

## Will of Thomas Poulton, 1608

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**In the name of God amen** The thirteenth daie of Februarie in the yeare of oure Lorde God one thousand sixe hundred and seaven and in the yeare of the Reigne of oure sovereigne Lorde James by the grace of god Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defend[er] of the faith &c (vizt that is to saie) of England France and Irelande fife yeare and in the one and fowertith yeare of his Highnes Raigne of Scotland &c Thomas Poulton of Tewxburye in the diocess and Countie of Glocester yeoman beinge sicke in bodye but of good and perfect memorie I thancke allmightie god therefore doe make and ordaine this my present testament and last will in mann[er] and forme followinge Firste I beseeche my heavenly Father in the meditation of his only sonne Jhesus Christe my Mediator and Redeemer to receive my soule into his heavenly habitacon purged and made cleane by the merritts of Jhesus Christe throughe faithe in his bloudde And I will that my bodye be buried in the Parrishe Church of Tewxbury to staye till it be raysed incorruptible in the last daie to be p[ar]taker of the kingdome everlastinge. And as towchyng the temporall goodes wh[ic]h the Lorde in his greate mercye hathe geven me to dispose I geve and bequeathe in manner and forme followinge. Firste I geve unto Mr Mares Minister of the Church of Tewxburie twenty shillings Item I geve and bequeathe unto William Blackwell Minister of Becford Three poundes Moreover I doe ordaine and devise that my Executor by noe meanes shall take any advantage or benefitte againste any person or persons whatsoev[er] for by reason of any Bond or obligacon that shalbe founde myne after my deceasse soe as the principall money conteyned in the condicions of the same obligacons be payde to him within three monethes next after my deceasse And further my will is that my Executor shall forbear all suche some and somes of money w[hi]ch shalbe founde due and owinge me at my deceasse for the space of three monethes wh[ic]h have any use or interest to be payde for the same soe that they paye to myne executor the principall some w[ith]in fower monethes next after my deceasse I doe hereby alsoe ordeine that whereas I have in morgage divers and sundrie wrightings of Edwarde Aileworth Esquier forfeytted into my handes before this tyme That yf the saide Edwarde Ayleworth shall paye to myne Executor the some of One hundred and five poundes w[ith]in three monethes next after my deceasse that none advantage be taken by the same wrightings But that the wrightinges be redelivered to the saide Edwarde Aylesworthe or his assignes at the payment of the same money Moreover whereas I have a leasse for one hundrete and one yeares to me my executors and assignes of certeine groundes lienge in the Fieldes of Woodmancotte Southam & Bysshoppe Cleeve from Nicholas Tomlyns My Will is that yf the saide Nicholas or his heires shall at any tyme hereafter by all the saide tyme in the saide Leasse specified paye to my Executor the some of one hundrethe poundes for the same grounde againe Then myne Executor shall as much as in him lieth by force of the said Leasse make any release to the sayde Nicholas Tomlyns or his heires as he or they shall advise by their Councell learned in the lawe at the only charges in Lawe of the saide Nicholas or his heyres Provided allwaies and my meaninge is that the state w[hi]ch I have granted to Thomas Hiitt of Cleeve of some parte of the p[re]misses (vizt) all the errable Lande belonginge threunto lyenge in the Fieldes of Byshope Cleeve by the space of nyne yeares from Michalem[a]s last past payenge therefore yerelie at the Feaste of St Michaell the Archangell Fower poundes before hande and alsoe those acres of Meadowe lienge in the Fields of Bysshope Cleeve for the same tearme payenge therefore yearlie Twenty three shillings immediatelie after Hays Harvest And alsoe one Closse called Salleys Hays and one other acre of Meadowe payenge therefore yerly Fortie shillings at the Purificacon of the

