

The Will of Clement Watson (1649 -1720)
Transcript of copy held by the Norfolk Records Office
of Will dated 13th July 1714
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In the name of God Amen this Thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord Christ according to the computation of this church of England one thousand, seven hundred and fourteen I Clement Watson of Martham in the County of Norfolk, yeoman being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory for which God be praised and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do therefore make and declare this to be my Last Will and testament in the manner and format following: First and principally I commend my Soul into the hand of almighty God my creator of most merciful Father through whose rich mercy by the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour ? ? trust to be saved And when it shall please God to finish my mortal race in this transitory world I then commit my body to the earth to be buried in hopes of a joyful resurrection at the last day to glory everlasting AND as to ?ing such worldly goods or ? wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me within this life I give and dispose hereof followeth. I give and bequeath unto Mary Watson my loving wife all my houses and land whatsoever both freehold and copyhold laying in Martham aforesaid and in Potter Heigham or elsewhere immediately after my deccased during her natural life and after her deccased I give the houses and land unto John Watson my son and Robert Watson equally to be divided between them and to them and their heirs forever out of which the said Robert & John my sons shall pay the several legacies hereafter named. First item I give and bequest unto Clement Watson my first son five pounds to be paid within one year after the deccased of Mary my loving wife. Then I give unto William Watson my second son five pounds of English money to be paid within two years after my wife's deccased. Then, I give unto Thomas Watson my third son five pounds of lawful English money to be paid within three years after the deccased of Mary my wife. Then I give unto Mary my daughter, fifteen pounds of English money to be paid at three several times. First five pounds to be paid within four years after the deccased of Mary my Wife, of five pounds more to be paid within five years after my wife's death ? five pounds to be paid within six years after ? my wife's deccased all of which legacies as aforesaid shall be paid by and between my fourth and fifth sons John & Robert Watson out of my houses and lands aforesaid. Each of them equally to pay their part (or by their order). Likewise my mind and will is that if Mary my wife should marry another husband after my deccased. Then I give and bequeath the said my houses and lands unto the said John & Robert Watson my sons immediately after the day of her marriage and to them and their heirs forever paying the legacies as aforesaid. Then all my stock, crops, money, household goods, chattels, personal estate or moveables whatsoever I give unto Mary my loving wife whom I do hereby make, ordain constitute and appoint Sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament. Then the said Mary my wife to take my debts and pay my debts and charges of my burial. And, I hereby revoke all other Wills and do hereby make this my last will and testament in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written: *Clement Watson* signed sealed and delivered by the said Clement Watson the testator to be his last Will & Testament after the words inter?? on the 13th & 15th lines in the presence of us who severally subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and at his request. The mark of William Barrett. The mark of Anne Read, William Creasey Memorandum immediately after the executing of this my Will above said and in the presence of the Executors aforesaid. I do declare this my mind and make it part of my Will as followeth. My mind and will is that if Mary my wife should depart this life before my sons John or Robert or either of them shall attain to the age of one and twenty years, that then the aforesaid legacies payable by them shall not be paid until they or either of them shall attain the ages of one & twenty years and then they shall pay the legacies accordingly in order after they my sons John & Robert attain by the age of one and twenty years and before mentioned to be paid after my wife's deccased. Witness my hand in the presence of the witnesses aforesaid *Clement Watson*

Provd the 13th of May 1720
October 14th, 1704, Ex. By me Wm ? Notary Public
In the name of God Amen