Will of Richard Ramply 28 July 1600 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 14 December 1600)

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///In the name of God Ame*n*///

The eight and twentith day of Iuly in the yeare of our L*ord* God 1600

and in the two and fortith yeare of the raigne of o*u*r Sou*er*aigne Lady

Quene Elizabeth etc. I Richard Ramply of Faknham Magn*a[[2]](#footnote-2)*

in the Countie of Suf*fol*k husbandman sicke of bodie and of perfect

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///remembrance/// (thankes be vnto Almightie God) doe ordeine and make[[3]](#footnote-3) this

my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge. First I doe willinglie

and with a free hart render and give againe into the hand of Almightie God, my soule

which he gave to me at the begininge when as he did fashion me in my Mothers wombe

and my body I Com*m*itt to the earth whereof it was first made hopinge and stedfastlie

beleevinge that by the merit and death of Christ Iesus my Redeemer both my soule

and bodie shalbe made p*ar*taker[[4]](#footnote-4) of everlastinge life in heaven. And my said bodie I

will to be buried in the Churchyard of Fakenham aforesaid. ///Item/// I give unto

Richard Ramply my sonne all my wollen Apparell. viz. coate, dublette, hose, hatts

and cloake And one black cowe. ///Item/// I give vnto Margarett my daughter one

Featherbed, and bolster w*i*th all other the furniture and appurten*a*nce therevnto beloginge,

together with one bedsteed nowe in my bed chamber: and alsoe all my linnen whatsoeu*er*

nowe in my house and all my woll[[5]](#footnote-5) and one peece of Russet Cloth for a wastecoate

///Item/// I give vnto the said Margarett my daughter the sum*m*e of sixe poundes thir-

tene shillings and fower pence[[6]](#footnote-6) of lawfull english money to be paid vnto her by mine

executor in manner and forme hereafter expressed: viz. five nobles[[7]](#footnote-7) thereof yearely

and everie yeare duringe the terme of fower yeares next followinge after my decease

In Condiderac*i*on whereof I doe give and bequeath vnto my said Executor and his heires

for ever all, my house or messuage[[8]](#footnote-8) and land lyenge and being in Fakenham Magn*a* afore-

said. And if my said Executor and his heires shall not effectuallie pay or cause to be

paid the said summe and everie p*ee*ce thereof as is aforesaid within one moneth next after

lawfull request and demand thereof made at my said house by the said Margarett

or her Assignes: Then I will my former gifte of my said house and land to mine Executor

and his heiers to be vtterlie void, and the same to remaine fullie and wholie vnto the said

Margarett my daughter and her heiers. ///Item/// I will that all my houshold stuffe

and implementes of houshold not named before shall be equallie p*ar*ted and devided to and

betwene the said Richard my sonne and Margarett my daughter within one month next

after my decease at the discrec*i*on of henrie Rowse Clerke, Rob*er*te Stepny: and

Tho*mas* Doo Yeomen, of Fakenham Magn*a* aforesaid, or anie two of them. The residue

of all my goodes and chattells not before bequeathed, my debte beinge paid, my legacies

discharged my body decentlie buried not before bequeathed, my debte being paid my le-

gacies discharged my body decentlie buried[[9]](#footnote-9), and this my last will and Testament

all thinges fullfilled, I doe fully and wholy give, and bequeath vnto the said Richard Ramply

my sonne whome I doe ordaine and make my sole and onelie Executor of this my said

last will and Testament, and I doe …intr…a… and ordaine the said henrie Rowse Rob*er*te

Stepny and Tho*mas* Doo to be Sup*er*visors of the same. ///In wittness/ whereof

to this my said last will and Testament I have sett my m*ar*ke and seale the day and yeare

above written in the p*re*sence of Henrie Rowse and Tho*mas* Doo. The marke and seale of

the Testator

///Pro*batum*///

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///Probatu*m*/// fuit[[10]](#footnote-10) hu*ius*mo*d*i Testa*men*tu*m* apud Bury Sn Ed

coram nobis Fravisco Moundeforde in legis Bacche Surrogat*um*

veulis viri mri Iohannis Dey legum doctor in et p*ro*todum Archimat

Sudbur Et villam De Bury Sci Edmundi bruniffer nocnon

Official dni Archm. Sudburie preho Etmio Constitut decimo quarto

die menss decembris Anno Dom*ini* millimo sexcentimo. Et comissa

fuit aho bonor dict Executori in dcv Testate noiat in dubita

iuris foriulac salvo iure cuiusc. qr. etc.

Ex*ecu*tor of Iuvem

**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. Fakenham Magna: Walsham-le-Willows 6 miles; Sapiston 1 mile; Bury St Edmunds 8 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The word “make”, as well as all other text on this page highlighted in grey, is partially to completely obscured by show-through from the other side of the sheet [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. There seems to be another letter at the end of “partaker” – maybe an i [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Presumably wool [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. About £900 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. One noble = a third of a pound (6 shillings 8 pence), so five nobles = 1 pound 13 shillings 4 pence. (about £200 in 2002) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. A house with its land and outbuildings [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. “not before bequeathed, my debte being paid my legacies discharged my body decentlie buried” - text was written out twice by the scribe (with spelling differences) [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. If you can read Latin, you can probably tell that I can’t! Translations welcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)