Virgin Marie yearlie for the same terme shall stande in force soe that he by all the whole tyme breake not any greene Grounde by plowhinge or otherwise nor cutte any Woode or underwoode groweing upon the p[re]misses to him divided wh[ere]at the especiall Licence of me myne Executor or assignes firste thereunto had and obtained And by this my p[rese]nte testam[en]t and last will I doe give & bequeathe to the Corporacon of Bailiffes Burgages and Cominaltie of Tewxburie the some of Fortie poundes of currant englishe money to be & remaine in their handes and their Successors forever for a stock of monie to be ymployed for the relieffe advancement and proffitte of poore artificers younge Tradesmen and decayed persons to be rased againe in manner & forme as followeth (that is to saie) My Will is that my executor shall w[i]thin sixe monethes next after my deceasse paie the said Fortie poundes to the handes of the sayde Bayllyffes then beinge in the p[rese]nce of the Councill or more parte of them and that w[i]thin one moneth after upon a daie prefixed w[i]th daie shall contynewe for the amytye & accompte of usinge & ymployenge of my saide guifte and stocke yerelie forever Uppon w[hi]ch daie the saide Bayllyffes & Councill or more parte of them shall no[m]inate and appointe Fower Sixe eighte or Tenn moste meete and needie persons in their discrecon to receive the saide Stocke ratable to be devided and portioned amongst them to have & occupie the same for one Whole yeare or longer They enteringe into Bondes everie one w[i]th twoe sufficient Suerties to the said Bailliffe Burgesses & Co[m]i[n]altie for trewe payment of the same at the yeares ende w[i]thout any interest proffitte or rewarde therefore to be given. And yf the saide Bailliffe Burgesses and Co[m]i[n]altie shalbe founde remisse necligent or partiall in the execucon of the p[re]miss my Will is that my next heire in blood shall and may convent them before the Bishoppe of the Diocess of Glocester to accompte therein and to stand to his order for the same ./ And alsoe I doe geve grannte and devise unto the same Corporacon and to their Successors forever one annuall or Yearelie Rent of Twentie shillings of lawfull money of England yearelie from tyme to tyme yssuyng and goeing oute of all that Messuadge or Tenement w[i]th the appurtenances wherein I doe nowe inhabitte and dwell to be payde to the saide Bayllyffes and principall Burgesses and their Successors at twoe Feastes in the yeare (viz) The annunciacon of the Virgin Marie and St Michaell the Archangell by equall porcons for and towards the mainenance of a preachinge Minister in the Towne of Tewxburie. And yf yt shall happen the saide yearelie Rent of Twentie shillings to be behinde unpayde by vertue of this my last will and beinge lawfullie demanded That then and thenceforthe and soe often as the same shalbe soe behinde yt shall and maye be lawfull to and for the saide Bayllyffes and principall Burgesses and their Successors by vertue hereof into the saide Messuadge or Tenement w[i]th the appurtenances to enter and distreigne and the distresses soe there had and founde to take and carrie awaie & in their custodie to deteyne and keepe untill the same annuall Rent of Twenty shillings and everie parte thereof (yf any happen to be) be unto the saide Bayllyffes and principall Burgesses and their Successors fullie contented and payde for and to the use aforesaid/ And further by this my p[rese]nte Testament and last will I doe geve and bequeathe to the Corporacon of the Maior Burgesses and Cominaltie of the Cittie of Glocester the some of Threescore poundes of currant englishe monye to be and remaine in their handes and their successors for a Stocke of monie to be ymployed for the relief advancement and proffitt of poore Artificers younge Tradesmen and decayed persons to be raised againe in manner and forme as followeth (that is to saie) My Will is that myne Executors shall w[i]thin sixe monethes next after my deceasse paye the saide Threescore poundes to the handes of the Maior then beinge in the presence of the Councill or more parte of them And that w[i]thin one moneth after Uppon a daie p[re]fixed w[hi]ch daie shall contynewe for the ammytye and accompte of usinge and ymployenge of my said guifte and stocke forev[er] Uppon w[hi]ch daie the saide Maior and Comon Councill or more p[ar]te of them shall no[m]inate and appointe Six Nyne Twelve or Fifteene most

