

Done only in trust, to aid for the vse and benefit of my said brother Edward Ayle, and his heirs forever, and no other intent or purpose. And lastly I doe ordaine and appointe my willerlorn & frindes, Willm Kent gent and Richard Kent to be executors of this my last will and testamēt, desiring them to see this my will performed in all thinges, according to my intent and meaning hereof declared. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal.

Witnesses hereunto William Kent Thomas Kent, John Edwards John Cottell his mark.
Henry Needes his mark.

Probatur

*Fuit testamentum supra scriptum apud Londoniam venit
anno Domini M. C. M. L. Martini milles legum Doctoris Quir. Proctrogatus Dant Magno
Consilio Commissarii litem constituto duodenimo die mensis Maii anno Domini milles
scriptum videlicet nō. Juramento Edwardi Ayle fratris naturalis et ultimi dicti defuncti +
et procuratoris sui ad eum testamento nominat qui commissarius fuit administratio omnia et singularia
bonorum iuriū et credituum dicti defuncti debet fidele administrando eadem ad sancta dei
Ecclesia Goram magno Mattheo Baskett Giro rigore Commissionis in capite absolvitur
curat.*

In the name of God Amen

Cecily Smith
of Ross Strange within the County of Salop widow minding the disposition of her
estate the lord hath given me of worldly goodes, and mine owne p[re]paration against
the daie of dissolution and death, do make this my last will and testamēt, first pronouncing
my selfe into the handes of my most gracious god and redeemer my soule to rest in the bosom
of Abraham the father of the believers. My bodie to sleep in the dust of death untill the
hopefull daie of the resurrection of all flesh which I assyndic hope and earnestly desire.
Next, as for my goodes and chattells, My will is that after my funerall be addicte discharged
the particular legacies hevtafter expressed be truly performed in manner and forme following
that is to say, That my sonne Edward haue the p[ar]cel, the squaretable, the standing bedstead
and greate chesc which are in the greate chamber over the chyld in my house in Ross, and that
my daughter in law his wife haue the bedroome wherin hath vsually lym on the same. And to my
Grandchilidren his daughters, I shal haue to be gaue to each one ffourtie shillinges, Moreover
my will is and I give to Sarah Broome my granddaughter, the bed and bedfors wherin
I haue vsually lye[n]g, as it hath been and doth at my house in Ross, Item I give to Ch: Smith
my sonne ffourtie shillinges. Also I give to the said Sarah an red Cadore. As for the rest of my
goodes, after debtes, funerall, and aforesaid legacies discharged, my will is that of
the same devided into fower equal parts, the Children of my sonne Edward shall haue the
intire fourth part, and the other three fourth parts I will ~~haue~~ devided into three stand equal
portions, wherof I will that Sarah Broome haue four parts, Cecily Broome
two parts, and the other eight fourteenth parts I will be equally devided amongst the rest
of the children of my daughter Katherine Broome and of my sonne Thomas Smith
Item my will is if any to whom I haue given any legacie by this my will or any other
for them or on their behalfe, doth go about to alter or hinder the true performance thereof
That then all bequests so made shall be utterly void. And the portions so equaled
to the rest of the sonnes of Thomas Smith, at the distiction and ordering of Edward
Smith my sonne and his wife. And lastly of this my will I will that my nexte lovinges
sons and Thomas & Edward Cottrell and John Cottrell co-executors, unto whom
each of them I give xxiiii shillinges, witnesseth howe Edw. Smith, Edw. Cottrell
Richard Castle (Symphrey) Cooper, George Sutcliffe, written the eleventh day
of June 1619.

