

In the name of god Amen the Thre and Twentieth day of february anno dñi 1582 Elizabeth Butler  
 one thousande five hundredth seaventie and thre. Et anno R<sup>ne</sup> Elizabeth<sup>e</sup> vii<sup>th</sup> I Dame Elizabeth Butler  
 of Stapleford in the countie of Hertford being whole of mynde and in good and perfect  
 remembrance of lawde and praise be tharefore given to almyghtie god make and declare his my  
 nist testament and laste will in manner and forme following that is to saie ffirste and principally  
 I give and commend my soule into the handes of almyghtie god my creator and maker and unto his  
 onlie sonne Christe Ihesu my saviour and redeemer in whome and by the merittes of whose moste  
 bitter and painfull passion and deathe and by the myghtie resurrection and glorious ascension I trust  
 and beleve assuredly to be saved and to have full and thier remission and forgiveness of all my synnes  
 and I comytt my bodie to the Earth and to be buried in the Channell of Watton at stone faste  
 by my late husband Sir Phillip Butler knyght lately deceased Item I give and bequeythe to  
 my sonne Sir John Butler knyght a stonng cuppe of silver being giltte Item I give and bequeythe  
 to my daughter dame Susan his wife a Tablet Item I give and bequeythe to my sonne George  
 Butler twentie poundes in monney Item I give and bequeythe to my sonne Henry Butler tenne  
 poundes in monney Item I give and bequeythe to my sonne Anthony Butler tenne poundes in  
 monney Item I give to my sonne ffrauncis Butler thurty poundes in monney Item I give and  
 bequeythe to my daughter Anne a saltte of silver being giltte Item I give and bequeythe to my  
 daughter Elizabeth Buggen a saltte of silver being giltte Item I give and bequeythe to my daughter  
 Katherine Dode a Coffer for a bedde being of silver and velvet and a pottle of silver with a Cover being  
 giltte Item I give and bequeythe to my neece Mary Wylson one Ringe of golde p<sup>er</sup>te twentie shillinge  
 Item I give to my six daughters by lawe viz the wives of William Butler George Butler Henry  
 Butler Anthony Butler Richard Butler and ffrauncis Butler to each one of them one  
 Ringe of golde p<sup>er</sup>te twentie shillinge Item I give and bequeythe to my daughter Jane Comeson of  
 Aston Twentie shillinge in monney and to her daughter Susan buttler foete shillinge Item I  
 give and bequeythe to my Cosynne Elizabeth Butler the daughter of my sonne George Butler  
 foete shillinge Item I give and bequeythe to my sonnes by the name that is to saie William Dode  
 Esquier Anthony Browne Esquier Edward Buggins Esquier to each one of them one Ringe of  
 golde p<sup>er</sup>te six shillinge and eight p<sup>er</sup>ns Item I give and bequeythe to the poore people of the parische  
 of Stapleford six shillinge and eight p<sup>er</sup>ns to the poore people of the parische of Watton at  
 Stone Twentie shillinge Item I give to the poore people of the parische of Watton Twentie shillinge  
 and to the poore people of the towne of Hertford Twentie shillinge and to the poore prisoners  
 withyn the prison of Hertford six shillinge and eight p<sup>er</sup>ns Item I give and bequeythe to the  
 poore people of the parishes of Brantford and Bemore to each of the same parishes six  
 shillinge and eight p<sup>er</sup>ns Item I give and bequeythe to my servaunte Germaine Ormsby  
 some markes in monney Item I give and bequeythe to my servaunte Edward Turner  
 Edward Lyllye Allyse and Elizabeth Woolmer to each of them one quartered maye  
 Item I will that my saide servauntes shall remaine still in my house and have meate and  
 drinke and then orde nange mayes over and besydes theare bequeste by the space of one halfe  
 yere at the lease next after my deathe if they will so longe abide and doo their duties as  
 appertaineth to good and faithfull servaunte Item I give and bequeythe to Katherine Smyth  
 to be delivred to her at the age of eightene yeres tenne shillinge Item I give and bequeythe to  
 Symond Royce tuate of Stapleford tenne shillinge in monney Item I give and bequeythe to  
 my godsonne Robert Butler of Aston some to my sonne William Butler deceased Tenne  
 shillinge Item I give and bequeathe to each child of my sonnes and daughters one Ringe of golde  
 of the p<sup>er</sup>te of six shillinge and eight p<sup>er</sup>ns And as for the funerals of my bodie I desire the same  
 to the direction of my sonne Richard Butler whome I make sole Executor of this my laste  
 will and testament Not doubting but that he will see the same beoughte to the buriall as may  
 appertaine and for the rest of my londes and Tenement in Watton strete and Stapleford