meete & needye p[er]sons in their owne discrecon to receive the saide Stock ratable to be devided and portioned amongst them to have and to occupie the same for one whole yeare or longer. They entringe into bond everie one w[i]th twoe sufficient Suerties to the said Maior Burgesses and Cominaltie for trewe payment of the same at the yeares ende w[i]thoute any interest proffitte or rewarde therfore to be given. And yf the siad Maior Burgesses and Cominaltie shalbe founde remisse necligent or paretiall in the execucon of the premisses my Will is that my next heire in bloudde shall & maye convent them before the bysshoppe of the Diocess of Gloucester to accompte them and to stande to his order for the same. Item as towching the disposicon of my Messuage or Tenement and dwellinge howses and Edifices and Buyldinges thereunto belonginge & adioyninge situate and beinge in Tewxburie aforesaid in the saide Countie of Gloucester together w[i]th all Gardeins Backsides Covettes Waies Easementes proffittes and Comodities thereunto belonginge & app[er]teyninge w[i]th their appurtenances I doe give dispose and bequeathe them in mann[er] and forme followinge (viz) To my lovinge Brother John Poulton of the Cittie of London To have and to houlde to him the said John Poulton and his heires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten or to be begotten forever And for Want of suche yssue heires males after the deathe of the said John Poulton then to the use and behoofe of Richarde Poulton of Dowdeswell and his heires males of hsi bodie lawfullie begotten or to be begotten forev[er] And for wante of suche heires males after the deathe of the said Richarde Poulton Then to the use & behoofe of Thomas Poulton one of the sonnes of James Poulton my brother deceased and his heires males of his bodie lawfullie begotten or to be begotten forever And for wante of suche heires males after the deathe of the saide Thomas Poulton That then the foresaid Messuage or Tenement and all other the premisses above specified & declared to remaine to the righte heires of me the aforesaide Thomas Poulton the Testator forev[er] Imprimis firste my Will intent and purpose is that Alice my Wief shall have the foresaid Messuadge or Tenem[en]t and dwellinge howse and all other howses edifices and buyldinges thereunto belonginge and adioyninge together w[i]th all gardeins Backsides Covettes Waies Easementes proffittes and comodities thereunto belonginge and apperteyninge w[i]th all and singuler their appurtenances duringe her n[at]urall lief yealdinge & payenge all suche rentes and other paymentes Whatsoever yearelie or yssuyinge owte of the same and alsoe from tyme to tyme well and sufficientlie shall reapayer uphold & mainteine the same in all mann[er] of reparacons makeinge noe manner of waste or spoile therein. Item I give to Alice my Wief thirtie poundes Item I give unto my said wief all my howshouldestuff Provided alwaies that my said wief shall at hyr deceasse leave all Bedsteedes Table boordes Frames of Table boordes Wainescott Glasse the greate Cesterne of Stone in & abowte my foresaid howse to myne executor his heires or assignes Item I geve unto my saide wief the yearelie rent of thirtie poundes due to me from Sanford w[i]th all wrightinge of or belonginge to the same I geve more to the saide Alice my Wief my Whole estate of and in certeine grounde & a howse situate and beinge in Putley and Woolhoppe in the Countie of Hereford w[i]th all writinge of and belonginge to the same she performinge to Leonard Ravenhill of Ravenhill that I shall sett downe for him in this my testam[en]t in manner and forme followinge Item my Will is that Leonarde Ravenhill of Ravenhill in the saide Countie of Hereford shall and maie (yf yt please him) for the yearelie Rent of twentye three poundes to be payde yearelie at the Feaste of St Michaell Tharchangell and Thannunciacon of the blessed Virgin Marie by equall porcons houlde and enjoye the groundes of myne lienge in Putley and Woolhopp in the Countie of Heref[ord] aforesaid for and duringe the tyme that myne estate houldeth to me myne executors or assignes Provided he geve suche securitie for the payenge of the yearlie rent as is before expressed to the good likinge of Alice my Wief or hir assignes. Item I geve alsoe to Alice my Wief the yearelie rent of eleaven poundes due to me from Stone Meade w[i]th all wrightinges of or belonginge to the same. Item I will that William Woode my Tenante

