

Transcription by Ros Dunning

I, Robert Neale of Tiffield in the County of Northampton yeoman being weak of body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding (thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same) do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first of all I give devise and bequeath unto my loving wife Anne for and during the term of her natural life All that cottage and tenement with the appurtenances where I now inhabit or dwell lying and being in Tiffield aforesaid and also all those my pieces and parcels of land consisting of arable ley meadow pasture and furze ground with appurtenances lying and being disposed within the open and common fields parish and precincts of Tiffield aforesaid and also further my close of pasture or inclosed ground called by the name of Flitnells Close lying within the Parish of Pattishall in the said County of Northampton without impeachment of waste with the appurtenances and from and immediately after her decease I devise the said cottage or tenements unto my son John Neale and his heirs forever and devise unto my son Robert Neale after my said wife's decease my acres of arable land with the therein belonging lying infield called Dawsons acre with the appurtenances to hold to him and his heirs for ever also the rest and residue of my pieces and parcels of arable land ley meadow pasture and furze ground and closes of pasture called Flitnolls Close with their and every of their appurtenances which I have herein before given unto my said loving wife Anne for and during the term of her natural life from and immediately after her decease I give and devise the same unto my sons John Neale and Robert Neale and to their heirs forever equally to be decided between them share and share alike and to take as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. Upon condition as follows (that is to say) I do will and order my said son John to pay out of the premises so devised to him as aforesaid unto my daughter Elizabeth Neale the sum of twenty pounds within twelve months after my decease or my said wife which last happen. And I do hereby

charge the premises so devised to him as aforesaid with the payments of the same which money so given as aforesaid is in lieu of twenty pounds which I gave bond for to pay unto my said loving wife or to such person or persons as she should direct the same to be paid unto being an agreement before our marriage and also I do will and further order my said son Robert to pay out of the promises so devised to him as aforesaid the sum of ten pounds unto my daughter Susannah within twelve months of my decease or my wife which shall last happen and I do charge the premises so devised to him as aforesaid with the payment of the same. Also I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Susannah a chest of drawers and bedstead and brass porrage and a two quart kettle and half a dozen black chairs which goods came to me by her own mother and I will and order my great chests and my furnace to remain standards to my cottage or tenements my said wife to have the use of them for her life and after her decease to my son John I give the same desiring the same may remain as standards. Lastly all the rest and residue of my estate of real and personal whatsoever unbequeathed my debts legacies and funeral expenses being first paid and discharged I do give and bequeath to my said loving wife Anne who I do hereby nominate and appoint executrix of this my will declaring the same to be my last will

Witnesses:

Richard Jurdin

Ann Adkins

William Adkins

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