

Transcription by Ros Dunning

In the Name of God Amen I Frances Gilbert of Tiffield in the County of Northampton being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner following Imprimis I give unto my two Daughters Ann Gilbert and Mary Gilbert all my Household Linnen to be equally divided between them and also all the Coals and ffirewood that shall be found at the time of my Decease at my House at Tiffield wherein I now dwell Item I give to my three Daughters Elizabeth Wilson Ann Gilbert and Mary Gilbert all the ffurniture and Household Goods of my said House to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike Item I give and devise unto my Executors hereinafter named and the Survivors of them and the Heirs of such Survivor the Advowson of the Church of the parish of Tiffield aforesaid Upon Trust that they permit and suffer my said Daughters Ann Gilbert and Mary Gilbert and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of such Survivor to have the Right and Power of Predientation thereunto from Time to Time as often as occasion shall be and require but in case my said Daughters Ann and Mary or the Survivors of them or the Heirs of the Survivors of them at any Time be desirous that his said Advowson be sold and disposed of then and in such case and at their joint Request or at the Request of the Survivor of them or of the Heirs of the Survivor such request to be delivered in Writing and signed by the party or partys making the same in the presence of two or more Credible Witnesses Upon Trust to sell and dispose thereof and to divide and pay the Money arising by such sale equally to and amongst such of my Children as shall then be living but in case none of my Children shall be living at the Time of such Sale then to pay the Money arising thereby to the Heirs of the Survivor of them the said Ann and Mary Gilbert Item all those my two Messuages or Tenements with the Appurtenences situate in Tiffield aforesaid and also all those my several pieces and Parcels of Arable Land Lay Meadow and Pasture Ground lying and being dispersed in the Common and Open ffields of Tiffield aforesaid commonly called and known by the name of Wood Closes All which said premises were lately in the Tenure or Occupation of Robert Goodspeed and now of Richard Curl his Under Tennants or Assigns and were purchased by John Gilbert my late Husband deceased of Robert Neale Knight and Cotherill or some or one of them and were given and devised to me by the last Will of my said late Husband and all other my Real Estate lying in Tiffield aforesaid and elsewhere in the said County of Northampton I give and bequeath to my Executors hereinafter named and their Heirs upon Trust to sell and dispose thereof with all convenient Speed after my Decease and to pay and apply the Money Arising by such sale to such Persons and to such Uses as hereinafter is mentioned but my Will is that my said Executors shall in the first place offer the said Estate to sale to each of my Daughters Respectively at the Price of Six Hundred Pounds and if none of my said Daughters shall be willing to purchase the same at that Price then my Executors shall sell the same for the most Money they can get for it and the Money arising from the sale thereof and also all my Personal Estate not hereinbefore devised I give and dispose of as followeth (that is to say) after Payment thereof of my Debts and ffuneral Charges together with all reasonable Costs and Expences which my said Executors may be put unto and Sustain in the Execution of this my Will I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Wilson or in case of her decease to her Husband Goodwin Wilson the Sum of One Hundred Pounds in pursuance and full discharge of a Covenant contained in the Articles made on the Marriage of my said Daughter with the said Goodwin Wilson Item I give to my Daughter Ann Gilbert the sum of ffour Hundred Pounds and to my Daughter Mary Gilbert the sum of ffour Hundred Pounds And to my Grand Daughter Frances Jackson the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid to her at her Age of Twenty One Years but in case she shall die before she attains the said age then my Will is that the said One Hundred Pounds be divided amongst such of my said Three Daughters as shall be living at the time of her Decease Item I give to my said Executors the Sum of Ten Pounds to be paid to and divided amongst such of the Poor of the said Parish of Tiffield and in such Proportions as my said Executors shall think Proper Item I give to each of my said Executors ffive Guineas for his own proper use and Benefit Item I hereby order the sum of ffifty Pounds to be

paid to my Daughters Ann and Mary Gilbert over and besides all other bequests by me to them hereby given in Consideration of the Expences they may sustain in Housekeeping Till such Time as Affairs can be settled and their fortunes paid them all the Rest Residue and remainder of the Money arising by such sale and also of my said Personal Estate I give and bequeath to my said Executors in Trust to and for the Use Benefit and disposal of my said Daughters Elizabeth Wilson Ann Gilbert and Mary Gilbert and my Granddaughter Frances Jackson to be paid to her at her Age of Twenty one years but in Case she shall happen to die before she attains the said Age then upon Trust as to her share of and in the said Residue to and for the use and Benefit of such of my said Daughters as shall be living at the time of her decease and as to the Share of my said daughter Elizabeth Wilson in and to the said Residue and also in and to the Money arising by the sale of the said Advowson (in case the same shall be sold during her Life Time) I give the same to my said Executors their Executors and Administrators upon this further Trust that is to say for the sole and separate Use and Benefit of the said Elizabeth Wilson and her Assigns and to be paid to the said Elizabeth Wilson and her Assigns at such Times and in such Proportions as she shall demand and require the same and that such proportions and that her Receipt and Receipts alone shall be a sufficient discharge for the same notwithstanding her Coverture And in case the same or any Part thereof shall be remaining in the Hands of my said Executors their Executors or Administrators at the time of the Decease of the said Elizabeth Wilson then in Trust to be paid and applied to such Person or Persons for such Uses and in such Manner as the said Elizabeth Wilson shall by her last Will and Testament in writing notwithstanding her Coverture direct and appoint and for want of such Direction and appointment to and for the proper use and behoof of the said Goodwin Wilson her said Husband and I hereby make constitute and appoint the Reverend Bartholomew Keeling of Saint Johns Colledge Oxford Master of Arts and William Ives of Barnards Inn London Gentlemen the Executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any Time heretofore made Fran Gilbert Signed sealed and delivered by the said Frances Gilbert this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Nine
Mary Hilyer William Faulkner Junr Richard Cadman

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