shall dwell three yeares Rent free where he is And Geare my Tenante three yeares Rent free And Daniell More one year Rent free yf they shall behave themselves as beseemeth honest Tenants. Item further I geve and bequeathe to John Poulton my Brother all that my one deede indented bearinge date the twoe and twentieth daye of October in the yeares of the raigne of oure sovereigne Lorde James by the grace of god kinge of Englande France and Ireland defend[er] of the faith &c the fourthe and of Scotland the fourtith of the guyfte and grannte of one John Berowe of the Berowe in the Countie of Worc[ester] yeoman unto the saide Thomas Poulton his heires & assignes forev[er] To have and to houlde the saide deede indented w[i]th all my righte title interest use clayme terme and demande of in & unto the said deede indented & of in and to all the premisses therein specified and declared and everie parte & parcell thereof w[i]th their appurtenances unto the saide John Poulton his heires and assignes forever to the only sole proper use & behoofe of the said John Poulton his heires & assign[es] forevermore. Item I geve and bequeathe to the Towne of Cheltnam one Booke of Acts and Monum[en]ts w[i]th a Chaîne of yron to be placed in the Churche on a deske where everie man that will maye come and take proffitte thereby. Item I geve towards the reparations of the Highewaies abowte Tewxburie Fortie shillings Item I geve towards the repayringe of the Churche of Tewxburie Fortie shillings Ite[m] I geve to the poore people of Tredenton Tenn shillings. Item I geve to the poore people of Stoke Orchard tenn shillings. Item I geve to the poore people of Eldersfield Twentye shillings. Item I geve to the poore of Corsse Fortie shillings Item I geve to repayringe of the Churche or Highe waies of Tredenton Twentie shillings Item I geve to the repayringe of the Churche or Highe waies of Eldersfield Fortie shillings Item I geve to the repayringe of the Churche or Highe waies of Corse Fourtie shillings Item I geve towards the reparations of the Highe wayes and Bridges in and abowte the Cittie of Glouc[es]t[er] Fourtie shillings. Item I geve to Elizabeth daughter to my sister Elizabeth Dobes Fourtie poundes. Item I geve to Anthonye Dobes sonne to my saide Sister twentie poundes and to his Childe tenn poundes. Item I geve to William Dobes sonne to my sister Dobes twentye poundes. Item I geve to Thomas Dobes sonne to Richarde Dobes of London deceased twentie poundes to be putt owte for the moste advantage by the discrecon of my Brother John Poulton of London untill the saide Thomas shall come to the age of one and twentie yeares. Item I geve to John Poulton sonne of my Brother John Poulton of London Thirtie poundes. Item I geve to Marie Poulton daughter to my saide brother John Poulton Thirtie poundes. Item I geve to Thomas Cooke my godsonne the sonne of James Cooke Twentie poundes And to the rest of James Cookes Children Fowerscore and five poundes. Item I geve to the Five children of John Heyward deceased Tenn poundes a peece And to the sonne of Daniell Perte tenn poundes Item I geve to Anne and Prudence the daughters of my sister Surman Tenn poundes a peece. Item I geve to Thomas Maide the sonne of Thomas Maide tenn poundes and to Thomas Maides other Children Fiftene poundes. Item I geve to Thomas Poulton the sonne of William Poulton Twentie poundes. Item I geve to William Richard & Elizabeth and Ellenor the Children of William Poulton Fifteene poundes a peece. Item I geve to Welberowe Barnesley daughter of John Barnesley Fifteene poundes And to William Barnesley Tenn poundes And to John Barnesley other fower Children tenn poundes a peece. Item I geve to the three children of Richard Hoare Tenn poundes a peece Item I geve to the children of William Rogers Thirtie poundes. Item I geve to Sible Poulton the daughter of my brother James Poulton deceased Five poundes. Item I geve to my kynnesman Guye Hill the sonne of John Hill Thirtie poundes the w[hi]ch I will shalbe delivered into the handes of James Cake and Thomas Cake to the use of the said Guye by them to be ymployed for his further benefitte and soe payde over to him at his age of twoe & twentie yeares. Item I geve to the daughter of Thomas Cake of Longdon Fourtie poundes. Item I geve to Ellnor Bick the daughter of Thomas Bick Twentie poundes. Item

