

John Curtis of Dummer, 1638

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In the name of God Amen I John Curtis of Dummer being of perfect sense and memory God be thanked for it, do make here my last will and testament bequeathing my soul to our Lord Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in the church yard of Dummer and also to dispose of my goods as follows. **Item** I give to the poor of Dummer ten shillings. **Item** I give to my godchildren twelve pence apiece. **Item** I give to my daughter Elizabeth Corbett four pounds. **Item** I give to my grandchild Elizabeth Corbett thirty pounds, the best flockbed, a flock bolster, two pillows, a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets and a coverlet. **Also** I give to the said Elizabeth Corbett my grandchild the cupboard in the hall, a brass pan that is a bushel, a charger of pewter, a brasen candlestick, a pewter salt. **Item** I give to my grandchild Bennett Corbett twelve pounds, a flockbed, a bolster and a pair of sheets, the biggest chest, the biggest brass kettle, two pewter platters of the lesser size. **Item** I give to my grandchild Johan Corbett fifteen pounds, a feather bed, a feather bolster, a pair of the best sheets, the biggest brass pot, the biggest pewter platter. **Item** I give to my grandchild Marie Corbett twenty pounds, the lesser brass pan, the lesser brass kettle and a pair of sheets. **Item** I give to my grandchild John Corbett four pounds and the long table board in the hall. **Item** I do make John Corbett my whole executor to see this my will and testament above written performed according to my true meaning thereof written this seventeenth of February 1635 by me John Curtis. **Also** I nominate and appoint John Silver and John Biggs the son of Peter Biggs to be overseers to see this my will and testament performed and therefore my will is to give them half a crown apiece. **All** these afore named legacies which I have given to my grandchildren my will is that they should receive it to their own use at the age of eighteen years. **Also** my will is that if it please God that if either of these parties die, that the legacy of the said party should remain to them that remain divided by equal portions. The mark of John Curtis.

Sealed, signed and delivered in the presence of John Silver, John Biggs and Peter Phillips. The mark of John Silver, the mark of John Biggs.

Probate granted in London 17 April 1638 to John Corbett executor named.