

WILL OF JOHN WALLER 21st April 1716

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

The one and twentieth day of April in the second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith et Anno Do. 1716

I John Waller of Ashwell in the county of Hertford Yeoman being sick in body but of sound mind and understanding doo make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth first I commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my body I committ to the Earth to be devoutly buryed at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as to my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to lend me in this life and dispose of as followeth Impresis I give and bequeath unto my brother Jonathan Waller the sum of one hundred and sixty and five pounds which he owes me upon Bond and all the interest and due thereupon and all other sume and sumes of money due to me from him upon any other amount or amounts whatsoever and also the sume of fifty pounds to be paid unto him within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Hannah Waller the now wife of the said Jonathan Waller the sume of five pounds to be paid her within six months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto Jonathan Waller, Robert Waller, and Hannah Waller three of the children of the said Jonathan and Hannah the full sume of twenty pounds to each of them to be paid them within twleve months after my decease and if any one of them shall happen to depart this life his her or their legacy or legacys shall become due or payable that then such legacy or legacys or him or her soo dying to be equally divided between the survivors of them within twelve months after my decease and if any two of them shall happen to depart this life before their or other of their said legacy or legacys shall become due or payable then such legacy or legacys as them soo dying to go to the survivor of them within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto Jonathan Waller Susannah Waller Edward Cumberland Waller Dorothy Waller and William Waller the children of my brother Edward Waller the sume of twenty pounds to each and every one of them severally to be paid them within twelve months after my decease and if any one of them shall happen to depart this life before his her their legacy or legacys shall become due or payable then such legacy or legacys of him or her

so dying to be equally divided between the survivors of them and to be paid to them within twelve months after my decease and if any two or more of them shall happen to depart this life before their or nay of their legacy or legacys shall become due or payable then shall such legacy or lagacys of them so dying to be paid to the survivor or survivors of them within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto Edward Waller Thomas Waller Mary Waller an Susanna Waller the children of my brother Andrew Waller the sum of one hundred pounds to each of them to be paid to them within twelve months after my decease and if any one of them shall happen to depart this life before his her or their legacy or legacys of him or her soo dying to be equally divided between the survivors of them and to be paid to them within twelve months after my decease and if any two or more of them shall happen to depart this life before their or any of their said legacy or legacys shall be due or payable then such legacy or legacys of them soo dying to be paid to the survivor or survivors of them within twelve months after my decease Item I give devise and bequeath unto the aforesaid Edward Cumberland Waller and to his heires for ever all that parcell of land lately purchased by my uncle Jonathan Waller of William Warren a part thereof (viz) five acres and a rood being copyhold of the Mannor of Ashwell Item I give devise and bequeath unto John Waller one of the sons of the said Jonathan Waller and to the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue to the said John Waller one of the sons of the said Andrew Waller and his heires for ever all that my messuage or tenement now in the occupation of Thomas Chapman and one close of pasture thereunto belonging containing by estimation one acre (be it more or less) and also all and singular my freehold and copyhold lands whatsoever lying and being in the fields and parish of Ashwell aforesaid the copyhold land containing by estimation eight acres and a half late purchased of Andrew Blewitt and also all my lands and tenaments whatever in Ashwell aforesaid and also in the fields and parish of Guilden Morden in the County of Cambridge which I hold of the Masters, Fellows and Scholars of Pembrok Hall in the University of Cambridge by lease together with the said lease upon condition that they their heires executors and assignes shall peaceably and quietly permitt and suffer a way to and from a house called the Meeting House standing upon part of the premisses for all persons whatsoever and also all that piece of ground next adjoining unto my estate being on the East side thereof which I late purchased of Mary Baldwyn of Ashwell with the houses outhouses dove house also a barn on the backside with an orchard and close containing by estimation one acre and

