

John Kent of Farleigh Wallop, gentleman, 1646.

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In the name of God Amen the twenty eighth day of July in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith etc., and in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and forty six, I John Kent of Farleigh Wallop in the county of Southampton gentleman, the unprofitable servant of God, now weak in body but of [perfect mind] and [memory] (thanks be to God), do willingly and with a free heart and hand give again into the hands of my Lord God and Creator my [...] which He of his Fatherly goodness gave unto me when I was first fashioned in my mother's womb, making me a living and reasonable creature, not doubting but that for His infinite mercies set forth in the precious blood of his dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer, He will receive my soul in to His eternal glory and place it in the company of His heavenly angels. **And as** concerning my body, even with a good will and free heart I give it over commending it to the earth from whence it came, nothing doubting but according to the article of my faith of the general resurrection when we shall appear before the judgment seat of Christ, I shall receive the same by the right power of God whereby He is able to endure suborn all things, my will and desire is to be decently buried either in Cliddesden or Farleigh chancel as my executrix and overseer hereafter named in their directions shall find fitting and convenient. **And as** concerning my worldly goods, estate and substance which it has pleased Almighty God of his great [mercy] and goodness to afford me, I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following, that is to say **imprimis** I give and bequeath to the Right Worshipful Robert Wallop esquire and his four sisters videlicet [Lady Master?] Mrs Dodington, Mrs Heavingingham, Mrs Theodotia Wallop the sum of five pounds current English money to be presenting [a year] next after my decease by my executrix hereafter named and to be bestowed in five gold rings for him, the said Robert Wallopp Esq and his said four sisters (if they please to accept of them), as a remembrance of my love with service I owed to that honourable and noble family. **Item** I give and bequeath to my kinswoman Joane Ringwood widow and to her heirs, executors and administrators (whom I hereby make and appoint my sole absolute executrix of this my last will and testament the sum of one thousand pounds due unto me upon bond from the [Lord?] Robert Wallop Esquire and the sum of two hundred pounds current English money thereupon due for consideration and interest money and no more, the rest of the interest being committed. **All which** I shall be and remain for the good of herself and children out of which ...her executors, administrators or assigns are to pay and discharge all such legacies as I have herein bequeathed. **Item** my will and mind is that the college lease which my said kinswoman Joane Ringwood now holds and lives upon and which I redeemed upon mortgage for her should remain to her and her children, it being last taken and renewed in her own name. **Item** I give and bequeath to the four daughters of William Bacon of Odiham in this county gent., deceased my late nephew (whose Christened names I know not), the sum of six hundred pounds which is owing unto me upon two bonds (without any arrears), from Sir Henery Walopp Knight deceased, to be presently next after my decease equally divided amongst them all. **And in** case any of them de before the division of this bequeathed legacy be proportioned, that part or portion accruing and arising of her, the sister so dying, to remain to the residue of their sisters surviving, their heirs,

