Will of John Rampley 20 August 1667 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 16 October 1667)

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In the name of God Amen the three and twentieth Day

of August in the eighteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sou*er*aigne Lord

Charles the second[[2]](#footnote-2) by the grace of God King of England Scotland

France and Ireland Defender of the faith etc. I John Rampley of Tostocke[[3]](#footnote-3)

in the county of Suff*ol*k yeoman being healthfull both in body and mynde Doe

make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme

following

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following First and above all thinges I commende my soule into the hands

of Almightie God and my body I committ to *christ*ian buriall to be interred

eyther in the Church yard of Tostocke aforesayd or of Walsham in the willowes

in the County of Suff*ol*k vnto which p*ar*ish I shall live neerest at the time of my

Death And as conc*er*ning my worldely Estate wherewith God hath blessed me

I dispose thereof as followeth In primis my will and meaneing is that Gregory

Woods of Risby[[4]](#footnote-4) in the county of Suff*ol*k Chirurgeon and William Muninge

of Chevington[[5]](#footnote-5) in the county of Suff*ol*k gent my Kinsman whom I intend

to make Executo*rs* of this my will shall and will soe soon as conueniently

they can after my decease possesse themselues of all and singular righte

Creditts plate and housholdstuffe and p*er*sonall Estate whatsoeuer and alsoe

of all my interest estate terme and Demand whatsoe*ve*r limited to me or

my Assignes after my death of to ont or in any Lands and Tenem*en*ts whatsoev*e*r

in Walsham aforesayd And shall cause a true and p*er*fect Inventory thereof

to be made and duely exhibite the same And that they the said Gregory and

William and the Survivo*rs* of them their Executo*rs* and Assignes shall and

will deteine and keepe in their hands All and singuler my said goods and

Chattels plate and p*er*sonall Estate aforesaid and improve the same to the best

advantage they can untill Mary my Daughter shall accomplish her Age

of One and twenty yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen And

in the meane time I will that the sayd Gregory and William the Survivo*rs*

of them their Executo*rs* or Assignes shall and will give allowe and paye

unto my sayd Daughter or her Assignes soe much of the yearely revenews

and profitts ariseing of said goods and chattels and p*er*sonall Estate as

aforesayd yearely and every yeare for her p*re*sent maintenance & educac*i*on

as they shall thinke fitt and convenient (my Debts and Funerall Expences

being first discharged and payd and the seu*e*rall Sumes of Twenty Shillings[[6]](#footnote-6)

apiece allowed to them the sayd Gregory and William out of my p*er*sonall

Estate which I freely give vnto them and either of them for their care

and paines herein) And from and after my said Daughters sayd Age

or day of marriage which shall first happen Then I give and bequeath

all my said goods and chattells housholdstuffe and p*er*sonall Estate what

soever aforesayd and all Revennews and profitts ariseing of the same and

remaining over and aboue such allowance to be made and given to my

said daughter as aforesayd vnto the said Mary my daughter her Executors

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and Assignes to be payd and Deliu*er*ed vnto her or them within three

moneths next after my said Daughters said age or Day of marriage by the

said Gregory and William their Executors or Assignes at the p*ar*ish Church

porch of Tostock aforesaid And my will and meaning is that if my sayd

daughter shall Depart this life before her sayd Age and vnmarried Then

I will that all and Singular my goods chattells and p*er*sonall Estate what

soever aforesaid remaining in the hands of the sayd Gregory and William

as aforesayd shall be equally payd p*ar*ted and Devided betweene John

Baker Elizabeth Baker Amie Baker <Elizabeth>[[7]](#footnote-7) Alice Baker and Sara

Baker sonnes and Daughters of William Baker my late Brother

in lawe and of Elizabeth his wife my sister both deceased and betweene Ione

Cofe[[8]](#footnote-8) and Margarett Cofe Daughters of my late sister Dorothy Cofe and William

Cofe her husband both h*us*b*an*d *and* wife Deceased[[9]](#footnote-9) to be payd and Deliu*er*ed vnto them their

Executors or Assignes at Tostock Church porch aforesayd within three

moneths next after my sayd Daughters Decease And I nominate ordaine

and appoint the sayd Gregory Woodes and William Muninge Executors of

this my last will and Testament desireing them to p*er*forme the same

according to my trust in them reposed In witness whereof and in acknow-

ledgment of this my last will and Testam*en*t I have herevnto putt my

hand and seale the day and yeare first aboue written John Rampley

Sealed and acknowledged in the p*re*sence of Hannah Hawys Dorothi

Harding William Hawys

///Probatum/// fuit[[10]](#footnote-10) hu*ius*mod*i* Test*ament*um. apud Buria*m* Sn.

Edm*un*di in Cou. Suff*olk* cora*m* ven*erabi*li viro Hnig legu*m* dcore.

In et p.totum Archmat. Sudburie acvilla. delxmcia. Sn. Eds.

Com*mi*ssio et affili. strine. constitut. decimo sexto dix menss

Octobris Anno d*o*m*ini* 1667 Iuram*en*to. Willimo. Munings

Exris. supstitis in hu*ius*mod*i* sesto noiat Cui Comissa fuit Aglo.

etc de bene etc furat etc salvo etc

**Transcription Conventions**

* semi-diplomatic transcription
* lineation and indentation retained
* raised letters lowered, contractions expanded, and supplied letters italicized
* ampersand silently replaced by “and” (or by “et” in “etc.”)
* text in italic hand given in ///xxx///
* deleted text given in <xxx>
1. Probate: in order to “prove” a will, and thereby establish legally its validity, the executors named in it would appear in court and exhibit the will. They would then enter into a bond concerning the administration of the goods contained within the will. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Charles II acceded to the crown of Scotland on 30 Jan 1649, so the 18th year of his reign would be 1667 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Tostock: Walsham-le-Willows 6 miles; Bury St Edmunds 6 miles; Elmswell 2 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Tostock 10 miles; Bury St Edmunds 4 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Tostock 11 miles; Risby 4 miles; Bury St Edmunds 5 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. About £100 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. This text struck out [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Not sure of the first letter of this name [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. A lot of deceased parents and unmarried daughters; maybe a result of the plague in 1665 [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. If you can read Latin, you can probably tell that I can’t! Translations welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)