

THE WILL OF WILLIAM WARREN ALS WALLER 1599 PROVED 1611

In the name of God Amen. I Willm Waller als Warren the ..... of Ashwell in the County of Herts, yeoman this one and thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord god one thousand five hundred ninety and nine poor of bodie but of good and perfect memory god be praised and therefore do ..... and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First I surrender my soul unto the hands of Almighty god my maker redeemer and saviour hoping and trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of Life everlasting. And I surrender my bodie to the earth where of it was made And as touching my worldly goods as follows

Item I give unto William my son all that my croft and ..... of yards not so ..... and discharged (?) ..... and in the ..... or ..... of Ashwell with ..... appurtaining ..... the whiles where of I give and bequeath unto my son Edward with all the proffitts ..... for and during the ..... of ..... yards purchased after my ..... from. I will that the said William his executors or assigns shall pay yearly ..... of the said ..... money to the churchwardens of Ashwell for the time being five shillings towards the reparations of the Church of Ashwell during all the term of this ..... Item I will that the same William my sonne his Executors or assigns shall every year ..... the ..... of the said ..... be upon good friday bestow upon the poor people of Ashwell fortie shillings on ..... as he shall think meet Item I will that the said William and his Executors and assigns shall pay yearly ..... of the ..... the ..... to ..... after my death(?) to my son Gawin his Executors or Assigns six pounds thirteen shillings and four pennies the first payment to begin at the feast of the annunciation of our Lady Saint Mary which shall be in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and one Item I will that the said William his Executors and assigns shall pay ..... of the said legacy yearly ..... said farme(?) to Andrew my sonne his Executors or Assigns the like summe of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pennies the first payment thereof to beginn as aforesaid and ..... employed untill he shall attain the full age of one and twentie years to his best benefitt according to the direction of my said sons William and Edward and then to his Executors or Assigns to ..... the summe and the proffitts thereof Item I will that the said William my sonne his Executors or Assigns shall pay ..... of the ..... yearly during the said term to Henry Waller my sonne his Executors or Assigns the like summe of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pennies the first payment to begin at aforesaid to his benefitt untill he shall attain the age of one and twentie and

then the same with the profits thereto be rendered by him .....  
his Executors or Assigns Item I give and bequeath unto my son  
Edward all my household stuff Viz all my moveable goods which  
are or have been used or occupied within my house .....  
bakehouse(?) thereto belonging me ..... in them ..... of  
them ..... all the crops of corn and grain which is now growing  
upon the ..... which I ..... unto him Item I give and bequeath unto  
my sonne John Waller his Executors or Assigns all that my croft  
and farmes of yards yet to remite of and in all ..... and lands  
which I hold of Mr. William Muffit (Mussett) And the one half of  
all the plowland(?) grains which is now growing upon the same  
lands(?) together with the moiety or half of the corn and grain  
growing upon my other lands which I have now(?) sown(?) except  
my sonne Edward's Lands Item I give and bequeath unto my said  
John six horses indifferently to be ..... with their harness and  
dung(?) ..... one ..... with a plowe and all that thereto  
appertaineth Item I give unto the children of my sonne William  
six(?) pounds in money and six ewes(?) viz every one twentie  
shillings and to ..... the same to their best advantage untill they  
..... Item I give unto any ..... of my daughter's children  
twenty shillings a piece ..... their parents to ..... the same to  
their children's best advantage until their said children come .....  
..... the ..... to their own proffitt ..... I will that the  
payments of all the said children shall ..... the ..... of my .....  
.....sonnes William and Edward in the employings and ..... of  
their..... portions further if my son Edward ..... children  
at the time of my death or that his wife be then ..... with child I  
will and bequeath to his child or children ..... twenty shillings  
apiece ..... one ewe to be ..... and employed ..... All which  
ewes so to be indifferently ..... out of my fflocks Item I give and  
bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hanley(?) one hundred marks  
to buy her a ..... and that to be bestowed with the consent of my  
said sonnes William and Edward but ..... there of to remain in  
the hands of my two sons William and Edward untill they then .....  
..... a fitt purchase & for the same and then to purchase the  
same and ..... to be ..... to the ..... of my said daughter Elizabeth  
and her children at the discretion of my said two sonnes William  
and Edward the other twentie nobles to be paid unto her within  
eight ..... after my death and ..... the ..... untill the tyme of  
the said purchase And if the said purchase cannot be .....  
within one year after my death then my will is that the said  
William and Edward shall pass unto his or hir assigns .....  
yearly untill the ..... purchase shall be ..... The first payment of  
the ..... cannot so begin within ..... years after my death  
Item I will that the twentie ..... shall be bestowed out of the .....  
of my goods ..... bequeathed for the ..... of my said sonne Henry

with a ..... at the discretion of my Executors Item I give and bequeath unto my daughters(?) my daughters-in-law twenty shillings apiece and a ewe And to my sonne William' wife ..... before her twentie shillings Item I will that John Waller my sonne shall hand the sixteen pounds which is owing to my br. Willm Pomfritt as ..... by obligation to pay to Mr Mussett (Muffett) his rent but at ..... Item I give and bequeath unto my son William the lands of the ..... I hold of the Lord Bishop of London Item I will that Willm West, my servant shall ..... that wages ..... ..  
..... .. twentie shillings to ..... paid at michelmas .....  
..... .. my will is that he shall pay but twentie shillings for ..... And ..... Robt Wright oweth me twentie shillings he shall paye but shillings ..... Item all the ..... of my goods unbequeathed I will shall ..... and the manner that shall be ..... there of my debts being paid ffunerall and ..... .. before ..... among my three sonnes Gawin, Andrew and Henry to be equally ..... to be paid as followeth Viz to Gawin at the feast of the annuciation of Our Lady which shall be in Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and one and to Andrew and Henry at their several ages of ..... and twenty years And in the meantime the ..... to be ..... to their best proffitt and ..... at the discretion of my Executors of this my last will and testament whome I doo nominate ordain and appoint to be ..... Sonnes William and Edward Item further I do give and bequeath unto the poor people of Bassingborne in the County of Cambridge yearly twentie shillings during the ..... of twentie years next after my death to be distributed ..... yearly upon good friday at the direction of my sonne William his Executors or Assigns in such a manner as he or they shall ..... .. twentie shillings shall be yearly paid by the said William his heirs or Assigns out of my lands in Bassingborne aforesaid and in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the ..... and ..... above written in the ..... of those who are named; Andrew Vig John Sell Fulke Marshall John Goodman

Probit granted to Edward Waller ats Waller

5th February Anno Dmi 1611