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lyna and a hogg. These being witnesses John Stapley, Alexander Gilbert
and John Gosmer.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum una cum codicillis et
rerum venerabili viro domino Johanne Bonet milite legum doctore Curie et
procuratore Cantuariensis Magistris Custode sive Commissario legitime et
constituto Quarto die Mensis Maij Anno domini Millesimo Septentesimo
nono. Juramento Johannis Carpenter et Richardi Maynerd Executorum et
vtriusque in eodem Testamento nominat. Quibus commissa fuit administratio
honorum suorum et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrandis
eadem Ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat. / Ex

T. Samuell
Norden.

In the name of god amen. The eight and twentieth of January
A thousand six hundred and eight. I Samuell Norden of Wobam in the parish
of Hamsey in Suffol Minister of the Gospell though (to my great grief) I
debarred to serve my Lord Ihesus and his Church in whose service I would
willingly (if God had so pleased) finished my dayes and ended the race of this
my miserable life if I might have so done without offence to my god and disquiet
of my conscience, finding that by experience which the truth it self long since hath
established. Vanitie of vanities all things are vanitie: And that there is nothing
under the Sonne but trouble and vexation of spirit, and that there is little peace
to be found in this world to those that desire to please God: And withall finding it
a Statute that cannot be broken that All flesh is grass, and that all the Sonnes
and Daughters of men are subject to that great Tyrant Death whose chariots
of age and weakness are already come to the dore of this my earthen Tabernacle
whose Grounds sell are decayed, the roofe and walles tottering ready to give over
and fall downe: I, in these considerations, but especially in the full assurance of my
portion with those that are justified sanctified and redeemed by fayth in Ihesus the
Savior of all the elect (which is his body) wherof I verely believe that I am a true
member, I desire and renounce this wretched world with all the lustes and desires
therof And yeeld up my soule and body into the hands of my most faythfull Orator
and Savior, being assured that the gates of hell shall not prevail against me:
but that my soule after my departing out of my body shall by the blessed Angells
(through the obedience and suffering and commenda of my lord Ihesus Christe) be
carried into Abraham's bosome to dwell with the Lord, the Lambe, the most glorious
Angells and holy Saints there to live and raigne for ever. My body I yeeld willingly
to the earth from whence it was taken, there to live and sleepe as in a bedd untill
it shall be awaked by the voyce of the Archangell, and rise incorruptible by the power
of the resurrection of Ihesus Christe when it shall be joynd to my soule and both
one together immortal glorie. Now, because it is the will of God that (if it
meanes be left unto us) we should sett our house in order before we dye: And it hath
pleas'd God to give me wife and children with some portion of the outward thing
of this life, for which I blesse him and thank him from the bottome of my heart:
I yeeld them up into the hands of him that gave them: Desiring him who is a
father to the fatherles and Defender of the waydenes cause to protect them and
to follow them with his blessings all the dayes of their life remembering toward
them his Covenant made to the faythfull and their seed. Unto my loving wife
Anne Norden I give Twentie poundes by the year during her naturall life out
of my landes to be payd her half yearly by those or him that doth or shall occupy
my landes And to strayne or make recoverie for want of payment, the first payment
therof to begynne at either of the feastes of St Michaell the Archangell or at

