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Anno Dni 1588

In the name of god Amen the xvth day of October in the thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne
Ladye Elizabeth etc I Richard Smythe of Hengam in the countye of Essex esquire dwelling in London
being in good mynde & of perfite memorye thanked be to god therefore, Thus do ordayne and
declare this my ~~last~~ ~~p~~rente testament containeinge in yt my Last Will in manner & forme
followinge, ffirst & principally I acknowledge my selfe to believe in god the maker of heaven
& yeaerth. And trustinge assuredly thorowe his sonne Jesu Christ to have eternallye my bodye
to be buryed where yt shall please god to call me; Item I give & bequeathe unto Joane
my daughter my three oxen gardens in called Lane, and also a parcell of ground in Tandill
called mutchill acre be yt more or lesse; Item I give unto my daughter Joane one of my
standinge beddes with all that belongeth thereunto, and also one trundlebedd & all things that is
usually occupied belongeinge thereunto; Item also I give unto my sayd daughter Joane one kettle
& also ij silver spoones, and to receyve the said legacies & gifts at the sixteen yeare of her
age, or at the day of her marriage wch of them shall first happen; Item I give &
bequeathe unto margrett my wife in consideracion of her dower my house wherein I now dwell wth all other comodities
belonging, & also I give unto the saide margrett my wife all my reyne howsly lande by
what name or title soever they be called. lyeinge or beyinge within the hamlett of pledgedon
~~within my other goods thereunto belonge~~ that is to say dueringe the naturall life of
margrett my wife, & after her decease, I geave & bequeathe them unto Joane & Susan my
daughter. Item all my other goods ~~bequeathed or~~ not bequeathed I give & bequeathe them
wholly unto the said margrett my wife payeinge my debte & legacies, and bringeinge my bodye decently
into the earthe, & of this my last will & testament I make & ordayne the said margrett my wife
my sole & onely executrix. And also John Clarke of pledgedon hall I make & ordayne him
of this my last testament the sole & onely overseer & to have for his paynes five shillings
In witnesse whereof I have putto my hande & seale the day & yeare first above written
in the presence of vz of me Josias Fleminge writer hereof & Thomas Gaskin
whose signe is here under written

Signed Thomas Gaskin his mark

Sigillatum

Probatum fuit hujusmodi testamentum apud Southwell
xxmo diem mensis Aprilis anno Domini mil.
mo quingentesimo nonagesimo primo coram
venerabili viro Ricardo Godfrey Militis Knight
Legum doctore Curiae Cantuariensis Officialis
vicesimo primo Jurat de bene et fideliter ad
Sancta Dei Evangelia