

Quanto Inventario. Laurentij Monle. executoris in hunc Testamento notat. Qui remissa  
fuit commissario etc. De bene et fide admissis hunc eundem. Et de pleno inventario etc.  
Necnon et Innotat.

**In the name of God Amen** the sixteenth daie of Marche in the  
Eighth yere of the reigne of our soveraigne ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god quene  
of Englande, ffraunce and Irelande Defendo of the faith etc. I Richard Stevens, citizen  
and Armorer of London, whole of mynde and of good and good memory laude and praise  
be given unto almighty god; notwithstanding sicke in bodye. Do make and ordeine my testamēt  
reitering ffrom my laste will in manner and forme followinge that is to saye ffirste and  
principally I give will and bequeathe my soule into the hande of almighty god myn only  
maker savior and redeemer And my bodye to be buried in such place as god shall appointe  
for the same. Item I will that all and singuler my moveable gooddes and rattallie shalbe  
equallye valued and praised with in convenient tyme after my decease, and equallye divided  
in three equalle parts and portions according to laudable custome of the cite of London, wherof  
one parte therof I give and bequeathe to Ellen my welbelovyd wife in the name of hir part and  
portion of the same my gooddes according to the same Ancient and laudable custome to hir belonging  
The seconde part therof I likewise give and bequeathe to and amongst Richard, Edward, William  
Phillip, ffraunce, margaret, and Katherine my children, equallye amongst them to be divided in  
the name of thei part and portions of my said gooddes. And the thrid part therof I wolle reserve to  
my self and myn Executor hereunder named hereunto, to pay my debte discharge my legacies  
hereafter ensuinge and to forme my funerall. Item I will that all debte and duties wherof I  
owe in right or conscience shalbe well and trulye paid by myn Executor in convenient  
tyme after my decease. Item I give will and bequeathe to John Drayton myn apprentice ffiftye  
pounds of lawfull money of Englande And I release to the same John Drayton all his yeres of  
service after my decease. Item I release to John Drayton all his yeres (but one)  
wherof he shall have to serve after my decease. And I give and bequeathe to him ffewer pounds  
in money. Item I give and bequeathe William Barroffe my blacke yowne served in bridge. Item I  
release to the same William Barroffe myn apprentice all the yeres that one whole yere wherof he shall  
serve after my decease. Item I give and bequeathe John Walker myn apprentice twentye shillinge  
in money. Item I give and bequeathe to Thomas my made servant twentye shillinge. I give  
will and bequeathe to the Company of Armours of the cite of London, wherof I am fre ffewer  
pounds of lawfull money of Englande to make them a donation in the daie of my buriall or  
otherwise to the said cite at the discretion of the m<sup>r</sup> and wardens of the same company  
Item I give and bequeathe to Edward Goddard myn apprentice ffiftene pounds in money to him to be  
paid either at the end of his apprenticeshippe if he be present, and if he be not present then at his  
lawfull age of xviij. yeres. Item I give and bequeathe my sister Smythe and hir husbande to  
either of them a roate. The residue of my said part and portion to me reserved of my gooddes  
and rattallie after my dette paid, my legacies performed, and my funerall discharged I will shalbe  
equallye distributed and divided to and amongst my said children parts and part like and any of  
them to be of years serve in thei behalf. And I make nominate and appoint the said Ellen my  
welbelovyd wife sole executrix of this my testamēt and last will. And of the execution  
therof I do name and appointe my welbelovyd ffrendes Mr John Lambert citizen Mr James Savoy  
Alderman my overseers. And for their paynes herein to be taken I give and bequeathe to either  
of them a yowle Ringe of the value of an ounce of golde apert. Item I give and bequeathe to  
my verie ffrende Mr Richard Pordar clerk of the church of Saint Peters whom I desire to make  
a sermon at my buriall and so me buried twentye shillinge of lawfull money of Englande  
Item I give to Mr Edward Atkinson one ringe of golde of an ounce of golde. And to Lemarke  
my servant etc. And I revoke all other wills legacies and Executors. And I will that the  
same stande for my last will and non other or otherwise. In witness wherof hereunto I the  
said Richard Stevens have set my hande and scale. Dated the daie and yere first above  
written. Sealed and delivered by the foresaid Richard Stevens in the presence of his  
witnesses By me John Adlye James Barroffe Alderman John Lambert Edward etc.



Atkinson, By me Rynge Doftry, witnes by me Henry Cule, and of me John Crasford Esq

**Probatur** fuit sumus Testamentum coram meo Willmo. Duxory legum Doctori Duxore  
Duxore. Prolegatue. Cant. romissario apud London. Snoderimo die mensis Januarii Anno Dni  
1574. fuit et computatorem. Cant. Anglicane. millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo quarto  
Instrumento. Elene. relicte et executrice in sumus. Testamentum. notat. Eni romissa fuit admissio  
De bene et fide admissio eandem. Ar. de pleno iudicio. et. Notum. et. fuit.

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**In the name of God Amen**

I John Smythe of the parisse of wolverhampton  
in the citie of london. Duxore. being sick in body but in perfect mynd and remembrance  
(trusting be god) do make constitute and ordaine this my last will and testament. In manner and  
form following that is first and before all other I give and give by my soule into the hand  
of almighty god my maker redeemer and comforter trusting in god that all my finnes are  
forgiven me and that I shall be saved by the death and passion of Ihesus Christe my only  
lorde and savior. and my body to be buried in the parisse of wolverhampton by the steeple in london  
And as for my worldly gooddes I give and bequeathe them in manner and form following  
that is I give and bequeathe unto John Wallen my daughter Gene. for my lease of the  
Dowry in Maudesworth. whiche in Smythe of Mangan in the parisse of Surrey late  
made and let by name to myles wilson late of Maudesworth deceased and now in force and  
strength I also give and bequeathe to John Smythe my daughter Agnes for my lease in  
reversion of the Dowry in Maudesworth. whiche I have from the before named in Smythe  
of Mangan by name. And also the same John Smythe shall have my lease whiche the before named  
in Smythe of Mangan let to myles wilson aforesaid deceased now also in force and  
strength. All the rest of my gooddes moveable and immoveable after my dette paid my  
legacies and funeralle charges I will constitute make and ordaine my daughter Gene.  
my daughter Agnes. my daughter Margaret. and my daughter Jane my executrices of  
this my last will and testament. hitwene whom I will that my gooddes rathall of  
household stuff and plate shall be divided. And that Mr. Doctor Smythe my brother. Smythe and  
Mr. Antwoy Dambrey to be my overseers of this my will and testament. And they to have  
the oversight of the same my gooddes rathall household stuff and plate and the ordering  
of all shrifts debate and demands as to them in whom shall be thought best for the goodche  
and benefit of my said daughter. In witness to this my last will and testament I have  
setto my hand and seal the second day of August in the yere of our said 1574. And in the  
first yere of the reigne of our said Queene Elizabeth by the grace of god of Englande  
Iraunce and Ireland. Queene. Defendo of the faith. et. I give also to the Duxore. (all  
A Duxore of Six ponde. one my. or somewhat more to be bestowed upon a true witte. his  
name to be bestowed upon him. By my John Smythe. In the yere of Antwoy Dambrey  
Nicolas Spenser, By me Rynge Doftry.

John  
Smythe

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et. fuit. Reservat plate. alij. executrice in p. executrice et. admissio.

**In the name of God amen**

I Richard Spence of the parisse of St. Mary  
Buttgate beside London stone. Plotworke the xxij. day of December Anno 1574  
being in perfect mynd and memory but sick in body make this his last will and

Richard  
Spence