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In the name of God amen the second daye of Maye in the  
 year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and fiftene and in the thirtieth  
 year of the raigne of our Conquerour Kinge James by the grace of god Kinge  
 of England France and Ireland Defender of the faithe of god of Scotland  
 the eight and fortieth. I John Evans of Clatford in the parische of Westhunte  
 in the Countie of Wiltes and Dioces of Sarum husbandman beinge sick in bodye  
 but of good and perfect minde and memorye (thanks be to god) do ordayne and  
 make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I  
 bequeathe my soule to Almighty god and my bodye to be buryed in christian  
 buryall. Item I give to each one of my eldest Sonne's to witte Henry two  
 hundred and George Francis Sellinges of good and lawfull money of  
 England to be payed unto them within one year after my decease. And yf one  
 of them do forfaynt to decease before the daye of payment Then my will is that  
 the said somme of two hundred Sellinges shalbe delivred to the other. Item I  
 give to my sonne Richard Evans my malt mill. Item I give to my daughter Anne  
 Evans two hundred pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be delivred unto  
 her within two yerres after my decease. Item I do give unto her also a Gowne billow  
 and a chest. Item I give to each one of my daughter's twelve pence. Item I  
 give unto John Withwicke twelve pence. Item I give to my sister Elizabeth  
 daughter twelve pence. And to my sister Katherine daughter twelve pence.  
 Item I give to the Rector of the church of Sarum twelve pence. And to St. Martins  
 church of Sarum twelve pence. And to Westhunte church twelve pence. The  
 residue of my goodes and chattels not gyven alreadye nor bequeathed I give and  
 bequeathe to Anne Evans my wellbelovyd wyfe whom I ordayne and make  
 the executrix of this my last will and testament. And I ordayne and request  
 my wellbelovyd neighbours Robert Smith John Martin John Myles and  
 Thomas Hoode to be overseers of this my last will and Testament. All which  
 persons were present at the makinge hereof with the minister and requested  
 to be witnesses therunto. And unto the said Willinglie consented.

**Probatum** fuit testamentum supradictum apud London coram ven  
 dno Domino Johanne Bent milite legum doctore Curie Cantuarie Cantuarie  
 Magistro Eustachio fuit Commissario legitime constituto octavo die mensis Novembris  
 Anno Domini millesimo septentesimo decimo quinto Inveniente Agnetis Relitte  
 dicti defuncti et executrix in eodem Testamento nominat. Qui commissus fuit  
 Administrator bonorum dicti defuncti et Curator dicti defuncti et fideliter  
 administravit et ad sancta dei Evangelia vigore Commissionis a parte albi emanat  
 firmat.

In the name of God amen the thirthe daye of  
 Maye in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and fiftene and in  
 the thirtieth year of the raigne of our Conquerour Kinge James by the  
 grace of god Kinge of England France and Ireland Defender of the faithe  
 of god of Scotland the eight and fortieth. I John Cowle of Ezenfem  
 in the Dioces of Westester, yeoman beinge weak in bodye but strong in minde  
 (thanks be to god) do make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in  
 manner and forme followinge. First I do give a free parte tender and quiett  
 into the hands of my good god and Creator my soule wherof I have receyved  
 grace and mercie by the firste passion of my mother's wombe makinge me a living  
 creature reasonable creature more my doubtinge but by his infinite mercie  
 in the precious blood of his dearely belovyd Sonne Jesus Christe. I have and

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shall have free remission of my sinnes and Resurrection of my bodye and soule: And as  
touching my bodye with a free carte I give yt over Comending yt to the Carters wch  
yt came. And the same to be buried in the parische church of Strensam as fore sayed  
having assured that at the greates daye of the generall Resurrection I shall receive the same  
agayne by the myghtie power of god not a corruptible vile and rotte bodye as  
nowe yt is, but an incorruptible Immortall stronge and perfect bodye life unto  
the glorious bodye of honre and Savyours Iesus Christe: And as touching  
the order and disposition of all my landes lathie purchasid my worldlie goodes  
and Chattells I do give and dispose of them in manner and forme following. First  
I do give and bequeathe unto Thomas Sowle twenty poundes of good and lawfull money  
of England to be payed the said Thomas by my executrix hereafter named when he  
shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeres. Item I do give and bequeathe  
unto my said sonne Thomas Sowle three hundred of silver one silver salt  
a dozen one dozen of silver spoones all my chedsteads my best Symbondes three  
of my name standing in my Chamber all my Table boards and frames, and all  
my Trankett and glasse in and aboute my name maner house in Strensam  
as fore sayed and one maltmill and westerne. And my will is that all the fore  
last bequestes shall not be remened by my said executrix from my said sonne but  
delivered to my said sonne Thomas when he shall accomplish the age of one and  
twenty yeres. Item I do give and bequeathe unto my sayed sonne Thomas for ever  
open or Shullert for the same or for ever carte gorses at the discretion of  
my said executrix and the one half of all my waynes wchles Cartes ploughes  
harrows and other tooles and ymplements of husbandrie to be delivered my said  
sonne as fore sayed when he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty  
yeres. Item whereas I did lathie buye and purchase of one George fflooke of  
the Citie of London Marchant Taylor a certayne Mesuage house or Tenement  
with appurtenances situate and being in Twiteburie in the Countie of Gloucestre  
and also one acre and three quarters of meadowe ground lying and being in the  
parische of Twiteburie as fore sayed in a certayne meadowe called the greates ground  
whch sayed meadowe ground I lathie bought and purchasid of one Richard wodeley  
I do give and bequeathe the sayed Mesuage house or Tenement and the sayed acre  
and three quarters of meadowe ground with all and singular tenent appurtenances  
unto John Sowle my second sonne and to the heirs of his bodye lawfullie to  
be begotten. And for want of heirs of the said John when I do give and  
bequeathe the said Mesuage house or Tenement three and three quarters of  
meadowe ground with all and singular tenent appurtenances unto William Sowle  
my youngest sonne and to the heirs of his bodye lawfullie to be begotten.  
And for want of heirs of the said William to the right heirs of me  
the said John Sowle for ever. Item I do give and bequeathe unto my said  
sonne William Sowle one hundred poundes of good and lawfull money of  
England to be payed the sayed William when he shall accomplish the age  
of one and twenty yeres. Item I do give and bequeathe unto Margaret Sowle  
my eldest daughter the somme of one hundred and twenty poundes of good  
lawfull money of England to be payed the said Margaret when she shall  
accomplish the age of one and twenty yeres or be married whch shall  
first happen. Item I do give and bequeathe unto Katherine Sowle my daughter  
the somme of one hundred and twenty poundes of lawfull money of England to  
be likewise payed her when she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeres  
or be married whch shall first happen. And my full will and purpose is also  
that the generall Summes of money before by me given and bequeathed unto my sonne  
Thomas Sowle Margaret Sowle and Katherine Sowle my daughters shall  
within one yere next after my dease safely be forwaied by my sayed executrix

