

WILL OF JOHN WARREN ALS WALLER DATED 25th March 1624

John Warren ats Waller of Ashwell in the County of Hertford, yeoman, the five and twentieth day of March Anno Domi 1624, being sick of bodie but of good and perfect memorie the Lord be praised therefor Do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following Viz Imprimis I commend and comitt my sowle into the hands of Almighty God trusting after this life ends through the merits of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and redeemer to resign ..... to him eternally and my bodie to ..... where of it was made and it ..... Gods to lend me in this world as followeth First I give and bequeath unto Mr. Thomas Marshall for a sermon at my buryall Six shillings and eight pence and to the poor people of Ashwell aforesaid the somme of twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them at my buryall at the discrestion of my Executor Item I give and bequeath unto John my son and his heirs forever after the age of four and twenty years and ..... of lands contayning by ..... forever ..... now ..... of late ..... of Mr. Harwood lying near unto ..... and ..... croft in the fields of Ashwell aforesaid and ..... of lands lying by ..... contayning by estimation(?) fifteen acres more of late purchased of the said Mr. Harwood five roodes ..... late purchased of one Turner one only ..... an ..... called ..... John Knowles in the ..... and ..... Bygrave fields ..... lying at Ashwell(?) late Mr. Harwoods and ..... lying ..... late Mr. Harwoods and ..... in the same furlong late ..... Mr. Harwoods ..... after late Mr. Harwoods ..... woods and pastures ..... late Turner ..... Redlands(?) ..... late Mr. Harwoods ..... Acres late also Mr. Harwoods lying in ..... Redlands ..... lying in the fields of Ashwell aforesaid under ..... of the Lords of the Manor of Ashwell And my Will and meaning is that my son William shall ..... and ..... the assetts there of until my said son John shall attain unto his age of four and twentie years towards the payment of my debts(?) Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Samuel and his heirs ..... from the feast of St Michael the Archangell ..... next after ..... accomplished his age of four and twentie years Twentie ..... acres and one roode in ..... of land lying ..... in the fields of Ashwell aforesaid Viz one acre belowe ..... between ..... abutting on ..... fields ..... att the corner of ..... being headlands 15 acres ..... being next to ..... Hills ..... of ..... between two ..... one and ..... abutt on fortie foote ..... half an acre beyond ..... our gravell pitte one wood ..... old .....

beyond the land of Mr. John Hamond in the right of his ..... on the one side and a ..... side of our wood our sawmill (?) one acre in ..... Behind the land of Thomas Lillie on the one side and the lands of Mr Edward Ratcliffe on the other side and woods abutting on Bygrave fields half an acre in ..... between the lands of Mr. John Baldwyn on the one field and the ..... belonging to ?onbrooke hall and the other side half an acre in ..... below ..... the lands of ..... Mr John Hamond one wood in ..... bottom next to the land of John Hamond ? younger over ..... the lands of the said John Hamond on the one side and the land of John Clarke on the other side and one wood and a half ..... upon ..... lying between the lands of Mr. Giles Allington on the one side the lands of Edward Turner on the ..... field being all our ..... lands holden of the said Manor Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas my sonne and to his heirs forever from his age of one and twentie years fifteen acres and one rood of land lying and being also in the fields of Ashwell aforesaid being freehold Viz three acres and ..... woods going through two furlongs woods meadows ..... the lands of Mr. Edward Ratcliffe and the lands of Mr. Aston on the one side and a ..... and the lands belonging to Mr. John ..... on the other side and our ..... abutting upon ..... in Redlands between the lands of Mr. Giles Allington on ..... half an acre ..... to ..... land and between the lands of Mr. Edward Ratcliffe on the one side and the lands belonging to Mr. John ..... on the other side ..... on Grafton Hill ..... on the other side and the other ..... headlands two half acres ..... abutting one ..... waye and throughout ..... one half acre beyond it between the lands of Mr. Edward Ratcliffe on the one side and ..... on the other side and a half in ..... and our woods att the end of the said two acres and a half at ..... between ..... waye on the one side and a ..... on the other side and one Acre beyond ..... being now lying next the lands of Mr. James Allington and abutting on a ..... Item I give and bequeath unto my son Edward and to his heirs forever from and after his age of one and twentie years fifteen acres three roods and a half of lands lying in the fields of Ashwell aforesaid Viz half an acre in Redlands between the lands of John Warren on the one side and the lands of Mr ..... on the other side half an acre in Redlands behind the lands of Mr. .... on the one side and the lands of Josh Clarke on the other side and abutts one ..... three acres and a half in ..... hole behind the lands of Mr. .... on the one side and the lands of John Barber on the other side half an acre on the ..... of the newe gravell pitte between the lands of John Barber on the one side and the lands of William Plomer on the other side abutt one gravell pitte ..... Roode in ..... bottom

behind Redlands of Mr Barber on the one side and ..... on the other side ..... ..

*this goes on forever and the only importance to us is the Name of each legatee I continue those names below;*

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next Jonathan Waller

Note interesting neighbours

Edward Waller      William Sell

Thomas Chapman (Pembroke Hall-

William Plomer      Cambridge College)

Robert Goode

next son Andrew

next daughter Susan