

**The Will of Thomas Watson (1627-1704) dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 1667.**

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The last will and testament, sixth day of September 1667 of our Lord and Redeemer ? ? forever. In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Watson of Martham in the County of Norfolk being sick and weak in body but in perfect remembrance praise be God ? ordained in ? make this my last will and testament in ? and form following. *Imprimis*<sup>(1)</sup> I bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping by the time of my death and passing my Lord Savior Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Eternal Life and my body I commit unto the earth from whence it had beginning to be decently buried at the direction of my Executrix hereinafter named. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup> I give and bequeath unto Margaret my well beloved wife all my houses and free land with the appurtenances there unto belonging situated lying or being in Martham or Potter Heigham being for the tenuro of her natural life and after her deceased to Clement my son and his heirs forever. Upon the condition following; that is to say that Clement my son his Executors or assigns shall pay or cause to be paid unto my two daughters twenty pounds a piece in the manner following. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup> I give and bequeath unto Mary my daughter the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by Clement my son by five pounds a year the first payment to begin to her one year after my wife's deceased and for five pounds yearly until the said sum of twenty pounds be satisfied and paid. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup>, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter the like sum of twenty pounds to be paid by five pounds the year. The first payment to begin within one year after the other twenty pounds be paid and so yearly and every year five pounds ? ? twenty pounds be satisfied and paid all payments to be paid in the porch of the parish church of Martham. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup> my will and mind is if Clement my son his heirs or assigns shall make default of payment or any of the said several sums unto Mary my daughter then I give and bequeath unto Mary my daughter all my houses and land standing or lying betwixt the common of Martham to the north and a packed way leading unto Peafso Street to the south to have and to hold to her and her heirs for ever. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup> my will of mind is that if Clement, my son his heirs or assigns shall make default of payment of any of the several sums aforesaid unto Elizabeth my daughter then I give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth all the residual of my free land to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup> I give and bequeath unto Mary my daughter the sum of five pounds to be paid by my Executrix when she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years. *Item*<sup>(2)</sup> all other my moveable goods and ? ? I give & bequeath unto Mary ? ? ?

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wife whom I make & ordain Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament she to take my debts and pay my debts and to bring my body in decent and ? manner to the earth. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Sealed and delivered in the presence of us William Watson and John Crowell.

Tho. Watson - his mark  
William Watson - his mark  
John Crowell his mark  
9<sup>th</sup> September 1704

Examined by me  
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1 (*Imprimis*) is Latin for 'In the first place'

2 (*Item*) is Latin for 'In the same manner'