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... after of ten two pence of two and twenty shillings
... to buye either of them a ring to wear for my sake. I give to my brother Barnard, my
best horse or gelding. To my brother Henry Northhull my second best horse or gelding. In
witness whereof I have caused to putte my hand and seale the daye and yere above sayed.
James Skymsher. Item my will is that my sonne of 20 yeres make my sonne as
James Skymsher a scholar sitt for Oxford or Cambridge. Item I give my sonne 20
poundes tenne poundes. Item I give to my brother in lawe M^r Henry Northhull twenty
poundes for ever shillings for ever pence. Item to M^r George Sawnders twenty poundes
for ever shillings for ever pence. Item to M^r Richard Seale forty shillings. Sealed
and delivered in the presence of John Skymsher, Thomas de, John Peane.
Item further more I bequeathe and my will is that my Capital, all my maner or Tenement
in high Chiffy in the Countie of Stafford late in the tenure and occupation of Thomas
Sawnders, Deceased and all the Revenues, profits, Emoluments and Commodities of the
same shalbe employed and bestowed upon and amongst all my Daughters generallie
and proportionablie for and to their use to help further and amend their portions.
Withall for and during the terme tyme and space of twelve yeres after my Decease
and no longer. Excepting notwithstanding the alre and amment sent to my sonne and
heire. James Skymsher

Richard Skymsher

Prokatum

... fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud Londoniam magnum Edmundo
... totam penam huiusmodi domino Johanne de bene, militi, legum doctore et curie
... magistro Onstons fuit commissario legitime constituto.
... Anno Domini millesimo septentesimo decimo nono Juramentis
... Roberti Wedham militis Roberti Vernon militis Richardi Barnefeld et Henrici de
... Northhull executorum in eodem Testamento nominat. Ambros commissarii fuit Administ
... honorum Jurum et Creditorum dicti Defuncti. De bene et fideliter Administramus et
... ad sancta dei Evangelia iurare Commisarios in capite alio emanat Jurat.

In the name of God amen

John Skymsher

... the thirtieth of December 2
... in the year of our Lord god according to the computation of the church of England
... one thousand five hundred and thirtene and in the year of the reign of our
... Sovereign Lord James by the grace of god of England Scotland France and
... Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. that is to say of England France and
... Ireland the Eleventh and of Scotland the seven and fortieth. I Dame Joyce
... Skymsher of Deane in the parishes of Spelbury in the Countie of Oxford widow
... being weak and sicklie of bodie but of good and perfect remembrance and of
... prais be given to Almighty god therfore. Do make ordayne and declare this my
... last will and testament in writing. Revoking first by both in deed and in lawe
... All other former wills and testaments. First I commend my soule into the hands
... of my Lord god my Creator and Redemer by whom and by meanes of the second
... person Jesus Christe sonne of god and belene assuredly to be saved and to have full
... remission of my sinnes. And I commit my bodie to the earth to be buried in the
... Church of the parishes church of Hetham by my husband under my tombe in such
... honest and decent manner as by the good discretion of my Executors and Administrators
... shall seeme convenient. And whereas I the sayed Dame Joyce being heretofore
... seized for the terme of my life and the lives of my Daughters
... of the Criccote Manor house of the Manor of Deane in the sayed Countie of
... Oxford and of all the houses buildings and tenements and hereditaments thereto
... belonging. And of one Close of pasture ground called the Honeygate Close and one
... Close called the pole Close and of all the other lands tenements and premises lying
... in Deane aforesayed to my loving Brothers Sir Walter Aston knight and Baronet

pasture grounds called
Honeygate and pole
did by my dead hand
convey to my sonne
James

Thomas Sanders Esquire and Thomas Aston gent. and their heirs to the use of Jane the said
 Dame Jane and my assigns for and during the term of fifteen years and my true intent is
 that the said Dame Jane and my said daughters or any of us should live so long and
 afterwards to the use of the said Sir Walter Aston Edmond Sanders and Thomas
 Aston and their heirs for and during the term of the lives of me and my said
 daughters and the life of the longest liver of us upon ten shillings and four pence yearly
 to dispose and employ the premises and the profits and to fitt thereof to and for such
 uses intents and purposes as the said Dame Jane by my last will and testament
 in writing or by any other writing to be sealed and subscribed by me in the presence
 of two or more witnesses should limit and declare And for want of such limitation
 to and for the use and benefit of my Executors and Administrators Now for the use
 disposing of all my Estate and interest in land and equity of me and to the premises
 I do give and bequeath unto the said Settice Onlyper my eldest daughter the said
 Manor house and all houses buildings gardens woods and parks tennements
 belonging and the said Close of pasture ground called the Gorge Close and the
 Close of the said one of the said called the long Close being parcel of the premises and
 next adjoining to the said Manor house with all and singular their appurtenances To
 have and to hold the same unto her the said Settice my daughter for and during the
 term of her natural life and after her decease to my said daughter Anne Onlyper
 for and during the term of her natural life And further I give and devise all the
 Rest and residue of the said Sanders Tenements and premises unto my said daughter
 Settice and Anne To have and to hold the same to them the said Settice and Anne
 and their assigns for and during the term of their natural lives and the term
 of them except one Tenement which I give unto William Collins of Deane which he
 now dwelleth in together with the land that he occupieth with the same And
 after his decease to his son Thomas Collins during the life of me or any of my
 said daughters Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Settice and
 Anne all my plate jewels apparel and household stuff whatsover whereof I shall be possessed
 at the time of my decease as well those which now I have as such which hereafter I
 shall have to be equally divided between them by the discretion and appointment
 of their supervisors Item I give and bequeath to every of my Brothers and Sisters
 except my brother Thomas Aston my token of my hartie love and affection towards
 them a gould Ring of the price of forty shillings with a Deathes head engraven
 upon the Ring that I doe give unto them Item I give and bequeath to my loving
 brother Thomas Aston an hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath unto every one
 of my household servants which shall serve me at the time of my Deathes ffive
 pounds Item I do constitute and appointe my said daughter Settice Onlyper and
 Anne Onlyper Executors of this my last will and testament in whome I repose special
 trust and confidence And I do constitute and appointe my said loving Brother
 Sir Walter Aston of the honorable order of the Bath Knight and Baronet
 Supervisor of this my last will and testament To whome I do give and devise the
 summe of ffarty pounds to be by hym bestowed in plate to and for his own use
 in regard of his paynes to be taken in and about the performance of this my
 last will and testament In whome I repose special trust and confidence for
 his honest and integritie in that behalf and in the advising and executing
 my said wills In witness whereof I have to this my last will and
 Testament set to my hand and seal the Day and yere first above written
 the Twene and twentieth and thirtie lynes of the except one Tenement which
 I give unto William Collins of Deane which he now dwelleth in together
 with the land that he occupieth with the same And after his decease

