

In the name of god Amen I Robert Clerk of Gougham in the Countie of Essex and in the Diocese of London being
of whole mynd and memory god be praysted for. This present daye of October in the year of our lord god
1558 and in the first year of the reigne of our sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queen of England France
and Ireland defende of the faith etc. do make and declare this my present testament and last will in maner folowynge
In the first and principally I give and comende my soule into the hande of almyghty god becomynge
assuredly to enjoye everlasting lyffe in the Kingdome of heaven thorough the only meritt of my Saviour and
Redeemer Iesus Christ and the buriall of my body I comitt to the discretions of my executors And as to the disposicion
of all my lande and tenement goods and cattell I give and bequeath unto my welbelovyd mother forty pounde of lawfull
money and all my household stuffe And I give and bequeath will and devise all those pteces of land and meadow late
part of the manor of plegden and hallwetherpence which my father had and gave unto me to save for ever
lyng in ptece full fyve acres lyng in Slapwell feld and fyve acres lyng in li hild and fyve acres of meadow more or lesse
in the hamlet of plegden in the parisshe of Gougham in the said Countie of Essex unto my brother John Clerk to have
and to hold to hym his heires and assignes for ever. The said John payng oute of the same unto my brother Josias
Josias sonne of god and lawfull money of England to be payd in maner and forme folowynge That is to witt
within a year by the space of three year. And in the my year to paye unto the said Josias the residue of the said
year And I will that my said brother John do assent to take the said lande and to paye the money aforesaid
I will give and devise all the said pteces of land and meadow and tithes and profits unto my said brother Josias to have and
to hold to hym his heires and assignes for ever And I will that my said brother John shall not enter upon the said lande
before my brother Josias next comynge. And I give and bequeath will and devise unto my brother Thomas all that my
messuage called Mott at Eldred with all the land meadowes pteces and pastures both free and copy
hold with appurtenances thereto belonging sett lyng and byng in the townes feld and parisshe of Gougham and
hold the said messuage lande meadowes pteces and pastures with appurtenances unto my said brother Thomas to have and to
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folowynge That is to saye I will to be payd the first to my brother Simon Clerk the second to be payd within
two year next after my decesse And I give and bequeath to my brother Richard Clerk the third to be payd within
the to be payd unto hym within one year next after my decesse And I give and bequeath unto my said brother
Richard four quarters of wheate four quarters of barley four quarters of peason if I have so many or less
make up the residue of the said four quarters of wheate and four quarters of barley and four quarters of peason
to my said brother Richard to have and to hold to him his heires and assignes for ever And I give and bequeath
unto my said brother Richard the residue of all my lande in Gougham and plegden to be payng for the tithes and
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regard to the said lande a quartre of barley And I bequeath to John Clerk sonne of my brother Richard
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Thomas Godfrey sonne of my brother Thomas half a quartre of barley And I give to
a quartre of barley And I give to Alice hild half a quartre of barley And I give to Agnes ptece of
reparation of the parisshe church of Gougham etc. The residue of all my goods and cattell I bequeath
wedy money before by me not wedyng bequeathed I give and bequeath to my said brother Thomas
whom I make my sole executor of this my present testament and last will. In witnes whereof I have
written these fewe words Richard Clerk Thomas Mott brother

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