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Will of Dorothy Bourne, Widow, Ripridge, Ombersley, 1653

In the Name of God Amen

I Dorothy Bourne of Ripridge within the Parish of Ombersley in the County of Warwick[shire]

Widdow being sick of body but of good and perfect memory I thank Almighty god

Doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and Forme

Following That is to say First I Commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty

god my maker hoping assuredly through the only merritts and mercies of Jesus

Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to bee made partaker of life everlasting And I

Commend my body to the Earth from where it came desireing my Executors

and Overseers hereunder named to see the same decently buried within the Parish

Church of Ombersley aforesaid Item I give and bequeath to the Parishioners of

Ombersley aforesaid to be layed out by the Churchwardens for the tyme being in a

Cushion and Pulpitt Cloth forty Shillings to be payed unto the Sayd Churchwardens

by my Executors hereafter named within three months next after my Decease Item I give and

bequeath unto the poore people of the Sayd Parish of Ombersley Tenn pounds And to the

Poore of the Parish Elmley South tenn shillings And to the poore of Droytewich and the

hillend Five Pounds And to the poore of the parish of Shirley seventy Shillings to bee distributed as

aforesayd by my Executors and Overseers hereafter named or by their

Appointment at their discretion or there upon the day of my Funerall or upon the next

Saboth Day after Item I give and bequeath unto Six poore Widdows or poore old men

of the sayd Parish of Ombersley such as my Executors and Overseers shall

think fitt tenn shillings apeece to bee bestowed in Apparell for them or otherwise as

they shall find most in need Item I give and bequeath unto my brother James

Nash of Martley in the County of Worcester gentleman and unto my Kinsman Richard Nash of Saint Peters neare Droytewich in the sayd County of Worcester gentleman the sum of One hundred pounds which is now due and owing unto me by bond from one John Bourne of the sayd Parish of Martley in the Sayd County of Worcester gentleman to be Employed according to the rules intents and purposes hereafter explained (next) to bee by them Sett forth uppon the Consideration after the rule of Six pounds per Annum for the sayd hundred pounds to such person or persons as they shall thinke fitt And to have the sayd consideration money which shall growe due for the sayd hundred pounds to be payd at the end of every six months into the hands of Frances Symonds wife of Thomas Symonds of the Parish of Clayers in the sayd County of Worcester gentleman Next Three pounds at every six months and during her naturell life or in default of such payment Then the sayd James and Richard Nash to soe and ??? the Same of and from such as are born afor the same And after the decease of the sayd Frances Symonds Then the Consideration of the sayd hundred pounds to be quarterly payd as aforesaid to such Child or Children as the sayd Frances shall have then living until such tyme as such Child or Children shall accomplish the Full age or ages of one and twenty years and then the sayd Child or Children doe Accomplishing the Full age or ages of one and twenty years to have the sayd Some of one hundred pounds ?? all money payd them If in the meane tyme the same married part thereof doe not ??? or happen to bee last against the good wills of the sayd James amd Richard Nash or so much of the sayd hundred pounds as may bee saved and kept But if the sayd Frances happen to Decease and produce noe issue of her body lawfully begotten Then and Immediately after the Decease of the sayd Frances Dyinge without Issue of her body then living or if such issue happen to Decease before the sayd age or

ages of one and twenty yeares as aforesayd The sayd some of one hundred pounds and all Consideration then in for the forbearance of the same to them and bee unto the rules and behoofe of the sayd Richard Nash his Executor Administrator or assigne

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman John Nash of Droytewich in the County of Worcester gentleman the some of tenn pounds besides all the costs and charges by mee discharged

in repairinge his house wherein I now dwell Item I give and bequeath unto John Nash

Sonn of the sayd John Nash before named Twenty pounds to be payd by my Executors

hereafter named within six months next after my Decease Item I give and bequeath

unto my Kinswoman Elizabeth Burton now wife of John Burton the some of Three

?? pounds And my best bed Coverlid and a paire of my best blanketts to be payd

and delivered unto her by my sayd Executors within six months next after my

Decease Item I give and bequeath unto every Sonn and Daughter which shal bee living

at the tyme of my of my brother James Nash by him begotten on the body of

the Daughter of Mistris Bromwich being his second Wife tenn shillings apeece to buy

them rings Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Humfrey Nash of the Citty of

Worcester Clothier Sonn of my brother Humfrey Nash Deceased Twenty pounds to bee

payd unto him by my sayd Executors within six months next after my Decease Item

I give and bequeath unto my Sister in Law Ellinor Peelehouse twenty shillings to buy

her a ring Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Kinsman William Amphlett of

Martley and Frances his wife Twenty shillings apeece And to their Daughters Mary

Molley and Frances Cope and to Henry Cope her husband tenn shillings apeece to

buy them rings Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Tomkins my Servant the Some

of six pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence Item I give and bequeath unto

Richard Bourne my godson and servant the some of tenn pounds Item I give and

bequeath unto Ann Medwell wife of Henry Medwell twenty shillings Item I give and bequeath unto Ann Porontey?? Widdow of my Servant thirteen Shillings foure pence Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Ann Longmore Twenty pounds to bee payd unto her by my Executors hereafter named within six months next after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Elizabeth Yarworth Twenty pounds to be payd unto her by my Executors hereafter named within six months next after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Wills the younger the Lease Land that I doe hould of one Francis Lamb during the Terme of the Lease a ? period Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Kinsman Richard Harman sonn of Robert Harman of Radston Deceased the some of Fifty pounds to be payd by my Executors unto him within twelve months next after my Decease Item I give and bequeath to my loving Friend John Pardoe of Poyle in the sayde County of Worcester yeoman whom I desire to bee one of the Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament the some of three pounds to buy him a ringe Item I give and bequeath to my brother James Nash before named the some of Forty pounds over and besides the some Three ?? pounds which he nowe oweth to mee Which I doe hereby freely ?? and release unto him Item I give unto my three Servants nowe dwelling with mee the some of nyne pounds That is to saye Three pounds apeece to be equally payd between them Item I give and bequeath unto John Smith of the parrish of Dansall Forty shillings Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Stafford and Roger Wills my old Servants Thirteen shillings Foure pence apeece All the Rest of my money goods Cattells and Chattels whatsoever my Funerall expenses being first Discharged I give and bequeath unto my brother James Nash and to my loving Kinsman Richard

Nash before named whom I Doe hereby make ordaine nominate and appoint to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament And I doe hereby desire my loving Kinsman Richard Harman and my loving Friend John Pardoe to be the Overseers of this my sayd last Will and Testament And I doe hereby revoke all Former Wills and Testaments whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunder put my hand and Seale the Fourth Day of October Anno Domini one thousand six hundred Fifty three Dorothy Bourne her marke Signed Sealed and published in the presence of us Christian Tolly her marke Elizabeth Tomkins her marke Elizabeth Wills her marke

This Will was proved at Westminst[er] the Seventeenth Day of February in the yeare of our Lord god acordinge to the Computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred Fifty and three before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting of Administrations lawfully Authorized by the oaths of James Nash and Richard Nash Joynt Executors named in the sayd Will To whom was Committed Administration full and singular the goods Chattles and Debts of the sayd Deceased They being First Sworne by ?? of a Commission will and truly to Administer the same.

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