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# In the name of God Amen I William

Borden  
1417

William Borden of Weymouth within the parish of St. Andrew in the County of Dorset  
a good man being full in body but of good perfect memory, thanked be given to allmighty  
god therefore I doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme  
following. First I commend my soule into the hands of allmighty god my maker & redeemer  
the whose goodnes and mercy I hope to be saved And my body to be buried in Christian Buriall  
In the church of St. Andrew the poore people of Weymouth to be distributed among them within one month next  
after my decease And I give unto the poore people of Weymouth parish to be delivered unto  
the said church I give and bequeath unto my boye Thomas Michell also Knight five pounds of good  
and lawfull money of England when he shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty yeares and  
my will and meaning is that my Sonnet William Michell shall have the keeping of my said boye  
Thomas Michell also Knight untill he shall be of the age of seven and twenty yeares my wife  
allowing him such maintenance, as my wife and the said William Michell shall agree upon Item  
I give and bequeath unto Susan Michell my Goddaughter five pounds of like lawfull money to  
be paid unto her when she shall accomplish her full age of eightteene yeares And I give unto the rest  
of my Godchilden twelve pence apiece Item I give unto Mary Michell Alice Michell and  
Agnes Michell my Sisters twenty shillings apiece Item I give unto my Cousin Joseph Michell  
Item I give unto Katherine the wife of William Michell twenty shillings and besides the tenne  
shillings with her husband one shilling mee Item I give unto Thomas Michell also Knight  
Houlton also Item I give unto the children of Maurice Lowlands also apiece Item I give  
unto Mr. Will. Michell of Weymouth also if he doe prech at my funerall Item I desire William  
Michell Thomas Michell William Michell John Michell and Thomas Michell to carry  
me to the church and I give them for their paines also apiece Item I give unto every one of my  
men servants and Mayd servants also apiece All the rest of my goods (Attells and Chattells  
whatsoever) my debts paid, legacies performed and funerall expences discharged) I give and  
bequeath unto Joane Borden my wife whom I make and ordaine my full and whole Exectrix of  
this my last will and Testament And I desire and requite Maurice Lowlands Clerk and  
Thomas Michell also Knight to be Overseers of this my last will unto whom I give also apiece  
for their paines In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this xxijth daie of  
April And Dnd One thousand five hundred twenty seaven William Borden his mark  
and Seale Sealed and signed in the presence of Mr. Maurice Lowlands Clerk and Richard  
Luffe his mark

## Probatum fuit

Testamentum superscriptum  
apud London coram venerabili viro domino Henrico Marten Milite legum  
Doctor et Curie Cantuariensis Magistro Custode siue Commissario  
linc constituto Undertimo die mensis Junij Anno domini Millesimo septentesimo  
archidiano septimo Juramento Joane Borden Relicti viri defuncti et Exectricis in  
huiusmodi Testamento nominat Qui Commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum  
bonorum virum et creditorum viri defuncti. De bene et fideliter Administrando  
eudem ad sancta Dei Evangelia coram Magistro Mauricio Lowlands Clerico Weymouth  
Commissionis in ea pte alio emanat Jurat. /

# In the name of God Amen I

Goodman

James Goodman of Ruthin in the County of Denbigh gent being aged and impotent  
and uncertain of the time that god shall call me to his mercy, and yet being of perfect  
and good memory (praise be to allmighty god) doe (this xxijth daie of February)  
in the year of our lord God one thousand five hundred twenty three according to the computation