I geve to Richard and John the sonnes of Edwarde Barnard Thirtie poundes. Item I geve to Richarde and Jane the Children of Parris Hurst Tenn poundes a peece. Item I geve to Ellnor Maide William Maide and Mathias Maide nyne poundes. Item I geve to Thomas and Marie the Children of Henrie Hurst Thirtie poundes. And to William Henrie and Anne Children of the saide Henrie Hurst Thirtie poundes. Item I geve to my Godsonne Thomas Heynes the sonne of Robert Heynes Tenn poundes. And to the same Robert Heynes other fower Children Thirtie twoe poundes. Item I geve to John Heynes Twenty poundes Item I geve to Richard Poultons daughter Fourtie ponde. Item I geve to Charles Hawkins my godsonne five poundes and to the other children of William Hawkins and Joane his wief Three poundes a peece. Item I geve to Emmett Bick daughter of Charles Bick of Tredenton Fourtie shillings. Item I geve to Thomas Bick sonne of the said Charles Bick Fourtie shillings. Item I geve to the rest of the saide Charles Bicks Children beinge nowe single and not married Twentie shillings a peece. Item I geve to Margarett the Wief of Thomas Acton Three poundes. Item I geve to Thomas Feilde my Godsonne three poundes. Item I geve to William Collett my godsonne Fourtie shillings. Item I geve to the three children of Richarde Restell Three poundes a peece. Item I geve to Ellnor Turtill fourtie shillings Item I give to Bridgitt Collett Twentye shillings. Item I geve to John Restell William Restell Thomas Restell Elizabeth Brake Jane Good Anne Stone and Margerie Yonge Sonnes & daughters of William Restell Fourtie shillings a peece. Item I geve to Thomas Ashment of Cheltnam Three poundes. Item I geve to John Ashmentes children Twentie shillings a peece. Item I geve to Abell Woode my godsonne Fower poundes. And to the rest of Edmundes Woodes children Three poundes a peece. Item I geve to William Twymynge Twentie shillings. Item I geve to Thomas Willis my godsonne Five shillings. Item I geve to Thomas Beale my godsonne five shillings. Item I geve to Thomas Cowles my godsonne five shillings. Item I geve to everie one of my Godchildren not heere named Twelve pence a peece. Item I geve to John Woode my godsonne Five shillings. Item I geve to Thomas and John the sonnes of Gyles Gaze Twentie shillings a peece. Item I geve to Samuell Bartholmewe Twentie shillings a peece. Item I geve to Balenger of Cleeve to be bestowd amongst his children Fourtie shillings. Item I geve towards the reparacons of the Church of Cleeve Twentie shillings. Item I geve towards the reparacons of the Highe waies of Cleeve Twentie shillings. Item I geve to Ellnor Davys Five shillings. Item I geve to Richard Younge Five poundes. Item I geve to Thomas and Richard sonnes of the foresaid Richard Younge Fourtie poundes. Item I give to James Win five poundes. Item I give to Elizabeth Wyn fyve poundes. Item I geve to Isabell Wyn Three poundes to be bestowed on hir by the discretion of Richard Restell. Item I geve to Charles Feild Twentie shillings. Item I geve to Marie Wade Tenn shillings. Item I geve to the children of John Underhill of Forthampton Three poundes a peece. Item I geve to the children of Walter Underhill of Eldersfield Three poundes a peece. Item I geve to John and Thomas the sonnes of Thomas Surmaine of Tredenton Twentie five poundes a peece. Item I geve to Thomas Poulton sonne of my brother James Poulton deceased Tenn poundes. Item I geve to Elizabeth Dobes daughter to my sister Elizabeth Dobes of Mathorne one Chest in the occupacon of the said Elizabeth and my best potte and best panne of brasse. Item I geve to my Brother John Poulton my chest wherein my Bondes and Wrightinges are. Item I geve to John Baston my best Jerkin and tenn shillings. Item I geve to Robert Clarke the elder my second best Jerkin and Tenn shillings. Item I doe geve to Alice my Wief Thirtie poundes. Item I doe acquite & forgive Giles Gilbert the elder of Twentie shillings he oweth me. Item I geve to Giles Gilbert the Younger Five shillings. Item I geve John Beames Five shillings. Item I geve to Richard Poole the sonne of Richard Poole of Harwick Fortie shillings. Item I geve to the Widdowe GreeneWaie Five shillings. Item I geve to Thomas Grindell Five shillings. Item I geve to Henrie Williams Five shillings. Item I give to Hawker Five shillings. Item I geve to George Lide Five shillings. Item I

