Will of Richard Rampley 8 August 1558 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 18 April 1559)

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///In the name of God Amen/// The viijth[[2]](#footnote-2) daye of August in the yer of our

lorde god a thousande five hundred fiftee and eight I Richard Rampley of Walsh*a*m in the

Countee of Suff*olk* yoman[[3]](#footnote-3) being hole of mynde and of good memorye doo ordayn and make

my last will and testament in manner and fourme following that is to saye I bequeath

my soule to allmighty god, And my body to be buried in christen buriall where it shall pleas

god Also I geve and bequeath to Alice my wif my tenementes with all the landes medowes

pastures thereto belonging w*i*t*h*in the towne of Walsh*a*m except that Richard my sonne is infef-

fed[[4]](#footnote-4) in To holde to her to her and her assignees during the terme of lif and one yere afte*r* to

be at her will and assignment Also I giue and bequeath to Richard my sonne all my

landes and pastures both free and coppie that he is not allredye infeoffed in from the high

bagges[[5]](#footnote-5) towardes the holivad greene to hold to him and his heyres foreu*er*, on this condicion that

he shall not entre that he is already enfeoffed till one yere after my deceace, and also that

he shall not entre this my legacie and bequeast that he is not feoffed untill one yere after

my wifes Deceace and he the said Richard shall paye to Elisabeth Carleton my daughter xxli[[6]](#footnote-6)

of good and lawfull money of England and this to be paid one hole yere after he entre his

lande after his mothers deceace vli[[7]](#footnote-7) and so the next hole yere after other vli and so eu*er*y yer*e*

vli till the som*m*e of xxli be fully contented and paide. Also I giue and bequeath vnto

Reginald my sonne my tenement[[8]](#footnote-8) that I now dwell in and my house at towne holly as they

lye w*i*t*h*in the*m*selfs and my Cloas next market way otherwise called horstsawe and iiij[[9]](#footnote-9)

acres of land lying in the melfeeld and my pittell[[10]](#footnote-10) at Stapleland to hym and his hares foreu*er*

on the condicion that he shall not entre in the saide lande till one hole yere after my wifes

Deceace. And also that the said Reginalde shall paye or cause to be paide to Christofer

Carlton and Richard Carleton Alice Carleton and Mary Carleton the children of Iohn

Carleton and Alice Rampley and Agnes Rampley the children of Richard Rampley

to either of them xiijs iiijd[[11]](#footnote-11) and this to be paid within one hole yere after he entre his land

And if they all come to thage[[12]](#footnote-12) of xiiij[[13]](#footnote-13) yeres or els to tarrye till they come to the saide age

Also I geve and bequeath to Edmund Day the sonne of S*ir* Reynold Bewfew[[14]](#footnote-14) clerke iiijli[[15]](#footnote-15)

of good and lawfull money of England to be paide by the said Edmonde by myn*e* executors

when he com*m*eth to the full age of xxti[[16]](#footnote-16) yeres. And if he the said Edmond departe this mortall

lif before commeth to the saide age Thenne I will the foresaid iiijli be evenly diuidid

betwixt his twoo sustern[[17]](#footnote-17) Ioane Dey and Alice Day if they be than alive or either of them

yf they be all goon before I will it shalbe distributed to the poore by my executours wher*ever*

they shall soe moost neede. The Residewe of all my goodes not spoken of what kynde or na-

ture soeu*er* they be of w*i*t*h* all vtensiles and stuff of housholde I geve freelie and holie to Alice

my wif whome I ordayne and make myn*e* executrix and Richard Rampley and Reginald

Rampley myn*e* executors. Written w*i*t*h* myn*e* awne hand In Witnes By me Ri*char*d Rampley

The Surrendre is geven of all the landes holden of the Quenes <of maister Cantons

holis> maiestie w*i*t*h*in the towne of Walsh*a*m to Thomas Vincent thelder and of <Walsh*a*m>

maister Bacons hold. In witness therof Fraunces Rokewood of Walsh*a*m Robert

Hawes w*i*t*h* other*s*.

///Probatum/// fuit[[18]](#footnote-18) suprascriptum test*amentu*m coram duo. apud. London xviijno die menss Aprilis

Anno D*o*m*ini* millimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo octano[[19]](#footnote-19). Iurat Willi*a*m Walker procuris exes.

In hymod testamento moratorum. Ae approbatum et insumatum etc. Comissaris fuit adm*ini*strato

etc. prefat executor in test*ament*o etc. De bene etc. ad samta dei Emigelia in debita inrp forma murat.

**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. Eighth [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Yeoman: a farmer who cultivates his own land; a small freeholder [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Enfeoffed: put in possession of land in exchange for a pledge of service [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. High Bridges? [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. £20 (about £5500 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. £5 (about £1300 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Tenement: a parcel of land usually including a dwelling house; term later used for the house itself [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Four [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Pightle: small field or enclosure [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. 13s 4d (about £180 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. The age [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Fourteen [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. In the will of Raynold Beaphew priest 1577 it is mentioned that Richard Rampley is his brother-in-law [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. £4 (about £1100 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Twenty [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Sisters [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. If you can read Latin, you can probably tell that I can’t! Translations welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. This seems to be a scribe’s error; since the will was written in August 1558 (and in fact Richard was buried in September 1558), it must have been proved in April 1559, not 1558 [↑](#footnote-ref-19)