of the Church of England) make my last will and Testament in manner and forme following first I  
commit my soule to god my maker and Redeemer by whose mercy and passion I faithfully beleue to bee  
saued Item I give and bequeath to the reparation of the Walheduall Church of Llangor in the  
reparation of St Peter's Church in Luthyn in the said County of Denbigh Item I give to Godfrey Goodman my Sonne in the said County  
I give to my Sonne Thomas Goodman in the said County I give to my daughter Doris Goodman to my daughter  
Katherine in the said County to my daughter Jane with said children I thank god as provided for Item I give and  
bequeath to my Sonne Edward Goodman all those three Pictures by the Picture of St Thomas the  
the Picture of my father Edward Goodman and my own Picture being now in the parlour of the house  
wherein I now dwell And my will is that the said Pictures should remaine in the <sup>said</sup> parlour Item I give devise  
and bequeath to my daughter Frances Goodman all the Manservants glasse windowes, leades, Cellar and  
furniture being and belonging to and in my house wherein I now dwell at the tyme of my decease Provided  
nevertheless that if my Sonne Edward Goodman doe paye unto the said Frances Goodman my daughter  
for and towards her portion in marriag the some of forty pounds of good and lawfull money of England  
in one whole and entire payment Then it is my will and I doe give devise and bequeath to my said Sonne  
Edward Goodman the said Manservants Glasse windowes leades Cellar and furniture being and belonging  
in and to my said house at the tyme of my decease Item my will is that all such debts that for or can bee  
lawfully charged with bee satisfied and paid Item all my debts due to or from me and all the said legacies and my  
funerall charges paid and satisfied my will is and I doe devise give and bequeath unto my wife  
Catharine Goodman, her heirs, or one halfe of <sup>all</sup> my goods Chattells Chattells plate household stuffe  
implements debts herites leased terme lands and of all <sup>other</sup> my goods and Chattells moveable & immoveable  
whatsoever being due and belonging unto her by the lawfull Custom of the Diocese of Llangor Item I  
doe give devise and bequeath to my Sonnes John Goodman Ellice Goodman and to my said daughter  
Frances Goodman to bee equally divided amongst them the rest and residue of all and singular my  
goods Chattells Chattells household stuffe implements, debts, herites, leased, terme lands and of all other  
my goods and Chattells moveable and immoveable whatsoever not before by me in this my will bequeath-  
ed Item I doe give and bequeath to my said wife Catharine Goodman John Goodman Ellice Goodman and  
Frances Goodman my children all that yet and to come due belonging and growing upon the several  
pieces of lands called Ray Farm, Dol y Cwrt & macedan y gredde and all other corne whatsoever  
growing upon any part or piece of my lands whatsoever Item I doe give devise and bequeath unto the  
said John Goodman Ellice Goodman and Frances Goodman and to their heirs all and singular those  
my messuages lands tenes and hereditaments with appurtenances with I have or hold to me and my heirs in  
mortgage or in estate upon condition by myne owne purchase or my fathers purchase sett lying and being  
within the parish of Llanbairn Dyffryn Glwyd in the Countie of Denbigh To have and to hold the same  
messuages lands tenes and hereditaments with appurtenances unto the said John Goodman Ellice Goodman  
and Frances Goodman their heirs and assigns forever Item I doe constitute and name my  
said wife Catharine Goodman and my said children John Goodman Ellice Goodman & Frances  
Goodman to bee Executors of this my last will and Testament And I doe hereby revoke & annul  
all other my former wills and testaments I doe desire & request my wellbeloved William Lloyd  
and Hugh ap John Wyn gent to bee Overseers of this my last will & testament and to see it  
performed as I trust them. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seale given the  
date and yeare first above written And I doe testifie and declare it to bee my true last will and  
Testament in the presence and hearing of me Ewelyn Goodman I doe further by this my last  
will appoint and give my great pain and brassen pott to my Sonne Edward Goodman as  
pertinent to my now dwelling house as I found the same Hugh ap John Wyn David Lloyd  
ap Robert Williams ap Ellice Harry ap Item Ellice Lewis ap Richard Rowland ap  
William and John Vaughan. / v. /

**Probatum fuit**

Testamentum supra scriptum apud  
London coram Venerabili Viri Domino Henrico Marten Archiepiscopo  
Dorsetiensi Praelato Praelato Cantuariensi Magistro Custode sue Commissario Jure



constitudo et tunc die mensis Junij Anno Domini Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo septimo Juramento affirmavit  
 Goodman dñus Executorum in huiusmodi testamento nominat Qui omnia ista sunt Administratio omnium  
 et singulorum bonorum meorum et Creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter Administrando eadem ad-  
 iurata dei Evangelia Juravit Thomas Butler. Alro h' iore. Commissionis in ea pte als emanat.  
 Jurat. Reservata potestate similem Commissionem faciens Capuore Goodman Dehite dicti defuncti  
 Johanni Goodman et Elizeo Goodman Executoribus etiam in huiusmodi Testamento nominat  
 rum beneint eam petunt. - E. G. /