executors and administrators. **Item** I give and bequeath more to the said four daughters of my nephew William Bakon those bonds of obligations following videlicet two bonds for the payment of fifty pounds apiece from John and Phillip Wateridge; one bond from Roger Drewet for one hundred pounds (whereof fifty pounds is paid); one bond from Richard Blundell and Thomas Belchamber deceased for the payment of fifty pounds; one bond from Edward Avenell deceased and William Beck for the payment of forty pounds; one bond from Richard Ayliff and Thomas Cooke for the payment of thirty pounds; one bond from Thomas and Michael Merriot for the payment of fifty pounds; one bond from Robert King and Edward Searle for the payment of twenty pounds and one bond from John Sherman and William Haward for five and twenty pounds to be equally divided amongst them all. **And in** case any of them die before the division of this bequeathed legacy be proportioned as aforesaid, that part or portion accruing and arising of her the sister so dying, to remain to the residue of the sisters surviving, their heirs, executors and administrators. **Item** I give and bequeath to my kinsman William Bacon, the son of William Bacon my said nephew deceased, the sum of one hundred pounds current English money to be paid to him, his heirs, executors and administrators within one year next after my decease by my said executrix, her executors or administrators. **And also** my mind and will is that my said executrix, her executors and administrators or assigns shall yearly pay to the said William Bacon or his assigns the sum of eight pounds current English money during his natural life to be paid half yearly, the first payment to commence and begin from and after my decease. **Item** I give to my said by a note under my own hand may appear) and which hereafter may be made and arise of all the said bonds before bequeathed videlicet from John Wateridge, Thomas Drewet, Richard Blundell, Edward Avenell, Richard Ayliffe, Thomas Merriot, Robert King and John Sherman during the natural life of him the said William Bacon, for and towards his present maintenance, not otherwise intending but that the principal monies upon the said bonds should remain to his sisters as aforesaid. **Item** I do hereby make and appoint and earnestly desire my loving friends John King of Weston in the said county gentleman, to be overseer of this my last will and testament that the said writing and bonds before written be duly delivered and distributed according to my intent and meaning. **And I** give unto the said Mr John King for his care and pains the sum of five pounds current English money to be paid by my said executrix within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto Mr Edward Mooring Clarke the sum of forty shillings current English money to be paid by my executrix within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give to Robert Bristowe for making my will the sum of three pounds current English money to be paid by my said executrix within six months next after my decease as also my best trunk bound with iron bands and standing in my chamber. **Item** I give unto Thomas Tilbury the sum of forty shillings current English money to be paid by my executrix within six months next after my decease as also my best suite of clothes and half my linnen with one trunk next my best standing in my chamber. **Item** I give to John Elcocke my worst suite of wearing apparel and the other half of my linen and forty shillings current English money to be paid within six months next after my decease by my said executrix. **Item** I give to Frauncis Doughty and Ellianor Penman the sum of twenty shillings apiece to be paid them by my said executrix within six months next after my decease. **Item** my will is that the sum of four pounds current English money to be equally distributed and given to these particular servants now in Farleigh House videlicet Mary Poore, George Herriott, George

Broman, John Richardson, William Upton, William Tilbury to be paid them within six months next after my decease by my said executrix. **Item** I give to the poor of the parishes of Cliddesden and Ellisfield in the said county the sum of five pounds current English money to be paid within half a year next after my decease by my said executrix and distributed at the discretion of my said overseer Mr John King and the Minister and churchwardens of either parish for the time being. **Item** my mind and desire is that twenty shillings be given to the bearers that carry my corpse to church to be presently paid them by my said executrix. **And I** desire the said Mr King to [issue] and appoint four men out of these six videlicet Thomas Tillbury, John [Powry], Robert Welche, George Herriott, John Hill, John Elcocke to perform that office. **And to** distribute the said twenty shillings amongst the said four or six as he shall think fit. **Concerning** the charge of my burial my will and meaning is that my said executrix Joane Ringwood shall defray the costs and charges thereof in all church duties and other fees appropriate thereto. **And in** all and I will that the same obsequies be wholly at the appointment and ordering of my said overseer Mr John King to which purpose I will that five pounds be presently disbursed at my funeral in necessary charges for those friends that wait upon my body to the grave. **And what** may be more thoughtful, I leave to the discretion of my said executrix and overseer all which charges my said executrix is to defray. **Item** my intent and meaning is that all other my goods, chattels, bonds and things whatsoever herein unbequeathed shall properly belong and redound to my said executrix, her heirs, executors and administrators. **And I** do hereby especially will and appoint my said executrix to pay and discharge all and every debts, charges or demands I may owe to any people (if any can be lawfully required upon sufficient testimony), within six months next after my decease. **Lastly** I do hereby revoke and disannul all other wills and testaments by me formerly made. **And in** further confirmation I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written John Kent.

Published the day and year aforesaid and signed and subscribed by the testator John Kent and delivered as his acts and deeds and acknowledged as his last will and testament in the presence of us whose names are underwritten Edward Moringe cleric, Robert Bristowe, Thomas Tilbrow.

Memorandum before then sealing and delivery hereof I Intended and my meaning is and I do hereby give and bequeath to my said overseer Mr John King the sum of five [pounds] current English [money] to be paid by my executrix within [...] months after my decease. **Witness** Edward Moringe clerk, Robert Bristowe, Thomas Tilbrow.

Probate granted 12 November 1646, Joane Ringwood executrix.