

In the name of God Amen the tenth day of June in the yeare of our Lord Christ one thousand five hundred sixty  
 and foure of William Smith of Henham in the county of Essex yeoman being aged and well Stricken in yeares & thereby warned of  
 my dissolution doe now in the full of body and soundness of mind and memory make this my last will and testament in manner  
 following In the first place I commend my soule into the handes of the blessed and glorious Trinity and my body I commit to  
 the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Exorutor hereafter  
 named Item I give to the poor people of the parish of Henham twenty shillings of lawfull money of England to be distributed to and amongst  
 them by my Exorutor in the name of the Churchwardens or overseers of Henham aforesaid within six monthes next after my decease Item I  
 give unto William Davy alias Johnson of Henham aforesaid some of Thomas Davy alias Johnson and to his heyres & assignes for ever all that  
 my customary or copyhold messuages or tenement wherof I now dwell called Thurgate or otherwise with all the houses out houses  
 yards orchards garden and customary lands with all and singular their appurtenances to the same customary messuages belonging or pertaining  
 sometime called a halfe yard of land situate lying and being in Henham aforesaid Item I give also to the said William Davy alias Johnson  
 and to his heyres & assignes for ever all that my customary land lying in a toun field in Henham aforesaid called Platts field  
 containing by estimation five roods or thereabouts Upon condition that the said William Davy alias Johnson his heyres or assignes shall  
 pay or cause to be paid unto the said Davy otherwise Johnson his fiftion the some of ten poundes of lawfull money of England within foure  
 yeares next after my decease if he shall be then living or if he be then dead and leave issue of his body lawfully begotten then or  
 otherwise he pay the said ten poundes to amongst so many of his children as shall be then living But if the said William Davy alias  
 Johnson shall make default in payment of the said some of ten poundes contrary to the tenor and true meaning of this my last  
 will and testament that then my will and meaning is and I doe give and bequeath the aforesaid pte of customary or copyhold land  
 lying in the said toun field in Henham aforesaid called Platts field to the said Davy alias Johnson his heyres and assignes for ever  
 Item I give unto Mary Davy alias Johnson the daughter of the said William Davy alias Johnson the some of forty shillings of lawfull  
 money of England to be paid unto her by the said William Davy her father when she shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares or  
 upon the day of the marriage of the said Mary Davy which shall first happen Item I give & bequeath unto Robert Davy alias Johnson  
 one of the some of the said Thomas Davy Johnson and to his heyres & assignes for ever all those my customary or copyhold tenements of land called  
 Platts field lying in Henham aforesaid & containing by estimation seven acres or thereabouts Upon condition that the said Robert Davy  
 Johnson now the wife of Thomas Stained of Henham aforesaid the some of ten poundes of lawfull money of England within foure  
 yeares next after my decease the some to be paid into her owne handes and to her owne use if she be then living whose owne acquittance  
 my will and meaning shall be his full and absolute discharge for the same But if the said Robert Davy Johnson the wife of the said Thomas Stained  
 shall be departed out of this life before the said legacy of ten poundes shall be paid unto her then my will and  
 meaning is and I doe give and bequeath the said ten poundes to the said Robert Davy Johnson his heyres and assignes for ever  
 Item I give and bequeath unto the said William Davy alias Johnson his heyres or assignes the said ten poundes to and for the sole use and benefit of such child or children of the said  
 Thomas Stained as shall be living within foure yeares next after my decease But if the said Robert Davy shall make default  
 in payment of the said legacy of ten poundes to the said Robert Davy or to the wife of the said Thomas Stained or to the said William Davy  
 alias Johnson for the use of her children contrary to the intent and true meaning aforesaid then I give the said ten poundes of land  
 called Platts field to the said Robert Davy and his heyres if living within foure yeares next after my decease But if  
 she shall be then dead then I give and bequeath the said ten poundes of land called Platts field to such her children as shall then  
 be living and their heyres equally to be divided between them Item I give and bequeath unto the said Robert Davy alias  
 Johnson his heyres and assignes for ever all that customary or copyhold pte of land lying in a certain toun field in Henham aforesaid  
 called Woppendon field called the Bush pte containing by estimation seven roods or thereabouts Item I give and bequeath unto  
 Anne Davy alias Johnson the daughter of the said William Davy alias Johnson the some of forty shillings to be paid unto her  
 by the said Robert Davy alias Johnson when she shall accomplish her age of one and twenty yeares or upon her day of marriage  
 which shall first happen and if the said Robert Davy alias Johnson shall refuse or neglect to pay the said forty shillings to the said  
 Anne Davy alias Johnson according to the time intent and true meaning aforesaid then I give the said pte of customary  
 land lying in Woppendon field called the Bush pte to the said Anne Davy alias Johnson her heyres and assignes until she  
 shall be fully satisfied and paid her said legacy of forty shillings with all damages and costs in procuring and obtaining  
 the same Item I give unto the said Robert Davy alias Johnson Anne the wife of the said Thomas Stained and the said  
 Davy alias Johnson and to every of them and their heirs to be delivered to them severally and respectfully at the discretion  
 of and by my Exorutor hereafter named within one month next after my decease all the rest and residue of my goods  
 rights credits and chattells whatsover I give and bequeath unto the said William Davy alias Johnson his heyres and assignes  
 for the payment of my debts and legacies discharging of my funeral or expences and expences  
 and performing of this my last will and testament which said William Davy alias Johnson I doe hereby nominate &  
 appoint sole Exorutor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills & bequests  
 whatsover at any time by me heretofore made I doe pronounce and publish this to be my last will and testament  
 In witness whereof I the said William Smith have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first abovesaid

Witnessed and declared to be the last will & testament  
 of the said William Smith in the presence of us  
 Tho. Darby  
 Will Barons

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 William Smith