whiche I late purchased of my sonne Sir John Butcher knight and of Thomas Bigge and also  
all my good and chattelle plate Jewells and money not before bequeathed or given my debte and fynes all  
being paid and discharged I give and bequeathe to my saide sonne Richard Butcher and his heires for  
ever whome I ordaine and make the saide sole Executor of this my saide laste will and testament and  
I appoynte my sonne Sir John Butcher knight and my sonne in lawe William Dode Esquire overseer  
of the same Chaise being witnesses Thomas Ghotbolte Richard Butcher the younger Thomas  
Butcher Jone Thompson the good wife Sawyer with others.

**Probatum fuit** huiusmodi testamentum totam magno willmo Debye legum doctore  
Cuius preceptum Cantuariensis commissario apud London Vicario nono die mensis martij anno  
dm ab incarnatione milmo quingentesimo septuagesimo quinto Juramento Ric Butcher extri  
in huiusmodi testamento nominat Cui commissarius fuit administrand etc de bene et fidele administ  
eadem Acta pleno Jumentario etc Alton etc Jurat.

**In the name of god Amen** the Thurtenth daie of marche in the yere of our lord god D. Steph<sup>e</sup> Clerke  
after the conse and computacion of the Churche of Englonde one thousande five hundredth the store  
and fowtene and in the Seaventeenth yere of the Reigne of our soueraigne Ladye Elizabeth by  
the grace of god Queene of Englonde ffraunce and Irelande defendour of the faith etc I Stephen  
Cleybrooke of London gentelman being sicke in body yet nevertheless in good and perfect mynd  
and remembrance of my soule and prayse be thearefore given unto almighty god do make ordaine  
and dispose this my wyl testament and laste will in manner and forme following that is to saie  
firste and principallye I give and commend my soule into the handes of almighty god my maker  
saviour and redemer in whome and by the merite of the Seaventeenth person Ihesus theiste I truste  
and beleve assuredly to be saved and to have full and clere remission and forgiveness of my synnes  
and I comynge my body to the earth to be buried at the discrecion of my Executor hereunder  
named and that donne then I will that all and singular such debte as I owe to anye person or  
persons of eighte or in contynue shall be fully paid Item I give and bequeathe unto William  
Cleybrooke my younger sonne all such eighte estate title interest tearme of yeeres and demaunde  
as if the same Testator have or oughte to have to of and in all those landes and premises lying  
within the parish of Chelsey in the countie of middelse holden by lease of the Queene ma<sup>tie</sup>  
and also to of and in all that messuage or tenement with thappertynce wherem my saide  
sonne William the younger now inhabiteth Situate withowte Ludgate of London to gether w<sup>th</sup>  
my leasde and writinge concerning the same severall premises And further I give and bequeathe  
to my saide sonne William Cleybrooke the younger the somme of two hundredth poundes of lawfull  
money of Englonde To be paid to my saide sonne William Cleybrooke the younger within six  
moneths next after my decease vppon Condition that my saide sonne William Cleybrooke the younger  
shall within thre moneths next after my decease comynge assuer and declare to the use of my sonne  
William Cleybrooke the elder his heires and assigns for ever one annuete or pecunie rente of Tenne  
poundes of lawfull money of Englonde heretofore by me guaranteed and assured to my saide sonne  
William Cleybrooke the younger and also all such estate and intereste as my saide sonne William  
the younger hath or at any tyme had or ought to have had of me and to the same annuete Item  
I give and bequeathe to my sonne in lawe George Jackson foetic shillinge Item I give and bequeathe  
to my sonne in lawe Giles fflemynge the somme of foetic shillinge The residue of all and  
singular my good Chattelle plate household stuffe eccle moneye debte and other thynges  
whatsoever remayning wholie I give and bequeathe to my saide sonne William Cleybrooke the  
eldest And I ordaine and make the saide William Cleybrooke my eldest sonne my full and whole  
Executor of this my wyl testament and laste will And for certayne good cause and considerat