

The National Archives Prob 11/590**Will of Sir John Walter, of Sarsden, 1630**

Jesus

I S[i]r John Walter of Sarsden in the county of Oxford Knight make this my last will and testament in manner followinge, First I commend my Soule to Jesus Christ my Lord and onely saviour assuredly hopeinge that through the mercie of god and meritts of Christs holy passion which he suffered for mee and all beleevers He will conduct and place my soule amongst the blessed soules of the elect children of god, Touchinge my bodie I leave the same to be buried at the discretion of my executor Concerninge the temporall estate which it hath pleased allmightie god to lend mee in this world for which I give him hartie thankes I dispose thereof as followeth, First I doe hereby ratifie and confirme the guifts that I have made for the perpetuall mayntenance of a Preacher at Churchill, The increase of the livinge of the parson of Sarsden, and for the maintenance of five fellowes and five schollers in Jesus Colledge in Oxford, And I doe hereby truly declare, That in the lifetime of my first wife I made a Feofment of the Mannors of Sarsden and Lyneham to the use of myself and my heires, To th[e]intent to inable myself to dispose of the same; I give to my daughters Elizabeth and Margarett which are unmarried the some of two thousand five hundred poundes a peece for their severall marriage portions. To be paid unto them at their daies of marriage or age of eightene yeares which shall first happen. And I will that my executor shall pay to each of my said daughters the some of fower score pounds yearely for their maintenance until their said age or marriage that their portions be paid And that to be paid them quarterlie at Christmas, our Ladie day Midsommer and Michaelmas The first payment to be made at such of the said Feasts as shall first and next happen after my decease, And I will that if my executor hereafter named shall marrie againe Then shee shall give good security to my overseers hereafter named to pay my said daughters their portions and yearely maintenance in manner aforesaid. I doe desire my executor and overseers hereafter named that they have care to the bringeing up of my children, principally in the feare of god and the knowledge of the true religion now established amongst us, and then in such qualities as they maie have good by in their life followinge, Whereas I have assured certaine land to David my sonne revocable at my pleasure; My will and meaninge is That my executor and overseers hereafter named shall take the issues and profitts thereof untill my said

sonne doe come to the age of twenty one yeares. And therewith to maintaine him to schoole and learninge in the best and most profitable manner. And I would have my sonne to undertake the profession of the lawe or some other honest profession, to the glory of god and good of his Countrie, and not live idley or vainely And the residue of the profitts of the same lands not imploied in his necessarie mayntenance my said executor and overseers shall paie to my said sonne, or laie out in land for him at their discretion at his age of twenty one yeares, I divide two parts of my land whereof I shalle seized in fee at the time of my decease; To my eldest sonne and the heirs males of his Bodie, And for want of such issue to David my sonne and his heirs of his bodie, And for want of such issue to Mary Elizabeth and Margarett my daughters and their heires forever, I give to everie of the p[er]sons whose names are subscribed at the end of this my will with my owne hand a ringe to the value of three pounds a peece, I give the some of one hundred and twentie pounds to the townes of Sarsden, Churchill Lyneham, Woolvercott, Twicknam and the parishe of the Savoy ^{That is} To everie of them twenty pounds to raise a stocke for the releife of the poore there, for which I wishe my executors and overseers to advise some course for the performance and security thereof Also I give twentie poundes to the poore of Chepingnorton for reliefe of their poore accordingly All my bookes at the Temple or elsewhere, except at Sarsden, and all my note books and paper bookes, I give to David my sonne hopinge he will professe and followe the studie of the lawe w[hi]ch I desire my executor carefully to preserve for him. I give to my cosen Ales Bell the some of twenty poundes. To be paid within one moneth after my decease I desire my executor to make a convenient monument over my buriall place expressinge the person of myself my two wives and children I will that the legacies given by this will shalbe paid out of my personall personall estate And if that will not suffice, Then out of the those leases which were made out of Churchill Cutslowe and Bruerne groundes other then such as are part of my wifes ioyniture duringe the continuance thereof; which leases were made to my use before the purchase of the said land And after my legacies and guiftes made and paid as aforesaid, I will that the said leases and profitts of them shall goe to such persons as shall have the said mannors and landes by anie guift from mee or as heire to mee, I make my lovinge and comfortable wife dame Anne Walter my sole executor of this my last will, Hereby revokinge all other wills by mee heretofore made I make my Cosens S[i]r Willyam Walter and M[iste]r Robert Bell and my sonne in law John Cope esquire overseers of this my will, desiringe them to have care to see the same performed, I give to everie of my said overseers the some of twentie poundes a peece and a gueldinge to

