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Chattels and Credits of the said deceased &c being first sworn by
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In the Name of God Amen

The last Will and Testament of me Roger North of Rongham in the
County of Norfolk made and published this present fourth day of October
in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand seven hundred and Thirty
as followeth vizt First I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my ann
Stephens Thomas & Wright of Santon Downham in the County of Suffolk
Esq: Robert & Wright and George & Wright Brothers of the said Thomas
& Wright all my Mannors Messuages Commons Heritages Advowsons
Lands Farms Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever situate lying
and being in Ashwicken Deviate at Leggit and Methold at Wevell
or elsewhere in the said County of Norfolk any or either of them
together with all Rights of presentation Tythes Tenths Elebe & lands
Commons Rents Issues profits Emoluments and appurtenances
whosoever unto the premises any or either of them belonging or
appertaining And also all my Right Title Property claim and demand
in Law and in Equity of in unto or out of the premises every any
and either of them or any part or partell of them to have and to
hold all and singular the premises and every part and partell
thereof unto them the said Thomas & Wright Robert & Wright and
George & Wright their heirs and assigns for ever In Trust nevertheless
and to and for the severall intents purposes uses & declarations
provisoed Conditions and appointments herein after mentioned that
is to say as for and touching the Advowson and right of presentation
of and unto the Church or Churches of Ashwicken and Deviate
aforesaid In Trust that whenever the same shall by any means
become void to use all lawfull means that my younger son Montague
when he shall be capable may be instituted and Inducted therein to
and as touching the said other trusted premises and every of them
and every part and partell thereof In Trust that they my said
Trustees the survivors and survivor of them and the right heirs of such
Survivor shall forthwith by any Sale or Sales Mortgage or Mortgages
Lease or Leases or other disposition or disposition thereof or by all
and every the said ways and means raise and pay so much money
as together with my personall Estate hereby not otherwise given or
disposed shall be sufficient for the payment and discharge of all
my just debts of what nature or kind soever the same be and from
and after full payment of my said debts and Subject therein to then
by like ways and means as aforesaid to raise and pay all such ann
Peruinary Legacies as by this my Will or any Codicill or Codicills to
be annexed therein to are or shall be given or bequeathed And from
and after all the said payments made as aforesaid and Subject
therein to then to permit and suffer my Daughters Elizabeth
Katherine and Christian and my younger son Montague to
enter upon all and singular the remaining trusted premises
undisposed of as aforesaid and to take and receive out of the Rents
and profits thereof for their severall maintenance and maintenances
yearly and every year the severall and respective Sums and Sums

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North, Esq.


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hereinafter mentioned that is to say my said son Antoine the yearly summe
of Eighty pounds during his natural life or until he shall obtain preferment in
the Church of the value of three hundred pounds per Annum ultra sepuras
which shall first happen and my Daughter Elizabeth the yearly summe of
fifty pounds and my Daughters Katherine and Christian the yearly
summes of seventy and five pounds apiece until the several portion and
portions herein after declared intended or appointed to and for my said
Daughters shall become payable severally and respectively and in case it
shall so happen that the yearly profits of the said trusted premises shall
not be sufficient or fail to answer and pay the said yearly maintenance
and allowances (which I do here appoint to be paid half yearly free
and clear of and from all manner of Parliamentary and other Charges
assessments taxes and payments whatsoever) then and in every such
case my said Daughters and younger son shall bear the deficiencies pro-
rata and the same shall be made good out of the future years profits
or timber of the said trusted premises or stand charged upon them
trust thereof hereby created and imposed together with other paym^{ts}
hereby charged thereupon and upon this further trust that my said
Trustees and the survivors and survivor of them and the right heirs
of such survivor by his means as aforesaid at and upon the request
of my said Daughters any or either of them respectively by their writing
signed with their respective name or names and delivered into my
said Trustees or any of them for the time being shall and will raise
and pay unto my said requesting Daughter or Daughters their Executors
Administrators or assigns respectively for their several portion or
portions the several and respective summes hereinafter mentioned that
is to say to and for my Daughter Elizabeth the summe of Eighteen
hundred pounds and to and for my Daughters Katherine and Christian
the summes of fifteen hundred pounds apiece and for default of such an
request or requests to be made as aforesaid then into the Execut^{rs} adm^{rs}
and assigns of such non-requesting Daughter and Daughters respectively
their proper portion and portions herein before appointed to be paid
respectively as aforesaid it being my will and intent that my Daughters
said portions shall stand and be secured unto them during their natural
lives with Interest for the forbearance thereof for their maintenances
(as before appointed) In case they shall so think fitt severally or respectively
without being constrained to returne to any other security or securities
whatsoever and in case it shall happen that by virtue of any old mortgage
or mortgages decree or decrees in Equity thereupon the said trusted premises
or any part or part thereof shall be redeemed and the moneys found due
thereupon with the Costs and Charges of the suits concerning the same be
payable or paid it is my will and desire that my said Trustees the survivors
and the survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivor shall
receive the said moneys and that they and all other persons named to take
in the said securities for my use and benefit shall avoiding to order otherwise
all their and every of their Right and Estate off and in the premises as in
such Cases is usual to be done and it is my will and desire that all the
said moneys when received shall be placed out at Interest upon securities
from time to time and the same be held upon the life Trusts and to and
for the life intents and purposes as herein is are and shall be declared
and expressed of for and concerning the premises as aforesaid and I do
hereby further and declare that my said Trustees or any of them shall