geve to Ticye the Cobler Five shillings. Item I give to William Hill Five shillings. Item I give to Buckell Five shillings. Item I geve to Jane Leilande to hir sister Ellnor Phillipps Tenn shillings. Item I geve to Robert Smith the Baker Twentie shillings. Item I geve to the Poore of Cheltnam Fourtie shillings. Item I geve to the parrishe of Ashchurche One booke of Actes and Monumentes w[i]th one yron Cheyne and a deske to sett it on in some convenient place in the Churche that they that will maie take proffitt by yt. Item I give towards the repayringe of the Highe waies in Ashchurche parrishe Twentie shillings. Item I geve towards the repayreinge of the Churche of Ashchurche Twentie shillings. Item I give to James Cooke my Bible. Item I geve to John Surman my Booke of Statutes. Item I geve to Parris Hurst Barkales Summum bonn. Item I geve to William Poulton the younger my booke of Smithes Sermons. Item I geve to Richard Poulton my booke called the Resolution and my Huntinge staffe. Item I geve to Thomas Cooke of Longdon my booke called the PathWaie to salvation. Item I geve to Gabriell Wynne & Joseph Wynn Brothers & sonnes of Thomas Wynn of Eldersfeild deceased Fortie shillings a peece. Item I geve to Anthony Dobes my best Cloake. Item I geve to Richard Younge my best house doublett and my seconde cloake. Item I geve towards the erectinge and buyldinge of a Markett howse in the Towne of Newent in the Count[ie] of Glouc[es]t[er] the some of fower poundes of lawfull money of Englande. Provided allwaies and that my Will is that yf the Inhabitanes of the Towne and parrishe of Newent aforesaid doe not buyld any such m[ar]kett howse That then the aforesaid fower poundes shall remaine to the use of myne Executor hereaft[er] named. Item all the residue of my goodes and Cattells moveable and unmoveable and not by this my present Testament and last will given bequeathed in use after my debts and legac[i]es payde and my Funerall and charges borne together w[i]th all Billes bondes debtes and duties to me due and apperteyninge I doe fullie and Whollie give bequeathe and assigne them to John Poulton my Brother dwellinge in the Cittie of London Whome I doe nominate and appointe to be my sole and onelie Executor of this my last will and testam[en]t. And I doe desier and appointe my lovinge good Freindes William Poulton Henrie Hurst Richard Poulton Thomas Cooke and Richard Restell to be Overseers of the same And I doe geve to everie of them for their paines herein to be taken a silver spoone of eighte shillings peece. And alsoe my Will is that myne executor shall beare the charges and expences of myne Overseers in all occasions of busynes wherein they or anie of them shall be troubled or called concerninge my Will or anie thinge therein conteyned. And I utterlie revoke and adnull all and everie other formes Testam[en]tes Willes Legac[i]es bequestes Executor and Executors and Overseers by me in anie Wise before this tyme made named willed and bequeathed. In Wittnes hereof I the said Thomas Poulton have to this my p[rese]nte Testament and last will sette my hande and seale the daie and yeare first above written in the p[rese]nce Thomas Surmam James Cooke Thomas Bick John Surman Richard Younge. Item further before the enseallinge hereof I doe geve and bequeath towards the erectinge and buyldynge of Uptons Bridge in the some of Three poundes. And alsoe I doe geve to Ellnor Baston of Corse widdowe tenn shillings. Item I geve to Prudence Surmam Five poundes. By me Thomas Poulton /.

**Probatum fuit Testamentum Suprascript** apud London coram venerabili vivo Magro Willmo Byrde legu doctore Curie Prerogative Cant Magro Custode sixe Comissario Stime constituto videsimo quarto die mens[is] May Anno dni millesimo sexcentesimo octavo Juramento a Johannis Poulton fratrio dei defuncti et Executoris in himsinodi testamento nominati ????