life of her

of the said Thomas shall
see long live

To his sonne Thomas Collins during the life of my son Amos my son
before the thirtieth and one and thirtieth years (if the said Thomas shall be long live)
before the inslaving and delivery hertofore the presence of Fra: Gargrave Henry &
Goddefam

Probatum fuit testamentum supra scriptum apud Londoniam, presentibus
Anno Dni Johanne Venet milite legum doctore Curie ad interrogantem Cantuariensis
magistro Et stode sine Commissario legitime constituto Septimo die mensis Martii
Anno Domini millesimo septentesimo Decimo Nono Inramento sancte Insuper alibi
et Anne Insuper filiarum naturalium et legitimarum dñe defuncte et exenterum in corpore
Testamento nominatim: ambobus commissis fuit Administrato honorum suorum et reddituum
dñe defuncte De bene et fideliter Administrandi per oia sancta dei Evangelia vigore
Commissorum in ea parte alibi emanat: Jurat

E. Richard
Havell.

In the name of God amen the first day of Julye one thousand
five hundred and nyne teene. I Richard Flavell of Meryden in the Countie of Warwike being
sick in bedde but of perfect memorye Do ordeyne and make this my last will and
testament in manner and forme following. First I bequeathe my soule into the handes of al
Almighty god my maker trusting on ly in the meritts of Iesus xpi to my Saviour to
be of the number of his elect and my bodye to be buryed in the parische church of Meryden
aforesaid. First I give to the Minister and Churchwardens of Meryden aforesaid for the
tyme being to the use of the poore people there dwelling to be verelie ymployed after the rate
of eight shillings a yere for there better mayntennance the somme of ffve poundes to be
set out once at the least with two or three sufficient surties for the repayment of the
prin Cipall and interest of every yere eight shillings to be payed to the said poore at and
upon good Fridaye and so to continue to the worldes end. Item I give and bequeathe to
Alice Flavell my brotherd daughter upon condition she marry not without consent
of my Excutrix hereafter named of my said excutrix be living the somme of
twentie poundes with in two yeres to be payed for next after my Decease. Item I give unto
William Flavell my brotherd sonne the somme of six poundes to be payed hym within
two yeres after my Decease. Item I give to my sister Katherine the somme of
twentie shillings. Item I give unto William Flavell of Coventrie the somme of five
poundes to be payed hym at the like tyme. Item I give unto my Sister Mary the wife of
Thomas Bradbury the somme of ffve poundes to be payed to Richard Crisbrooke
my brother in lawe to the use of my sayed Sister (he paying her verelie for yt the somme
of tenne shillings. And yf she happen to die living her husband then I give the same
ffve poundes to her former children equally to be divided amongst them. But yf she
survive her husband then to her owne free disposing. Item I give unto Johane Flavell
Sister to the sayed Alice the somme of twenty shillings to be payed for within two
yeres next after my Decease. Item I give to John Hadden name dwelling in my house ten
of my best silver spoones. Item I give to Anne Parker my goddaughter five shillings
And to every one of my other godchildren twelve pence a peere. And I give to Alice
Handson my servaunt five shillings. All the rest of my goodes and chattells not
bequeathed my debtes being payed and my funerall expences honeste disthardged
I give and bequeathe unto Dorothy Flavell my welbelovyd wife whom I ordeyne
and make my sole excutrix of this my last will and testament. And I do appoynte
Richard Crisbrooke my brotger in lawe and my Neigh bonre Edward Parker adjoyned
of this my last will and testament. whom I entreate to have a care to looke to the
dispaying of the money given to the poore as aforesayd. And I give them for their
paynes five shillings a peere. In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand
the daye and yere first above written. Richard Flavell. Signed and published
in the presence of Thomas Holborge. John Holmes his markes.