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 againt of the same as for the increase and profitts hereof due by lawe wher shall  
 come unto my said children in augmentation of their portions without demerit  
 And also my will and mynde is that my sonne William Sowles portion before unto  
 hym by me bequeathed shall also be set forth by my said executrix within three yeres  
 after my decease to be payed unto hym in manner and forme aforesayed at the tyme  
 before limited. And my will is that in last yt shall please god that any of my said  
 children shall happen to departe this mortall life at or before their decease and  
 portions shall be due unto them by their last will and testament. Then my will is  
 that the said decease and portions of any of them be decreasid shall be equally  
 divided amongst the rest of my said children surviving. Item my will is that in  
 case my sonne Thomas Sowle shall attayne the age of one and twentie yeres  
 that then he shall enter and enjoy the one mortie or lease of a lease in Oxenham  
 which I bought of my Cosin Samuel Butler. Item my will is that all sommes  
 of money in my possession or due to me by Bill Bond or otherwise shall be set  
 downe in my inventory and shall be ordered for my childrens portions and for the  
 payment of my debts and funerals expences. Item I do give and bequeathe unto the  
 parish church of Oxenham for my place of buriall in the sayed church twenty  
 shillings. The residue of all my goods and chattells bequeathed before mentall  
 and unmovable my debts and deceases payed and funerals expences discharged  
 I do give and bequeathe unto my loving wife Christian Sowle whom I do make  
 my sole executrix. And I do make and ordayne my Cosin Samuel Butler &  
 Richard Bradford and Thomas Single Supervisors of this my last will and  
 Testament. And I do give the said Samuel in consideration of his paynes given  
 for the shillings. And my said other two Supervisors for the shillings equally  
 divided betwene them. And I do renounce all other former wills and Testaments  
 John Soule witnesses to this Testament John Sant his marke Samuel  
 Butler the marke of Thomas Single John Farley

# Probatum

fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud London coram ven  
 Dno Johanne Benet milite legum doctore Curie Cantuarie  
 Magistro Willelmo Comissario legitime constituto vicesimo primo die mensis  
 Decembris Anno Domini millesimo septentesimo decimo quinto Juramento iuravit  
 Sowle relict dicit de fide et executrix in eodem Testamento nominat. Et  
 commissaria fuit Administrato bonorum suorum et Creditorum dicit de fide et  
 bene et fideliter administrando et ad sancta dei Evangelia vigore Commiss  
 in ea parte alio emanat. Jurat. W. B.

# In the name of God amen

the seventeenth day  
 of August Anno Dni one thousand five hundred and fourteenth. Anno Regni  
 Jacobi noni Anglie or Indictione J Thomas Naynam of the parish  
 of Northwell in the Diocess of Hereford and Countie of Salop yoman &  
 being in perfect health and memorie I praise Almighty god talking to  
 mynde the mortalitie of all flesh doe for the quieting of my mynde and settling  
 of my goods make and ordayne my last will and testament in manner and  
 forme following. And first of all I commend and committe my soule into the hand  
 of Almighty god my onlie Saviour and Redeemer and my bodye to be  
 buriall at the discretion of my executrix certaynen named. And as touching  
 my goods and chattells wherunto god hath blessed me (having a wife and  
 three children) I dispose of them as followeth. I give and bequeathe  
 unto William my onlie Sonne the somme of forty shillings. Item I give and  
 bequeathe unto Anne Margaret and Johane my three Daughters forty shillings

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