a half (more or less) with all other the appurtenances of whatsoever (excepting a stable which opens into the backside which I give devise and bequeath for the use and purpose of putting up such horses of our friends (commonly called Quakers) as shall repair to the meeting at any time hereafter for ever Item I give and bequeath unto John Waller one of the sons of the said Andrew Waller deceased the sume of one hundred pounds to be paid to him within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath the full sume of five pounds a year to be paid yearly for ever out of a certain parcell of my freehold estate given unto my nephew John Waller the son of Jonathan Waller lying in the fields and parish of Ashwell as followeth (viz) two closes next the road in the middle field contayning by estimation sixteen acres (more or less) alsoo two acres without side the hedge of the same close abutting on foxlye hills allsoo a close of seven acres at Blackwell comonly called the Catt Close alsoo a close next Ravens Way containing about five roods which said five pounds to be paid yearly shall be used and imployedd for the entertainment of our friends commonly called Quakers who come to declare the word of God amongst the people at Ashwell and if it be not wholly expended on that account then the remainder to be distributed amongst the poor people of the same societie called Quakers yearly and every year for ever But incase the said John Waller his heires or assignes shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter refuse or make default of payment of the said sume of five pounds or any part thereof yearly and every year that then it shall and may be lawfull to and for John Larkin and Thomas Chapman both whoolers of Ashwell and their assignes whom I doo nominate and appoint in this my last Will and Testament to take and receive the said moneys yearly and every year next after my decease of John Waller his heires and assignes for ever after such default be made to seize and enter upon all and every part of the said lands and closes and Cott and dispose of them as they or their assignes shall think fitt without the lett or molestation of any person or persons whatsoever and whereas I have given five pounds yearly to be paid out of my estate by my nephew John Waller his heires and assignes for ever in lieu thereof I give and bequeath unto the said John Waller my nephew fifty pounds to be paid within twelve months after my decease by my Executor hereafter named. Item my will and desire is that Thomas Chapman my tenant paying the rent and performing the covenants in his lease shall hold the same till the expiration thereof without being disturbed by any of by nephews or any person or persons whatsoever Item I will that what money my brother Jonathan Waller owes of Right to John Larkin be remitted by the said John Larkin and the sume so remitted I

doo remitt John Larkin of whatsoever he owes me by Bond or otherwise Item I give unto my cousin Richard Worboys Wife twenty shillings Item I give to Richard Fortunos Daughter he had by Ann Salt twenty shillings Item I give to Katherine Everard Widow forty shillings Item I give to my Tenant Thomas Chapman two children twenty shillings(?) I give to my cousin Edward Waller's Wife of Hitchin five pounds Item I give to the poor of Ashwell five pounds Item I give to all my servants that lived with me that year I left farming five shillings to each person Item I give to the widow Crane and widow Izard ten shillings each Item I give to Jonathan Waller's wife the son of Edward Waller the sume of fifty shillings Item I will that in case my cousin Jonathan Blewitt should come to be poor and in want that then my nephew John Waller the son of Jonathan Waller his heires and assignes shall pay yearly and every year out of my estate to him the said Jonathan Blewitt forty shillings during his life. Item I give unto William Everard forty shillings Item I give unto my cousin Andrew Blewitts two children ten shillings each Item I give unto my nephew Jonathan Wallers child twenty shillings Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving friend Thomas Tompson of Hitchin or his heires or assignes the full sume of ten pounds to be payd within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my dear friend John Fallowfield of Hertford his heires and assignes the full sume of ten pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Martha Fallowfield or if she be deceased unto her children to be equally divided among them ten pound to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto James Ball of Ashwell and his heires the sume of forty shillings to be payed as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto John Larkin of Ashwell and his heires the sume of forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Smith of Ashwell the sume of forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Katherine Everard and her heires the sume of forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Mash Wife of John Mash the sume of forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid provided she survives her husband Item I give and bequeath unto my dear friend Richard Taylor of Huntington the full sume of ten pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my dear friend Abraham Gaymor of in the county of Essex the full sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto George of Rumford in the county of Essex but late of Baldock the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto John Bodily of Hitchen and to his heires the sum of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Anthony Bonnett of Ashwell Weaver the sume

of forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto John Carstairs (?) of Hertford Shoemaker and his heires the sum of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath Ralph Thorn of the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Farmer wife of John Farmer of Saffron Walden in Essex the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Daniell Saunders of Hitchin shoemaker and to his heires the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Howard of the County of Norfolk the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Fallowfield of Wootton in the County of Hertford the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Paine of Dunstable in the County of Bedford the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Symonds of Sharrington in the County of Buckingham the sum of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas White in the County of Norfolk the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Joseph Croake of Essex the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my dear friend Robert Atkinson of the County of Cumberland belonging to the meeting of the people called Quakers in the town of Wigmore in the County aforesaid the sume of ten pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my friend Josiah Langdale of Bridlington in the County of York and his heires the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my friend Benjamin of Yorkshire the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Imray of the sume of five pounds to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Edward Master of a blind man the Mannor and Farm called lying and being in the County of Suffolk with all and singular lands tenaments heroditments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging now in the or occupation of Thomas their or one of their tenants(?) or assignes to hold the same to the said Sarah King for and during the term of her natural life without impeachment of waste charged and chargable no holdings with the several annuitys or yearly payments aftermentioned from and after and the same to such child or children of her body begotten or to be begotten as shall be living at the tyme of their heires to be equally divided between them share and share alike but in case any of them shall dye before they shall attain to their age of one and twenty years or be the part or share of such child or children soo

happening to dye shall and goo to the survivors or survivor of them and for default of such issue of the body of my said daughter Sarah King I give and devise the sume of my own right heires for ever Item I give and devise unto my loving daughter Elizabeth Powell one annuity or yearly sume of forty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be and payable out of my said Farm or mannor to by halfyearly payments that is to say at the feast of St. Michael the Archangell and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even and equal portions free and of and from all payments charges and whatsoever to have hold and enjoy the same for and during the term of her naturall life the first payment to be made on such of the feast days as shall next happen after my decease and in case of nonpayment thereof it shall be lawfull for the said Elizabeth Powell or her assignes enter into and upon the said premisses charged with the payment thereof as aforesaid or any part thereof and there to make from tyme to tyme untill she shall be fully payd and satisfied the same together with the charges of such Item I give and devise unto my granddaughter Anna Hammond one annuity or yearly sume of thirty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be issuing and payable out of my said farms and mannor called by half yearly payments that is to say at the said feast of St. Michael the Archangell and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even and equal portions and free and of and from all taxes payments charges and deductions whatsoever to have and to hold and enjoy the same for and during the term of her naturall life the first payment thereof to be made unto her on such of the said feast days as shall next happen after my decease and in case of nonpayment thereof it shall be lawfull for the said Anna Hammond and her assignes to enter into and upon the said premisses charged with the payment thereof and there to make from tyme to tyme for the said annuity which shall be in arrears and untill she the said Anna Hammond or her assignes shall be fully satisfied paid the same together with the charges of such soo to be made and my will is that the said annuity or yearly payment of forty shillings to be payd as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Wells of Weston the wife of Richard Wells the sume of forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto John Everard of Chartris the sume of forty shillings to be paid aforesaid Item I doo give and devise and bequeath unto my brother Edward Waller and his heires forever all those my fifteen acres of copyhold land lying at Blackwell in the fields and parish of Ashwell aforesaid all which said copyhold lands I have already surrendered to of my will alsoo I doo make and ordain constitute and appoint the said

Edward Waller my brother (he paying my debts and discharging my legacys) sole Executor of this my last will and testament to whom I give and bequeathed all the rest of my goods and chattells not above bequeathed in witness whereof I have herunto sett my hand and seale to this my last will and testament containing in six sheets of paper the day and year first above written JOHN WALLER

Signed sealed published and declared (and those words first interlined) one hundred one hundred by the said John Waller the day and year above written in the presents of us and our names hereunto subscribed as witnesses at the request of the testator; Tho: Chapman John Goxlhold Jasper Brydale