Will of Richard Ramplye 31 May 1759 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 27 May 1760)

NRO Reference: 237 [MF440]

Origin: Norwich Consistory Court

24 In the Name of God Amen the Thirty first Day of May

in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty

Nine and in the thirty Second Year of the Reign of our most Gracious

Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great

Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so Forth

I Richard Ramplye of Garboldisham[[2]](#footnote-2) in the County of Norfolk

Yeoman being very weak in Body but of Sound and Perfect Mind and

Memory thanks be given unto Almighty God Therefore calling unto

Mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for

all Men Once to Die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament

That is to Say Principally and first of all I Give and recommend my

Soul into the Hands of Almighty God our Heavenly Father that it

and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent and

Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executor here after named

and as what I have to Dispose of is of my own getting after Paying my

Just and Lawfull Debts Funeral Expenses and such lawfull dememands[[3]](#footnote-3)

as my be due at the time of my Decease I Give Bequeath and dispose

of the same in the following manner and form Item I Give and Bequeath

unto John and Susanna Ramplye my Children all and Singular my Stock

that is to say All my Household Goods Cattle of all kinds that I am

Possest of, Corn of all sorts whether in the Barn House or Crops on

the Ground Also all Moneys Bills, Bonds, Debts Mortgages to me

any ways due or owing at the Time of my Decease to be equally

divided between the said John Ramplye my son and Susanna

Ramplye my Daughter in Just and equal portions and Whereas

I am at this Possed[[4]](#footnote-4) of a Farm by Lease under and is the Property of

Mr. Robert Qunce of Honiton[[5]](#footnote-5) in the County of Suffolk and as I have

been at some expense in Manuaing[[6]](#footnote-6) the Land and making and improving

the same the said Mr. Quince has promised me that I should be

Allow’d in reasonable Satisfaction, and on my part my Will is that

the said Farm be held by my Executor for the good of my Children

till such a Time as there be a proper Person who is Approved of and

is to the liking of my said Landlord Mr. Robert Quince aforesaid and

as soon as such a Tenant apply be it at what time of the Year it

will or may happen he paying and Satisfying for his Income as

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above and for all such Crop or Crops upon the Ground that are my

Property or any wise belonging to me it may and shall be Lawfull

for Him or her, if my said Landlord approve of the same He or she

the said Tenants paying as above directed into the Hands of of my

Executor for the Use of this my my[[7]](#footnote-7) Will according to the True intent

and meaning thereof that is to Say the Money thence arising to be paid

as apart of my Estate to the said John and Susan Ramply my

Children in Just and equal portions then it may be Lawfull for

such a Tenant to enter the above Premisses and not otherwise And

Lastly I Nominate Constitute and Appoint Thomas Ramplye my

Brother Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby

revoking all former Wills and Bequests by me at any Time

Bequeathed And my Will is that my said Brother Thomas

Ramplye of the Parish of St Mary’s of the City of Norwich whom I

have Appointed Sole Executor of this my Will be Allowed and paid

all such reasonable Charges and Expenses as shall Arise in the

Execution and Fulfilling this my Will Which <I> Will and no other I

allow to be my Last Will and Testament contained in one Sheet

of Paper In Witness whereof I the said Richard Ramplye the

Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and

Year above Written.

Richard Ramplye

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the

said Richard Ramplye as his last Will and Testament in the

Presence of us the Subscribers. Esther Newby, John

Adkin his Mark, Elizabeth Punt.

N.B. The Parts of the above John and Susan Rampley

are to be paid within twelve Kalendar Months after the Decease

of the said Testator their Father as above.

May 27th 1760.

The Executor within named was then Sworn in due form of Law

before me F. Frank L.L.B.

Examined by us Sam*ue*l Cole Jun*ior* and

Tho*mas* Coldwell

**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.”)
* 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. Garboldisham is right on the Suffolk border: Norwich 22 miles, Diss 7 miles, but compare with Suffolk Rampley towns Walsham-le-Willows 6 miles and Rickinghall Superior 4 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Sic. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. At this time possessed? [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The only Honiton is in Devon. This is probably Honington, 7 miles away. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Perhaps “Manuring”, for adding manure? [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Sic. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)