

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of Helena Sam 17th September 1664

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In the Name of God Amen In the Thirteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith I Hellen Sam of Pirton in the County of Hertford widow being now not in perfect health of body but of good memory blessed be God for it Doe now therefore make and ordaine this my last will and testament

And first above all things I desire to commit my Soule unto the hands of Almighty God my faithfull Creator And to Jesus Christ my gracefull and gracious Saviour and Redeemer And my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried therein And as for my Worldy Estate and goods which God hath sent me I give and bequeath them in manner and Forme following

And First I give and bequeath unto my Sonne Robert Same twenty shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne John Same thirty pounds of good money to be paid him within two years after my decease And if he lives not to that tyme his legacie shall beequally divided amongst his Children

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Michaelll twenty shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne William Sam thirty pounds of good money to be paid him within three years after my decease and if he lives not till that tyme his children shall have his Legacy devided equally amongst them

Item I give and bequeath Edward Sam thirty pounds of good money to be paid him within three years after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughyter Joane Marriott twenty pounds of good money to be paid her within one yeare after my decease and if she dye before that tyme then those Foure Children of hers shall have her legacie devided equally amongst them

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Sam thirty pounds of good money to be paid her when she comes to the age of one and twenty years

And also I give her my great Trunke and halfe those goods that are within it the other halfe of those goods I give unto my daughter Joane Marriott and to her daughter Ann Marriott to hae them together

I give and bequeath unto aforesaid my daugther – Elizabeth the bedd in the best chamber and the curtains and vallens And the new Feather bed and the Boulster And the two best Coverlids and the great Silver Bole and the great Brasse Pann and one dozen of Pewter

whereof the great Platter to be one of the dozen And the little and the great Kittle without the Back And the Pewter candlestick And the middle Porrige Pott And the Biggest Pott Possett and the brasse ladle And also two stocks of Bees.

Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Marriott that dwelleth now with me Tenn pounds of good money to be paid her at one and twenty years of Age And I give her the Brasse Pann one Dozen ronde Napkins and a long Tablecloth and a short tablecloth And the worst Redd Coverlidd and a white Blankett and a yellow Blankett

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joane Marriott and my daughter Elizabeth Sam and Ann Marriott all my wearing apparel to be equally devided amongst them

Item all my other goods unbeqwueathed my debts and legacies being paid And funeral expences discharged

I give and bequeath And also the new hovell that is now setting up unto my sonne Richard Sam whom I make my whole executor of this my last Will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the thirteenth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God 1664