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not be charged or chargeable for or by reason of any omissions, mismanagements
 losses neglects or ill managements of or touching the premises in any respect
 whatsoever nor the one of them for any other or for each others debts
 and receipts but each for his own proper debts and receipts only and I do
 hereby give and bequeath the Guardianship of such of my Children as
 shall be under the age of Twenty and one years at the time of my decease
 unto the Right Honorable Francis Lord Guilford for and during the time and
 terms of their respective Minorities hereby giving full power and authority
 unto my said Minor Children if any such be by and with the spirit and
 approbation of their said Guardian to determine and act for themselves
 of for and concerning their severall maintenance and portions hereby
 provided hoping that all my said younger Children will be guided by
 prudent and honest advice and in all be friends and assistant to each
 other and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my eldest son Roger
 the Emblements or Corn in the Ground sown upon any part of his
 settled Estate at Hougham aforesaid and Dealham and all the Goods
 Chattells furniture household stuff books pictures and other things of in
 or belonging unto the Capital Towns thereupon Except and reserved
 only such goods and things hereafter mentioned to be otherwise disposed
 appointed or given I do also give unto my said Roger my Chamber
 in the Middle Temple London near the Great Gate which I purchased
 in his name and is now in the use of my said Stephens George Wright
 I do also give him my Coach and the four Coach horses usually employed
 with it and one saddle horse beside that which is called his own with
 the Carriage and harness belonging to the same and I do give unto
 my Daughter Elizabeth the great Harpsicord and frame my black
 Ebony Cabinet my spinning Cloth and the small Chest in the Common
 parlour and I do give unto my Daughter Katherine the wrought and
 not wholly made up with the Cornish and lead board Carved and
 varnished belonging therunto and the lesser Harpsicord and frame
 with the second Violin and also the Chest Cabinet and Drawers
 standing in the lower Chamber Room and I do give unto my Daughter
 Christian the first base Violin the Walnut tree Chest of Drawers and
 the one footed Chest standing in the best Closet and I give unto
 my younger son Mountague my Walnut tree Case of Mathematical
 Instruments my first Violin and Case my second base Violin given
 me by the most Reverend Father in God William late Archbishop
 of Canterbury deceased (having been used by him in his life time) and
 also a tenth part of my Hougham Library folios and others such as
 shall be esteemed most fit for the profession of General Scholarship
 in the way of a Devine and in case of disagreement the same to be
 set out and distinguished in great and small Volumes as the Honorable
 Mr Ambrose Pimbleton and Mr Charles Squire shall determine and
 for want of their determination then such as my said son Mountague
 shall think fit and thos and I do further give unto my said son
 Mountague the Chest and Drawers standing in the Nursery
 being that which formerly was used by me at the Temple in London
 and also my Iron Lath and Mandril and what turning and other
 Tools he shall think fit to Choose out of my Workshop for his
 own use therewith and I do further give unto my said younger
 Children respectively all those things which I have put into their
 severall possessions as given by me in my life time and I do further