Quinto die

mensis Maii anno domini milles scriptum videlicet nō.
In manu commissarii Sarre Broome Recti & filia dicti defuncti habentis pro
admissione bona iurata media cunctam defuncte infraeconom et effectum testamenti suo

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alime voluntatis cui sibi defuncto Co quod Thomas Orme et Iohannes Ciron duo Executio[n]e
in h[abitu] testamento nominat antiquam omnium exco[n]tracionis testamenti predicti in suo arrestum +
viam venient & Iohannes ingressum fuerunt, dicitur Edwardus Alspall Executor eiusdem
alter exco[n]tratio causa cum et anno summa corporante mōre uice exco[n]tracionis testamenti dicti
defuncti expresseremuntiant prot[est] ex artis huius Omnis plenius liquet et apparet de bene et +
fidele Administrando eadem ad parta dei Evangelia Coram magno Iohanne Exco[n]trario opp[os]itario de Orme et Nervello Exco[n]trario de Walton vigore Commis Monies in capitulo alias +
emanat. Jurat. / Ecce

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Memorandum

That the Twentieth day of March 1628. Hugh -
Eron of Gubben in the County of Essex gent did make his last will and testament +
muntupatine in manner and forme followinge. First he gave unto Margaret his loving wife
all his house hold stuffe and Emme what soever. Item he gave unto his said wife the sume of
one hundred pounds of lawfull English money. Item he did will and devise that Margaret his
said wife shoulde hold and enioy, for and duringe her naturall life, all that his Customary +
lands lyng and being in Hanborow in the County of Oxon, which he had heretofore by indenture
denised unto his brother in law Richard Money and his wife & neble John Blandy during his
said wifes life, for her self according to the true intent and meaning of the said Indenture. And
if the said Customary lands so devised unto his said wife as foresaid, shoulde not amount to
the full yearly value of fforty poundes about the lards Rent. Then his will was and he did +
appoint that his said wife shoulde hold and enioy duringe her life summe of his Customary +
lands remouable called the fluelandes in Hanborow aforesaid, as shoulde make the said Customary
lands denised as aforesaid to be of the full value of fforty pounds by the year above the lards
Rent. Item hee did give and bequeath unto his brother James Eron all his freehold lands
and Customary lands and tenementes what soever, lying and being within the Meme of
Hanborow in the County of Oxon, and therwhere within the said County of Oxon, to have
and to hold unto him the said James Eron and his heires forever according to the Customs of
the said maner the said James his heire and assignes, permitting his said wife and her +
alligato peccabile and quietlie to hold the said Customary lands before to her devised as
aforesaid, Richard Money James Eron.

George Eron.

Vicesimo septimo die

mensis Maii anno Domini
Willmo Leyentes suo vicesimo nono emauit Commisso Marygate Eron vellet +
dict defunct habentibus ad administrandum bona iura et credita cui sibi defuncta uixa thorum
et effectum testamenti inuipati p[ro]vidit Co quod datus defunctus in suo testamento nullum
omnino nominauit aut fecerit Exco[n]tratorum debet et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta
dei Evangelia eoram Iohanne Olemh Thirio de Combe vigore Commissionis in capite
ab eo manu Jurat. Richard Money et Edwardo Taylor testib[us], tempore condicione suo +
declarauit dicti testamenti inuipati p[ro]stribus de et super veritate. Writton town
in sibi etiam Jurat. / Ecce

George Taylo[r].

Memorandum

That upon Sunday being the five and
Twentieth day of October anno domini 1628. George Taylor of Choughton in Esse More -
being slyte in bodie, but perfect and sound in memory and understanding did declare and make
his testament or last will to this effect followinge, vizt he gave and bequeathed all his +
goods unto his brother Edmund Taylor, and this he repeated twice in the presence of John
Clarke Curate of Choughton in Esse More, Richard Hollingworth and others
his wife, Ellen Garrison and others.

Vicesimo die

die mensis Maii anno domini Willmo Leyentes suo vicesimo
nono emauit Commissione Edwardo Taylor fratre naturali Etiam George Taylor +
fratre naturali Etiam George Taylor imp[er] de Houlton in Esse More in Comitatu Suffolki