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Will of S[i]r John Walter, Baronet, of Sarsden, 1723

In the Name of God Amen

I S[i]r John Walter of Sarsden in the County of Oxon Baronet being
In perfect health Do make and ordain this to be my last Will Imprimis
I give and devise unto my dear Wife Elizabeth (in default of Heirs of
my Body begotten or to be begotten either born in my Lifetime or
after my decease or whensoever any default shall happen of such
Heirs) All my Manors Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments
whatsoever and wheresoever To hold to my said Wife during her Widow
hood And from and after her decease or Marriage which shall first
happen I give and devise the same unto my Brother Robert Walter
and his Heirs forever And I give to my said Wife full power at
anytime during her Widowhood by Indenture under her Lands and
Seal to Lease all or any part of the said Manors Lands and Premisses
to any person or persons for any form of Number of years not
exceeding one and twenty years to com[m]ence in possession or within
the space of one year next after the making thereof so as upon
every such Lease there be reserved and made payable during the
continuance of the same the most and best improved yearly Rent
that can be reasonably had for the premisses or any part thereof
that shall be so Leased without takeing any Sum[m]e or Sum[m]es of
Mony or other thing be way of Fine for or in respect of any such
Lease And so as no such Lease be made dispunishable of Wast by
any express words therein to be contain[e]d And so there be contain[e]d
in every such Lease a Clause of Reentry for non-payment of the
Rent or Rents thereby to be reserve[e]d and usual and reasonable
Covenants And so as the Lessee and Lessees to whom any such Lease
shall be made as aforesaid Seal and deliver a Counterpart thereof
Item I give and bequeath unto my said dear Wife for ever all
such Jewells as I shall have or be posses[e]d of at the time of my

decease and the Furniture of the Bed Chamber wherein my Wife and I usually lye in my Dwelling House at Sarsden and the pictures of me and my Wife which hang in the Gallery at Sarsden and also the picture of me and my Wife in one peice drawn by S[i]r Godfrey Kneller Item I give to my said Wife during her Widowhood the use of all my Silver Plate and all the residue of my Household goods and Furniture which shall be in my said Dwelling House at Sarsden at the time of my decease And from and after her decease or Marriage which shall first happen I Give my said Silver Plate and the said residue of my Household goods and Furniture to my said Brother Robert Walter his Executors and Administrators. Item I give and bequeath to the Right Hon[our]able Simon Lord Harcourt Baron of Stanton Harcourt the Sum[m]e of One Thousand pounds to be paid to him within Six Months next after my decease Item I do make and Appoint S[i]r John Stonhouse of Radly in the County of Berks Baronett and my Brother in Law Thomas Vernon Esq[uir]e Executors of this my last Will and Testament And I give to each of them the Sume of Fifty pounds for their Care therein to be paid to each of them within Six Months next after my decease And I give to my said Executors all the rest and Residue of my Goods Chattles and personal Estate whatsoever not hereby otherwise specifically dispos[e]d of In Trust nevertheless for the Payment of my Debts and Legacys if the same will extend so far And in case there shall be any Surplus after payment of my said Debts and Legacys Then In Trust as to such Surplus for my said Brother Robert Walter his Executors and Administrators. And my Will and meaning is that all and every my said Manors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments so as aforesaid devised shall nevertheless in the first place stand charged with the payment of the said Sum[m]e of One Thousand pounds to the said Simon Lord Harcourt and the said Fifty pounds apiece to my said Executors and all and every such Debts as I shall owe at the time

of my decease which my personal Estate bequeathed to my said Executors as aforesaid shall not be sufficient to pay and satisfy And my express Will is that neither my Jewells pictures or Furniture of my Bed Chamber herein before bequeathed to my said Wife forever as aforesaid nor my said Silver Plate nor my said Household goods or Furniture the use whereof is herein before bequeathed to my said dear Wife during her Widowhood and after her decease or Marriage to my said Brother Robert Walter as aforesaid shall be lyable to the payment of any of my said Debts or Legacys due provision being hereby otherwise made for the payment thereof as aforesaid. And I Recommend if to my said Brother Robert Walter during his Lifetime carefully to preserve my Silver Fountain Inscribed to her late Majesty Queen Anne of ever Blessed Memory And by his last Will or otherwise as he shall think most proper so to give or Dispose of the said Silver Fountain that the same may after his decease go or remain to such person or persons to or on whom he shall think fit to give or Settle my said Dwelling House at Sarsden It being my earnest Desire that the same may be therein perpetually preserved in Rememberance of my Duty and Gratitude to her said late Majesty and of the Honour which I bear to her Memory And lastly I do hereby revoke All and every Will and Wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be my only and my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said S[i]r John Walter have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Thirtyeth Day of October in the Fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith E[xcete]r And in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighteen (Jo[hn]Walter) Signed sealed and published By the said S[i]r John Walter the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his desire and in his presence in testimony thereof have Sett our Hands – Martha Vernon Charles Cor, Samual Rock

Probate granted in London by John Andrew surrogate to John Bettesworth 9th March 1722 to John Stonehouse Baronet & Thomas Vernon Esq[uires] the Executors named in this Will

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