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give unto my eldest son Roger two silver plates one dozen of silver
 spoons one dozen of silver handled knives and one dozen of silver
 forks the set of silver Castors and the silver sunfers and pom, a
 pair of silver Candlesticks and the Case of sixtete silver knives a
 fork and spoons and for the benefit of all my said Children, and proof
 of their living fairly and fraternally together. It is my will (if my son
 Roger shall be willing therunto) The housekeeping at Rongham
 shall be continued on the manner as I last used of the charge of my
 personall Estate untill the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel
 next ensuing my decease whereby my said Children may have time
 to dispose of themselves and what belongs to them without hurry or
 disorder saving all the charges of Plowing sowing, fencinge, way,
 seed, sawetting, smith and a Cheekright of which charges, if any
 surpluss shall be) none shall be taken to number my said personall
 Estate but in case of my son Roger dislike of the premises last
 mentioned my Executors after named are to take only the forty
 days possession and use of the goods as the Law allows for the
 dispatch of the affairs of their Executorship and I do hereby give
 unto my son Montague the summe of two hundred pounds (besides
 the two hundred pounds reserved for my nephew Rudy Norths legacy
 to him) to be paid at his age of one and twenty years if he shall so
 long live and I do hereby give and bequeath unto all and every my
 said younger Children their severall and respective maintenances
 and portions herein before appointed to and for them respectively
 and it is my desire that my Organ with the appurtenances and my best
 case of Instruments Mathematicall may remain in their places
 as they now are disposed for the benefit of my eldest son and other
 posterity as here before for ever or so long as may consist with the
 Lawes of this Realm and I do give unto my said younger Children
 liberty to hood for their own uses respectively out of my store of any
 Musick Booke such as they shall thinke proper to be made use of by
 themselves in their severall pretensions to the practise of Musick
 and I do give to the poor of Rongham five pounds and to the poor
 of Oldwinton thirty shillings and I do give to the said Thomas
 Wright George Wright Robert Wright Henry Estrange Esq; and
 my Daughter Mary his wife five pounds apiece and I do appoint
 that my servants shall have their wages made good to the feast
 of St Michael next after my decease in case they do not refuse to
 serve in their places to that time respectively and all the rest and
 residue of my goods Chattels plate furniture Horses Colts Cows
 Goats Steers Sheep flocks of sheep Lambs Corn in Barns Stables
 and Granarys and all other my personall Estate whatsoever not
 herein specifically disposed of unto my son in Law the said Henry
 Estrange and my Daughter Elizabeth whom I do hereby make
 and ordain the Executor and Executrix of this my will in trust
 nevertheless to pay my Debts in the first place and then legacies in
 case of my said Estate and from and after all the said Trusts and
 intentions fully performed and all Costs and charges thereby
 respectively defrayed and all my said Trustes and Exec^r and their
 assigns Effertually Indemnified in all respects relating to their
 severall Trusts respectively then the surplus (if any be) of all shall
 belong to my eldest son his heirs and assigns for ever In Witnes

on declaration

whereof I have signed sealed and published this as my last Will and Testament the day and year first above written. *Ro. North* signed sealed and published by the said Testator as his last Will in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses attesting the same. *Thos. Platt* *Thomas Steward* *John Armingher* &c.

6 January 1739

A Codicill to be annexed to my last Will and to be taken and Esteemed as part thereof viz

Whereas I Roger North of Shougham in Norfolk in my said last Will have given appointed or declared that all the Real and residue of my Real and Personall Estate therein mentioned to be intrusted or charged with and for the severall of Debts Portions and Maintenance and Legacies shall go and belong unto my son Roger North to his own use after all the said payments and charges fully paid and to his heirs or to such effect or purpose howsoever the same may be worded as in and by said last Will may and doth appear Now this Codicill Witnesseth and I do hereby order devise declare and appoint that the said surplus of any shall be shall goe into belong and be enjoyed by my two sons Mountague and Roger and their heirs equally to be divided share and share alike anything in my said Will to the contrary thereof notwithstanding and in all other matters and things my said last Will to stand and be in full force and effect In Witness & Witness whereof I have hereunto my hand and seal put *Ro. North* signed sealed and published by the said Testator as his Codicill in the presence of us who in his in his presence and at his request have sett our hands as Witnesses attesting the same. *Thos. Platt* *Robert Plaford* *John Armingher* &c.

Handwritten signature
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A Codicill part of my last Will

First I do hereby constitute and appoint my youngest son Mountague North to be Executor together with my other Executor and Executors and Executrix and Executrices and every of them howsoever otherwise appointed I give to my daughter Elizabeth my white framed Glass in the little parlour and to my daughters Katherine and Christian each of them one of the two looking Glasses in the Ante-room I give to my daughter Mary (now de strange) the possession and use of my Picture done by Cely and the frame during her life and after to return to my family as an heirloom I give to my son Mountague all my Arisick Books and Papers and the Glass case in the Gallery I give my Glass Case of Mathematical Instruments with all the Furniture to Jesus Colledg in Cambridge and their Successors forever not to be at any time separated or aliened And I do hereby leave unto all my Children my most Earnest Recommendation or rather Command to persevere in the true Christian faith and practice of life according to the doctrine and discipline of the Establishd Church of England and to live together or as near as may well be in all brotherly love Correspondence offusidship always inclining to Concord rather than to contend and sol with Gods blessing they may be happy and not otherwise Signed and published

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