

WILL OF EDWARD WALLER 1700

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Edward Waller of Ashwell Senr in the County of Hertford

Yeoman being aged and infirm of body but of perfect and sound memory Praised be Almighty God for the same Doo make this my last Will and testament in the manner and forms following (that is to say) first I doo give and bequeath my soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the Earth to be devoutly buryed according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as for those worldly goods the lord in mercy hath indowed me withall I dispose of as followeth first I give and bequeath unto Susan my dearly beloved wife the sum of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to remain in my Executors hands he paying my wife five pounds a year during her naturall life for the sume and after her decease the said hundred pound to goo to my Executor and his heirs for ever allsoo I doo give to my said wife the use of soo much of my pewter and brass beds and beding and lynnion and all other of my household stufte as she shall desire during her naturall Life and after her decease all the said goods I give to my son John Item I doo give and bequeath to my son Jonathan Waller all the money he now owes me for malt and otherwise (except twenty pound I lent him upon his note to be paid me upon demand and the sume of forty pounds more of lawfull money of England to be respectively paid him ten pounds a year the first payment to begin twelve months after the decease of my sister Hannah Waller of Ashwell aforesaid widow and soo onwards untill the said forty pounds is paid only with this proviso and for the prevention of any suites or differences that may hereafter arise between my said son Jonathan Waller and my Executor John Waller my desire is that my son Jonathan Waller shall within one month after my decease signe and seale and deliver unto my said son John Waller my Executor as aforesaid a General Release which shall be fairly drawn and so good in law to barr the said Jonathan his Executors Administrators or assignes from all and all manner of Clayms Debts Dues and Demands whatsoever he the said Jonathan Waller may might or ought to have against my said son John Waller for or by reason of any matter range or thing from the beginning of the world untill the day of the sole heirs of those my legacys given him in this my Will in the said Release only excepted And if my son Jonathan Waller shall refuse to give my son John Waller such a release then my legacy to my son Jonathan Waller shall be in all but five shillings to be repectively payde him within two

months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Waller of London the sume of five shillings of lawfull money of England to be paid within one month after my decease I do give and bequeath to my son Edward Waller the sume of forty pounds to be respectively paid him at four payments that is to say ten pounds (.....?) for four years the first payment to begin twelve months after the decease of my sister Hannah before named Item I doo give and bequeath unto my brother Jonathan Waller the sume of ten pounds to be respectively paid him three months after my decease Item I do give and bequeath to all my servants the sume of five shillings (.....?) and to my old servant William Clerke all my working day wearing cloaths and to my old servant Oliver Swayne as much cloth of four shillings the yard or thereabouts as will make him a coat doublet and breechs I doo give unto my daughter in law Joannah(?) the wife of my son Jonathan the sume of five pounds and to my daughter in law Sarah the wife of my son Thomas Waller the sume of five pounds to be respectively paid them within six months after my decease Item I doo give to the poor of Ashwell as much bread as shall cost forty shillings William Morton of Biglesworth to make it and distribute it according as he shall have direction from my three loving friends my brother Jonathan Waller William Chapman And John Griffin and my will and desire is that if any contraversies or differences shall arise between my Executor and any my other children or Legatees that they may be determined by my three neighbours and friends Thomas Chapman the elder William Chapman and John Griffin and that whenever it shall please God to take away any one of the three that it is my desire alsoo that the two survivors shall nominate and choose a third person for the ending all such contraversies as aforesaid Item I give unto my son Jonathan Waller more the sume of twenty pounds to be paid six months after my decease Item I give to my son Edward Waller more the sume of fifty-five pound to be left in my Excecutors hands to pay towards a debt and from my son Edward Waller to the children of my son Andrew late deceased Item I doo give and bequeath unto all my grandchildren the sume of twelve pound (.....?) to be paid six months after my decease and now I doo hereby ordaine constitute and nominate and appoint John Waller my son Sole Executor of this my last will and testament to whom I give and bequeath all the remainder of my goods and chattells not before bequeathed and to whom I leave to (.....) and (.....) all my lands and tenaments to him and his heires and asignes forever immediately after my decease and this I doo publish and declare to be my last will and testament being contained in one sheet of paper making void all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and

seale the thirtieth day of April in the fourteenth year of the
Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third now King of England
or Anno Domini 1700

Edward Waller his mark

This was signed and sealed published and declared by the within
named Edward Waller to be his last will and testament in the
presents of us who subscribe our names as witnesses

John Lilly Andrew Blewett William Phillips