Will of William Ramply 21 May 1662 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 16 June 1662)

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///In the name/// of God Amen I William Ramply of Vpp*er* Rickinghall[[2]](#footnote-2)

in the Countie of Suff*olk* husbandman doe ordaine and make this my last

will and Testament in manner and forme following First I give and

bequeath vnto Amy my wife All that my Mesuage or Tenem*en*t wherein I

and Robert Nun now dwell with the yards pightell[[3]](#footnote-3) and app*u*rt*en*unces therevnto

belonging scituate and being in Vpp*er* Rickinghall aforesayd To hold to her and her

Assignes for and during the terme of her naturall life And after her decease I

give the same vnto Edmund Ramply my sonne and his heires and Assignes forever

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Upon Condic*i*on notwithstanding that he the sayd Edmund my sonne his heires

Exec*utors* Administrators or Assignes shall well and truely pay or cause to be payd the

Legacies after menc*i*oned in manner and forme following that is to say the full

sum*m*e of Fiftie shillings[[4]](#footnote-4) of lawfull English money vnto Martha my daughter now the

wife of Thomas Marriott within one yeare next after the decease of the said Amye my

wife Fiftie shillings of like lawfull money vnto Barbara my daughter now the

wife of the said Robert Nun within two whole yeares next after my said wiues decease

Fiftie shillings of like lawfull money vnto the said Martha within three whole yeares

next after the decease of my said wife Fiftie shillings of like money vnto the said Barbara

within foure whole yeares next after the decease of my said wife Fiftie shillings of like

lawfull money vnto the said Martha within five whole yeares next after my said wiues decease

Fiftie shillings of like lawfull money vnto the said Barbara within six whole yeares next

after my said wiues decease Fiftie shillings of like lawfull money vnto the said Martha w*i*th

in Seauen years next after my sayd wiues decease And Fiftie shillings of like lawfull

money <within v> vnto the said Barbara within Eight yeares next after my said wiues

decease All which payments to be paid to them the said Martha and Barbara And in case

they or either of them be dead to their and either of their seu*er*all and respectiue Children

at the seu*er*all times aforesaid at or in the South porch of the p*ar*ish Church of Vpper Rickinghall

aforesaid And in case either of my said daughters shall depart this life without yssue of

their bodyes lawfully begotten and before theire legacies soe behynd and vnpayd shall remaine and

be vnto the sayd Edmund my sonne his Executors and Assignes And if it shall happen that

Default shall be made in payment of any of the said sum*m*es of money contraty to the forme

Aforesaid That then and from thentsforth it shall and may be lawfull to and for the sayd

Martha and Barbara their Executors and Assignes or eyther of them vnto the said Mesuage

or Tenem*ent* and p*re*misses with th*eir* app*ar*t*en*unces to enter and the same to haue hold and enioy

untill they and either of them be fully satisfied their sayd legacies with the arrerages[[5]](#footnote-5)

thereof together with all such charges as she they or either of them shall be putt vnto

by reason of the Non payment of the said legacies Item I nominate and appoint the

said Amy my wife and the said Edmund my sonne Executors of this my will In wittnes

whereof I haue herevnto sett my hand and seale the one and twenty day of May in the

yeare of our Lord One Thousand six hundred sixtie and two and in the xiiij[[6]](#footnote-6) yeare of the

Raigne of King Charles the 2 the m*ar*ke of William Ramply sealed published and

declared to be my last will and Testam*ent* in the presence of Iohn Rust Samuell Smyth

Iames Howchin ///Probat/// fuit[[7]](#footnote-7) hu*ius*mod*i* Test*ament*um ap*u*d Buria*m* Sn. Edm*un*di coram mro.

Iohanne Blemell Chco. Artin. mro. Surro. Vensslis vird. Rob*er*ti King

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resutatur. cu. Veuit. 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. Rickinghall Superior: Walsham-le-Willows 3 miles; Sapiston 7 miles; Bury St Edmunds 13 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Pightle: small field or enclosure [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. About £200 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Arrears (French) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. 14th (relative to his ascension to the Scottish crown on 30 Jan 1649) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. If you can read Latin, you can probably tell that I can’t! Translations welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)