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Will of William Beard Junior, of Sarsden, 1701

In the name of God Amen I William Beard the younger of Sarsden in this County of Oxon yeoman being aged and infirm in body but of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding Doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) Impr[im]is I recommend and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for eternall salvation through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer My body to the earth to be decently buried in such sort and manner ^{as} to my Executes hereafter named shall seem meet And as for and some thing such temporall estate as it hath pleased God of his goodnes to love me I give and dispose thereof in manner followinge (that is to say) Impri[mi]s I give and bequeath unto my deare Mother Mary Beard All that my messuage or tenem[en]t and all other my lands tenements and here hereditament^l w[i]th their and every of their appurtenants ^{in Sarsden aforsaid} to have and to hold the same and to take and receive the rent issues and proffitte thereof for and duringe the forme of her natural life and from and after her decease I give and bequeath the said land tenem[en]ts and premisses to my loving freind Andrew Paxford of Boreton on the water in the County of Gloucester Baker to have and to hold to him his Executors and Administrators for and dureing and untill such time as my daughter Mary shall have attained her full age of one and twenty yeares in trust nevertheless to and for and towards the education good breeding up and maintenance of ^{my} said daughter Mary and from and after such time as my said daughter Mary shall have attained her [full] (*ink mark*) age of one and twenty year[s] (*smudged*) I give and bequeath the said lands tenem[en]ts and premisses unto my said daughter Mary her Executors and Administrators Item I give and bequeath unto my said freind Andrew Paxford the sum[m]e of Five pounds for and in leiu of his trouble in the execution of this my Will Item I give and bequeath unto the said Andrew Paxford all my goods cattle and chattles debts rights creditts whatsoever and wheresoever In trust nevertheles that he the said Andrew Paxford his Executor[s] and Administrators do and shall out of this interest (*unreadable*) produce and increase thereof manitein and educate my said daughter in learning and an education suteable to her intended fortune and estate until such time as my said daughter shall have attained her

full age of one and twenty yeares or shall be married w[i]th the consent and good likeing of the said Andrew Paxford and from and after such my said daughters marriage or her attainm[en]t of her full age of one and twenty yeares which shall first happen I give and bequeath all and singular the premisses unto my said daughter Mary and her Ex[ecu]tors Admin[istrators] Providers allwayes and is in my will and minde that if my said daughter shall happen to die before such her marriage as aforesaid or her attainment of the Age of one and twenty yeares I give and bequeath all my goods & chattles and premisses to my said loving freind Andrew Paxford his Ex[ecutors] and Adm[inistrators] Item Lastly I make and ordein the said Andrew Paxford sole and full Execute of this my last Will and testam[en]t hereby revoakeing all former and other Wills by me at any time heretobefore made It being my desire also that the said Andrew Paxford his Exec[utors] and Admin[istrators] shall & may deduct and take out of the premisses hereby a given ^{not only} the said Sum[m]e of Five pounds my debts and funerall expenses but all his necessary and reasonable expenses and disbursements in the pooving this my Will and his manageing and good ordering the trust hereby vested and reposed In witing whereof I the said William Beard have hereunto sett my hand and seale the Eleaventh day of January 1700

This Will was subscribed Sealed and published by the Testato[r] William Beard in our presence and subscribed by us as witness and the Testato[r] presence

William Beard (his mark)

John Prescott

Probate granted on 10th May 1701 by John Cooke & Tho[mas] Aylofffe to Andrew Paxford – Execut[or] at Oxford

George Cooper Reg^{try} Deputy

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¹ property which descends to the heir under common law