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Will of Richard Lanfere of Heddington, Wiltshire

In the Name of God Amen. I Richard Lanfere of Heddington in the Countie of Wilts yeoman being sicke in body but of perfect understanding and memory (I prayse god for it) on the five and twentieth Day of Aprill in the seconde yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lorde King Charles and of our Lord April 1626 doe make this my last will and testament revokinge all other whatsoever in manner and forme followinge.

First of all I comende my body and soule unto the hands of allmighty God my maker trusting that he will be mercyfull unto me for and by the meritts of Christ Jesus my alone and allsufficient saviour and redeemer and that my soule after her departure from the body immediately shall goe into heavenly joye and my body buried in Christian buriall shall rise agayne at the appearance of our Lord Jesus when both being of 1 againe they shall enter together into everlasting blisse. My worldly goods I doe dispose as followeth.

In primis I doe give and bequeathe unto my poore neighbours five shillings in money to be distributed at the discretion of my overseers and the overseers ffor the poore I doe give and bequeath unto my sonne Richard tenn pounds in money to be payd unto hym within one yeare after my decease and my Dame mare IB I doe give unto my daughters Katherine and Joan tenn poundes apiece in money to be payd unto them within two years after my decease. IB I doe bequeath unto my daughters Hester and Elizabeth ten pounds in money apiece to be payd unto them within three years after my decease. IB I doe give unto my daughters Martha and Mary to be payd unto them within foure years after my decease tenn pounds in money apiece. IB I doe give and bequeath unto my daughters Dorathie Paynter and Alice Carver tenn shillings in money apiece. IB I doe bequeath unto my kinsman William Painter fourtie shillings in money to be payd unto hym within five years after my decease, all ye residue of my goods as well moveable as immoveabler within doores and without I doe give and bequeath unto my sonne William whom I constitute and make my sole & whole executor to pay my debts and legacies and to dis... my funerall Lastly I doe constitute and appoynte my xxxx friends and neighbours John Rogers and Robt Child to be the overseers of this my last will and testament, intrusting them to have care that it be accordingly xxxxxx in witness whereof I doe hereunto put my hand & seale the day and yeare above written.

In the presence of
Robt Rogers
John Rogers

Richarde Lanfere
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