Will of John Ramplie 10 April 1613 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 27 September 1613)

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///In the name/// of god Amen, The tenthe daie of

Aprill in the yere of our Lord god one Thouusannd sixe

hundred and Thirtene, I Iohn Ramplie of Walsham le Willowes

in the Countie of Suff*olk* yeoman beinge of good Remembrance thanckes

be given to god for it, doe ordeine and make this my last will and Testam*en*t

in manner and forme followinge, First I com*m*end my soule into the

handes of Allmightie god, hopinge by the deathe and passion of our

Lord and saviour Iesus Christ to have Remission and p*ar*don of all my

synnes, And I Comytt my bodie to the earth whereof it was made

to be buryed in x...pistall[[2]](#footnote-2) buryall whereit shall please god to call me

First I giue and bequeath vnto Iohn Ramplie my sonne my twoe

Coppie hould Ten*emen*tes and all my landes both free hould and Coppie hould

vnto them belonginge to have and to hould to him my said sonne

Iohn Ramplie and to his heires forever, And he to enter the same

landes and Ten*emen*ts presentlie after my decease vpon this Condyc*i*on

followinge, that he my said sonne Iohn his heires exec*utors* Admi*ni*strators

and Assignes or any of them shall paie vnto Elizabeth Ramplie

my dawghter or her assignes the som*m*e of fowreskore[[3]](#footnote-3) poundes[[4]](#footnote-4) of

lawfull monie of England when she the said Elizabeth shall accomp-

lishe her age of Twentie and one yeares or at her daie of marriage

w*hi*ch shall happen to come first, And yf it shall fortune that my saide

dawghter

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dawghter Elizabeth shall dye and dep*ar*te this worlde before she shall

attaine to the age of one and Twentie yeres and not married, Then

I will that Iohn my sonne shall paie or cause to be paid vnto my other

dawghter Dorothie the som*m*e of fortye poundes[[5]](#footnote-5) of Lawfull money of

England of the said som*m*e of Fowreskore when she my said dawghter

Dorothie shalbe of the of the full age of one and Twentie yeres, And alsoe that

my sonne Iohn his heires Executors Admi*ni*strators or Assignes or

anye of them shall vpon the Condyc*i*on before mentyoned paie or cause

to be paid vnto Dorothie my other dawghter or to her Assigne[[6]](#footnote-6) the som*m*e

of fowreskore poundes of like monie aforesaid to be paid vnto her my

said dawghter Dorothie when shee shall accomplishe her age of Twentye

and one yeres or at her daie of Marriage w*hi*ch shall happen to come

<>[[7]](#footnote-7) first, And yf it shall happen that Dorothie my dawghter shall dye

and depart this worlde before she shall come to the age of xxj li[[8]](#footnote-8) yeres

and not married; Then I will that my said sonne Iohn shall paie or

cause to be paid vnto Elizabeth my said dawghter yf she be then

lyvinge or to her heires of her bodie yf she shall fortune to have anye

the som*m*e of Fortie poundes of lawfull monie of England of the fowre-

skore poundes gyven vnto the said Dorothie to be paid vnto the s*ai*d Elizabeth

my dawghter at the tyme when my said dawghter Dorothie should

have byne of the age of one and Twentie yeres, And yf it shall chance

that my said sonne Iohn his heires Exec*utors* Admi*ni*strators and assignes

or anie of them shall refuse and make defalte of anie of the saide

paymentes appointed to anie of my said dawghters when they or anie

of them oughte to be paid, in manner and forme aforesaid, Then I will th*a*t

my said dawghter or dawghters Elizabeth and Dorothie <shall enter>[[9]](#footnote-9) ther

heires exec*utors* Admi*ni*strators or assignes shall enter into all my said lande

and Ten*emen*tes bothe Coppiehould and freehould and the same to enioye[[10]](#footnote-10)

and posses vnto them or to their Assignes duringe the tyme and soe

longe as they or either of them shall satisfie them selves of the said

som*m*e and som*m*es of Fowreskore poundes apeece and their charges ther

to belonginge or anie other som*m*e w*hi*ch to either of them shalbe dewe and

noe longer, Item I giue and bequeathe vnto Elizabeth Ramplie my

Dawghter more one posted bedstead w*i*th a ioyned[[11]](#footnote-11) Tester therto, w*i*th

the beddinge therw*i*th furnished as it stand[[12]](#footnote-12) in the parlor chamber

And

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And alsoe twoe hutches standinge in the said Chamber, Item I giue

and bequeath vnto Dorothie my said dawghter one posted bedstead w*i*th

a stained[[13]](#footnote-13) Tester to the same as it is furnished w*i*th beddinge as it stand-

ethe in the said parlor Chamber, And alsoe twoe hutches one newe one

and a litle ould one as they stand in the said parlor chamber, Item I

giue vnto my said dawghters fowre of my Mylche Neate twoe a peece

to be indifferentie chosen owte of my dayre[[14]](#footnote-14) to inioye cthem at Michell-

mas twelve moneths after my decease to be deliu*er*ed them by my necs[[15]](#footnote-15)

Executor, Item I giue and bequeath vnto my Children all my lynnen

and Naperie to be equallie deuided amongst them, And all the residue

of my moveable goodes vnbequeathed and not before given, I <b>[[16]](#footnote-16) giue them

vnto Iohn Ramplie my sonne whom I haue made my sole Executor vnto

this my last will and Testament hopinge that he will faithfullie

discharge the same as a good Consience dothe require And have contey

ned the same in three sheetes of paper, In wittnes hereof <I haue made>[[17]](#footnote-17)

to this my last will I haue sette my hand and seale in the daie and yere

first aboue wrytten In the presence of vs Thom*a*s Ramplie Thomas

Parker Steven Vincent and Edward Clarke, Thom*a*s Ramplie Steven

Vyncent Thom*a*s Parker Edward Clarke, the marke of Iohn Ramplie

///Probatu*m*/// fuit[[18]](#footnote-18) hui*usm*od*i* Testamentu*m* apud Buriam

Sn. Ed*mundi* coram discreta mro. Iohanne Iewell dlico. in

Artibus mro. Surrogato veulis. viri mro. Robti. Newcouie

leg*u*m Decloris in et y totm. Archmat. Sudburie etc Comissar

et offilis. etc xxvij° die menss Septembris Anno D*o*m*ini* 1613

Et Comissa fuit adho benoru. etc Executor etc in debita inris

forma iurat saluo etc

[Buried John Ramplie senior 14 June 1613]

**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. Certainly an abbreviation, but the usual “*Christ*ian” doesn’t seem to work here [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 80 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. About £9000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. About £4500 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. sic. No abbreviation marked and no lack of space: the scribe just seems to have forgotten the usual final “s” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. One or two letters struck out here [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Presumably the scribe meant to write “th” here, not “li” (one and twentieth, not twenty one pounds!) [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. It’s not clear whether the words “shall enter” are struck out or not; they should be for the text to make sense [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. “same to enioye”: show-through from the other side of the sheet makes this hard to read [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. joined [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. sic. (another scribe mistake) [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. painted [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. dairy [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. ? [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. This letter struck out [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. This text struck out [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. If you can read Latin, you can probably tell that I can’t! Translations welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)