Will of William Rampley 20 March 1548 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 23 November 1557)

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///In the name of god Amen/// the xxti[[2]](#footnote-2)

daye of March in the yere of o*u*r Lorde

god 1548 and in the yere of o*u*r Sou*er*ayne

Lorde Edward the Sixt by the grace

Of god of Ingland Fraunce and Ireland

Kynge Defender of the fayth and in earth

of the Chyrch of Ingland and Ireland

the Supreame head the iijde[[3]](#footnote-3) yere wytnes

that I Willi*a*m Rampley of Walsham

beinge of holl mynde and in p*er*fecte

and good remambraunce thankes be vnto the

heavenlye father Fyrst I doe institute

orden[[4]](#footnote-4) and declare this my Testament and

last will in this maner and forme

followinge. Fyrst I com*m*ende my Sowle

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vnto allmightye god the Father

the Son*n*e and the holye ghost and

my bodye to be buryed in the holy

Sepulture wher yt shall please

god It*em* I gyue and bequeth to Elizabeth

my wyef my Ten*emen*t w*i*t*h* all Landes

therto p*er*teynynge in Walsham

to hir and for terme of hyr lyef

naturall and after hyr dycease

I will the said Ten*emen*t w*i*t*h* all Landes

therto p*er*teynynge shall remayne

to Iohn Rampley my eldest son*n*e

to him and to his heyres and Assig*nes*

for eu*er* vpon this condyc*i*on fol-

lowinge That is to saye Iohn my

Son*n*e shalbe at charge for meate

and Drynke and fyrynge for me

and Elsabeth my wyef and the said

Iohn shall haue the occupyeng

of the said Landes for terme of

o*u*r ij[[5]](#footnote-5) lyves. and dyscharge Larde

and Lynge and fynde Reprac*i*on

and eu*er* that I will haue twoo

milche meate goynge[[6]](#footnote-6) to haue

wy*n*ter meate and Som*m*er meate

and to brynge vp a Calf tyll

yt be a yere olde one in the yere

And furthermore I will <Iohn> the said

Iohn my eldest Son*n*e shall paye to

yonge Iohn Rampley my youngest

son*n*e xxli[[7]](#footnote-7) of lawfull monye of

Ingland in maner and forme

followinge that is to saye at the

Feast of St Michaell Tharchangell[[8]](#footnote-8)

next to com*m*e xxs[[9]](#footnote-9) of lawfull mony

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and so forth yerelye at the said Feaste xxs

tyll the said som*m*e of xxli be fullye

contente and payde. Allso I bequeath

all my Impleme*n*tes and stuff of howse-

holde to Elsabeth my wyef. All other

goodes not bequeathed I putt to the

Dysposic*i*on of my Executors Of this

my last will and Testame*n*t I

orden and make myne Executor

Elsabeth my wyef Thes wytnes

Richard Rampley Thomas Lacye[[10]](#footnote-10)

Nicholas Waller w*i*t*h* other

///Probatum/// fuit[[11]](#footnote-11) pus. Testa apud Buria*m*

Sci. Ed*mund*i cora*m* mro. Tho*m*a*s* Sundondes com*m*issa*ri*o

et Offi*cia*li infra Ares Imm. Sud*buri*e etc. xxiij Die

Novembris An*n*o D*omi*ni 1557: Com*m*issaof

fuit ado. lonorn. etc. Execi. in dicto

Testa*men*to noiate. in Debila mris forma

In p*er*sona Firmimij Noele pcur. etc. mrat

Salnon nere comiscunoss 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. 20th [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 3rd [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Ordain [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Our 2 (both our) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Going [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. £20 (about £6500 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. The archangel [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. 20s (about £300 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Thomas Lacye was also a witness in 1585 at the proving at Richard Rampley’s will (also available at Rampley.net) [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. If you can read Latin, you can probably tell that I can’t! Translations welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)