

WILL OF EDWARD WALLER 29th June, 1718

The twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord 1718 I, Edward Waller of Ashwell in the County of Hertford being infirm of body but of good and perfect memory Thanks be to almighty God for the same Do make constitute ordaine and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following Revoking and annulling by these presents all and every testament and testiments will and wills by me heretofore made and declared either by word or writing and this to be taken for my last will and testament and none other and to the intent that all my goods chattells and crofts, Lands and tenements may hereafter come unto such persons and remain and be into such uses as by me, the said Edward Waller herein do and shall and appoint in this my last will. So therefore I will order, give and devise as followeth Imprimis I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Edward Cumberland Waller and to his heires and Assignes forever all that my estate lately purchased of William Plomer of Ashwell both copyhold and freehold estate with all and every the appurtenances there unto belonging as is to be seen at large in his conveyance made to me by the said William Plomer Item I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Cumberland Waller and my son-in-law Daniel Eling their heires and assigns for ever all that my ffifteene acres of and lyeing in the fields of Ashwell now in the occupation(?) of Thomas Chapman and bequeathed to me by Andrew Waller my uncle which said ffifteen acres of and I so will and it is my will that it shall be sold within convient Time after my decease for the paying off of legacies Item I give to my son William Waller and his heires and assigns for ever All that my or tenement with the Malting Barnes Stable Garden Yard and all other Appurtenances thereunto belonging now in the occupation of Edward Larkin and lyeing next the estate of Thomas Chapman West and William East and abutting on the ffore street North. Item I give unto my three granddaughters Lettice Waller, Mary Waller and Anne Waller the children of my son Jonathan Waller twenty pounds to each of them to be paid by my Executor hereafter named when they come to the age of twenty one years Item I give and bequeath unto Dorothy Penn the daughter of William and Dorothy Penn, my granddaughter twenty pounds to be paid to her at the age of one and twenty years Item I give unto my daughter Dorothy Pen one bed and bedding with the appurtenances also one chair and one coffer all standing in the room over the Butteries also six pewter dishes six plates two kettles and A Round Boyler all the rest of my

household goods except(?) those in possession of my son-in-law Daniel Eling I give unto my two sons Edward Cumberland Waller and William Waller to be equally divided between them Item Whereas the Will of my loving brother John Waller remaineth unfulfilled by reason I would not comply with the injuries(?) done me by persons bearing no good will towards me (I being Executor to my brother) who imposing on my Brother in the time of his grievous sickness to make another Will greatly to the prejudice of me and my children for their own private ends and also had my Brother lived a small time longer I believe would have taken away my Executorship which was to insulting Never the less to discharge my conscience after the great fatigues and espenses I have been at in defending myself against such unrighteous dealings to the great weakening of the I do will and it is my desire(?) to fullfill the former Will made by my loving brother John Waller not long before his death and which by him when he dyed and is now in being having his perfect when he as the remaining assetts will amount unto and to that end have appointed Trustees to see the same be fullfilled Imprimis I give and bequeath unto John Waller one of the sons of my brother Andrew Waller fifty pounds Also I give unto Edward Waller, Thomas Waller, Mary Waller and Susanna Waller ffour other children of my brother Andrew Waller to each of them twenty pounds to be paid by my Executor hereafter named Item I give to Hannah Waller the wife of my brother Jonathan deceased fifty pounds and Item I give unto John Waller son of my brother Jonathan Waller fifty pounds and to Jonathan, Robert and Hannah three other children of my brother Jonathan Waller Twenty pounds to each of them Item I give and bequeath unto the poor amongst the people called Quakers the sum of twenty pounds to be distributed amongst them according to my Brother's Will made by William Everard to every one according as their required the money to be paid by my Son Edward Cumberland Waller unto William Everard and they both jointly together to see the performance of the same and lastly all my goods and chattells unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my grandson William Penn whom I make Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament be paying and discharging in ffunerall expenses and I do also appoint my son Edward Cumberland Waller and my son-in-law Daniel Eling to be the overseers of this my last Will and Testament and do give unto my son Daniel Eling all the household goods of mine in his custody for his trouble excepting the worst Chest of Drawers which I give unto my daughter Dorothy Penn also all the legacies given to be paid (unless those where the is shall be paid within twelve months next after my decease In witness whereof I have to this to my last

Will and testament contained in two sheets Sett my hand and seal the day and year first above written Edward Waller signed sealed published and by the son of Edward Waller for and as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us; William Plomer George Priest the mark of John Lilly