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said loving mother Susan Nodes All that my Messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances situate standing and being in a certain streete called Bancroft streete in Hitchin in the County of Hertford aforesaid now in the tenure or occupation of one Benjamine Moreland Gent. To have and to hold the said Messuage or Tennement with Appurtenances and every parte and parcell thereof unto the said Susan Nodes her heires and Assignes for ever.

Item all my ready money Jewells plate household stuffe cattell goods and chattels whatsoever after my debts legacies and funeral expences shall bee discharged and paid I give and devise and bequeathr unto my said loving mother Susan Nodes whome I doe make constitute and appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I the said John Nodes have to this my last Will and Testament contained in these three sheets of paper sett my hand and my hand and seale to the to the first and last of them this twentieth day of December In the third yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James the second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno Domini One Thousand six hundred Eighty Seaven John Nodes Signed Sealed Published Declared as the last Will and Testament of the said John Nodes the word devise being first interlined in the presence of Francis Fielde Jane Nodes Ann Ansell John Firby

Probate granted in London 10<sup>th</sup> December 1688 to Susan Nodes mother & Executrix