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Immunitation of the Virgin Marie that shall first happen after my deceasse. Also
 I bequeath unto her the benefitt of my now dwelling house with the garden and orchard
 and doft thereto if she continue unmarried and no longer. Also I give unto her the
 benefitt of the lease at Bartham which I hope Mr. Boring will continue unto her.
 Item I leave to my eldest Sonne Samuell Norden all my landes houses and tenement
 to him and his heires of his body lawfully begotten for ever. And if it fall out that
 he dye without issue lawfully begotten that they descend to my Sonne Nathaniell
 and his heires lawfully begotten. And if he dye without issue then to descend to
 my Sonne Thomas and his heires. And if he dye without issue then to descend to
 my Sonne Beniamyn and his heires lawfully begotten. And if he should dye without
 such issue then to descend to my daughter Anne Wood and her heires. Also I give
 to my Sonne Samuell all such landes which I hold by lease or which belong unto
 me in reversion. Item I give to my Sonne Nathaniell Norden one hundred poundes
 of lawfull English money to be payd unto him One yeare before the end of his
 Apprentitcheood, the benefitt therof in the meane tyme to be employed to helpe
 forward the stork of my youngest Sonne Beniamyn. Also I give unto him one fether
 bed one bolster one pillow two blanketts one coverlet and fower paire of shooes.
 Item I give to my Sonne Thomas Norden One hundred poundes to be payd unto him
 One yeare before the end of his Apprentitcheood. The benefitt therof in the meane
 tyme to be employed for the raising of my Sonne Beniamyns stork. Item I give unto
 my Sonne Beniamyn Norden one hundred poundes to be payd him by my Executors.
 And untill that somme be raysted my will is that he receive yearly for his maintenance
 to learning (if he be fitt) Tenne poundes by the yeare out of my landes. And if he be
 not fitt for learning I give to him and his heires for ever eight pounny of lawfull
 English money to be payd yearly, if the before named hundred pound. be not payd.
 But when the same somme of one hundred poundes is payd to him or to my Overseer
 to his use and so employed that then this yearly rent of Tenne poundes or eight
 poundes by the yeare to be fully extinguisht. Item my will is that if either of my
 three younger Sonnes should dye before they receive their legacies that then it be
 equally divided among the other of my younger Sonnes remaining, and so they that
 remaine to be heires to the departed. And if my eldest Sonne Samuell should dye
 and my landes should descend to my Sonne Nathaniell, my will is that he give to
 Thomas and Beniamyn his brethren fiftie poundes a peere over and above the one
 hundred poundes of money before given within two yeares after he enjoy the foresaid
 landes. Also I give to my brother William Norden of Wiltshire in Essex three
 poundes of money to be payd him within one month of my departure. Item I
 bequeath unto my grand child Samuell Wood for a remembrance of me and that
 hereafter he may consider I was myndfull to commend him to God at my last end
 my will is my Executors shall deliver for his use into his fathers hands the somme
 of three pounny six shillings eight pence within half a yeare after my deceasse.
 Item my will is that the doore which is now in the house and which I have
 bargayned for should be employed to the raising of those portions which I have
 given to my younger Children. The rest of my goods not bequeathed I leave to
 my beloved wife and to my Sonne Samuell Norden (my debt legacies and funeral
 charges) whom I make Executors of this my last will and Testament. And I
 doe request and appoynt my loving wifen Mr. William Newton and my Sonne
 Edward Wood and my wizen Ambrose Wood to be my Overseers of this my last
 will and Testament. And my will further is that my said Executors shall within
 two monthes after my deceasse give sufficient security to my Overseers for the
 performanc of this my last will as shall be thought good by my said Overseers.
 And if my Executors shall refuse so to doe then I request my Overseers and give
 them full authoritie to make sale of such thinges as I leave for the discharge of

my legacies

my legacies And to receive into their hands and to employ to the uses before remembered the stocks of my children with as convenient speede as they may be taken out of the hands of such parties in whom they rest at the tyme of my departure. In witness whereof to this my last will and Testament I have sette my name and scale the day and yeare before mentioned being the eight and Twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord One thousand Six hundred and eight. By me Samuell Norden. Signed and sealed the day and yeare above written in the presence of Ambrose Wood John Draper & Edward Wood.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum coram venerabili viro Magistro Willielmo Wyrd legum Doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Magistro et Custode sive Commissario legitimo constituto Quarto die Mensis Maii Anno Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo Nono. In iuramento Samuells Norden filij dicit defuncti et dicit Executorum in dicto Testamento nominat. Qui commissaria fuit Administratio bonorum Jurum et Creditorum dicit defuncti de bene et fideliter administrandi eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia iurat. Reservata potestate similem commissionem faciendi Anno Norden Felice dicit defuncti, et alteri Executorum in huiusmodi Testamento nominat cum venerit eam petere in debita iuris forma admissum. / s/

In the name of god amen The third day of May A thousand Six hundred and eight. And in the sixt yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King James. I William Oglander of Westdeane in the Countie of Sussex Knight, being at this tyme in good and perfect memory (thanks be given to almighty god for it). Doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following. First I bequeath my soule unto Almighty God my Creator, To Ihesus Christe my redeemer and only Saviour And to the holy ghost my comforter most humbly beseeching Almighty God for the meritt and love of his deare sonne Ihesus Christe to graunt me pardon and forgiveness of all my synnes and for his sake to accept and receive me into the number and fellowship of all his most blessed Sayntes Amen. Item if it be the will of my God withm the yste of might (or next therunto) to take me out of this transitory lieth Then my desire is that my body should be buryed in the Southern Ile of the parish Church of Brading ab nere unto the place where my late wife was heretofore buryed as conveniently may be Item whereas my late wife in her death-bed entreated me that I would graunt her leave to give unto the pore poople of Brading parish Tenne pounde to the end that some yearly pention of Inheritance might be bought with the same for the contynual relief and sustentation of them: Now therfore forasmuch as my desire ever was and is That the pore of that parish should have some better relief then wold be bought with that Tenne pounde, I did therfore by my dedde give unto the pore of that parish towards the relief and sustentation of them One yearly pention or Rent-charge of Six pounde per annum for ever To be payd them out of my farme of Smale brook. And my will is that this pention or Rent-charge shall be bestowed on the pore of Brading parish in manner and following That is to say That two shillings weekly should be bestowed on bread And the same bread every Saboth day at or before morning prayer to be brought and sett on or nere my grandfather Tombe-stone being betwixt the Chamrell and the Southern Ile of the Church of Brading aforesayd And the same bread as soon as morning prayer is ended to be given and bestowed by the discretion of my heires upon Twelve or thirteene pore people of the same parish such as my heires shall thinke most fitt to receive the same And the other Sixteene shillings which then shall be remaining I would have the same also to be bestowed upon the pore of the same parish either in money or bread

William Oglander militis.

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