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# In the name of God Amen Richard Milward

Richard Milward of N. Warwick in the Countie of N. Warwick gent the 28 daie of  
 December one thousand five hundred and twentie five doe make my last will and Testament  
 first I give and bequeath to god my maker in whom and wth whom through the stedfast faith  
 I beleve in Iesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer whge died for mee and all penitent  
 sinners I hope assuredly to live forever And my body I give at N. Warwick aforesaid to be buried  
 in St. Maries Church there: If otherwise then to be buried where my friends shall thinke fittest  
 I give to the poore people of N. Warwick of St. Maries parish xx<sup>s</sup> and to the poore people of  
 St. Nicholas parish there x<sup>s</sup> to be divided in both parishes as the Ministers and Churchwardens of the  
 severall parishes shall appoint to be paid within sixe monthes after my decease Item I give and bequeath  
 to my loving wife Elizabeth Milward for her life those my three severall houses wth their appertyn-  
 yng and being in N. Warwick aforesaid whereof one of them is in Saltisford in N. Warwick and was  
 sometymes Jefferys wherewith house and the other two are ~~and were~~ neere the market place in  
 Warwick and were sometymes John Shaws houses doeing noe wast Provided all waies  
 she shal paye not any rent nor owe in any other of my lands and doe keepe the said three  
 houses during her life at all tymes in good and sufficient repaire Also I give and bequeath to  
 my said wife my tenement and lease of my grounds neere Warwick called the ylt ground during  
 her widowhood but if shee dye or marry before the end of the said lease then the remainder of the  
 said lease I give and bequeath to my Sonne Thomas Milward And whereto there is a  
 lease heretofore made by one William Swann deced of a messuage and certayne lands in  
 Tamworth now in the holding of one Riddle to Richard Cutt and Robert Stanley also  
 of Aldermarston in the Countie of Northester pson for 90 yeares or thereabouts  
 from the date of the said lease wth lease in equitie belongeth unto me I doe appoint and desire them  
 that that lease maie bee assigned and made over to my Sonne Thomas Milward his Executors  
 and assigned over to his or their use as my Sonne Thomas Milward shall require the same to  
 be done And further I doe for ever give and graunt to my said Sonne Thomas Milward and  
 his heirs and assigned forever the fee simple and Inheritance of the said messuages, lands and  
 premises in Tamworth aforesaid, also I give and bequeath to my said Thomas Milward  
 his heirs and assigned for ever all that my tithie in Aldermarston in the Countie of Northester  
 called Dptorp tithie out of wth which Gilbert is to have it is apptd during her life also  
 I give and bequeath to my Sonne Thomas Milward all my Clothed Cloths and booke  
 all such thinges as were for my owne wearing (excepting my best sword wth I give and bequeath  
 to my good friend Edward Gibbs Esq<sup>r</sup>) Provided that my Sonne Thomas doe paye to one  
 Thomas of N. God some neere Peterborough in the Countie of Northampton the sume of five  
 shillings in the Ase moethly I did buy of him about xx<sup>y</sup> yeares since and if he bee dead then to paye  
 it to his wife if shee bee dead then to his Executors or to whom it they bee dead the same belongeth Also  
 after my said wifes decease I give and bequeath to my said Sonne Thomas Milward & his  
 heirs forever the fee simple and inheritance of my aforesaid three houses wth their  
 appertynances in N. Warwick aforesaid Also I give and bequeath to my Daughters  
 Elizabeth and Mary my ward one hundred pound apeece to be paid them within sixe monthes  
 after their severall marriages and if my Daughter Elizabeth doe not marry within 6 monthes  
 after my decease then she shall have her said portion of 100<sup>l</sup> p<sup>y</sup> into her wth in 12 monthes