be chosen by

them as they are beforenamed out of my sadle gueldinges, I give to every of my men servants three poundes a peece, And to everie my mayd servants fourtie shillings a peece, To be paid them the next day after my funerall I give to my eldest sonne the furniture of my house at Sarsden, the impliments of houshold in and aboute the same; the white plate and bookes which usually lye there, Prayinge God to bless him with his grace and humilitie Dated this

xjth daie of December one thousand sixe hundred twenty sixe And in the second yeare of king Charles Jo[h]n Walter. The names of those persons to whom I give ringes, And if I have forgotten any, The same to be supplied by my executor S[i]r Edward Cooke, my sister Littleton My brother Lloyd and my sister: S[i]r Willyam Walter and his Lady, My Cosen Bell and his wife, The Lady Bromly my mother in lawe: My brother Willyam Offley and his wife, My brother Smith, and my sister his wife, My unckle Fox and my Aunt, My Cosen Edward Littleton and his wife, S[i]r James Fullerton, S[i]r Thomas Trevor: S[i] Thomas Coventry Lord Keeper, S[i]r Randall Creive; My Cosen Malbone and his wife M[iste]r Phillipp King.

A Codicill annexed to my last will and testament this 25th day of November A[n]no Dom[ini] one thousand

six hundred twenty nyne, Whereas by my last will and testament I have given to Elizabeth and Margarett my daughters, the some of five and twentie hundred poundes a peece for their marriage porci[on]s I doe hereby give them five hundred poundes a peece, To make upp their portions three thousand poundes a peece So they marry by the consent of my executor/then livinge ; I also give to the Principall and fellowes of Jesus Colledge in Oxford the some of two thousand poundes to be paid within one yeare after my death in satisfaction and discharge of that some of one hundred poundes by yeare which by my will I appointed to them out of the landes I assured to David my sonne, whither the said some be given by will or appointed by any other assurance, Whereas my cosen Bell hath assured to mee his cobbyhold landes in Wimbleton amongst other thinges for assurance of a debtt of two thousand poundes, My will is if I die before the said landes redeemed That the said writings remaine with my executor, And that the money due thereon be paid to her my executor, And that my sonne and heire shall have no medlinge with the said landes or money, I give to my good freind M[iste]r Phillipp Kinge the some of twenty poundes to be aidinge to my executor, In witnes hereof I hereunto putt my hand the daie and yeare aforesaid Jo[h]n Walter. Whereas by my will I have made my lovinge Wife my sole executor, I doe hereby confirme and ratifie the same; But if my wife shall die before my estate wholie administred, Then I make David my sonne and M[iste]r Ph[illipp]e Kinge my

executors; And then doe I further give the said M[iste]r Kinge the some of thirtie pounds more for his aid and helpe unto my said sonne in trust for whose benefitt and aid I make the said M[iste]r King one of my executors Jo[hn] Walter 16 No[vember] 1630: Whereas I have given to Jesus: Colledge in Oxon by my will the some of 2000^{li} Now upon better perusall of my estate I finde it will not beare so greate a legacie; Therefore I give to Jesus Colledge aforesaid only the some of one thousand poundes to be paid as aforesaid. I give my good freind S[i]r Humphrey Lynde tenn poundes Jo[hn] Walter: Will[iam] Harvey Thomas Wytham teste Robert Bell Geo[rge] Simcotts Willyam Milles: 17th die Novembris :1630 Whereas I am seised of certaine coppiehold landes in Wymbleton, And whereas I have surrendered the same to the use of my will, Now I devise the same to my wife To the intent that she should deale lovingly and courteously with my cosen Bell as I have expressed my minde and directed by my last will aforesaid Jo[hn] Walter: Willyam Walter David Walter Geo[rge] Simcotts Thomas Wynne

Probate granted with the annexed codicil, in London by Roberte Aylett surrogate for Henry Marten, on 19 November 1630 to Dame Anne Walter widow and executrix as named in the will.

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