

Will of John Porter Yeoman of Battle 1574

Will made 30 April 1574, probate 26 June 1574

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In the name of God Amen the last daye of Aprill in the yere of our Lorde god according to the computacion of the church of England one thousand five hundred seventye and fower and in the xxi yeare of the rayne of our most gracious soveraygne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god of England Franncce and Ireland queen Defender of the Faith I John Porter of Batell in the Countye of Sussex yeoman sicke of bodye but of good and perfecte remembrance thanks be unto god doe ordeyne and make this my present testament and last will in manner and forme following Fyrst I comytte my sole unto Almyghtye god my creator and saviour and my bodye to be buried within the churche of Battell aforesaid Item I give to the same church for my buriall so to be had xs Also I give to the poore manns boxe of the same churche iijs iiijd Also I will that there be bestowed at my buriall or Immediately after unto the poore people of Battell xxvjs viijd And to the poore people of the parishe of Frant xiijs iiijd And I give to the poore people of Battell xiijs iiijd yerely by the space of five yeres nexte after my decease to be payed by myne executor wekelye durynge the tyme of lent every yere Item I give to Agnes my wyfe five kyne one gelding color rone fowre quarters of wheate fowre quarters of malt one seame of otes Item my will and minde is that all my householde stuffe at or in my house at Battell I give unto Agnes my wyfe Item my plate shalbe equallie shifted between Agnes my wyfe and Richard my sonne Immediatly after my decease And all my householde stuffe now remaining at Beyghame I give unto Richard Porter my sonne Item I give to Thomas Aynscombe in consideracion of the marriage of marie my daughter one hundred poundes of lawfull money of England to be payde to him his executors or assignes within one yere after my decease by my executor or his assignes Also I will to the same Thomas Aynscombe my black gelding Item I gyve unto Thomas Aynscombe my daughters sonne tenne poundes to be payd within one yere after my decease and the same to be putt owt to the moste advantage for the child by his father or other good frind untill he cometh to the age of xxi yeres yf he dye before that age then the same I give unto my daughter Aynscombe and to her heires Item I give to Marie Alchorne my servant ijli vjs viijd to be payd within on yere after my decease Item I give to John Palmer John Hayward my servants to eche of them vjs viijd And all my other cattell and house beasts corne in the Feld and elsewhere not bequeathed and munition and armure belonging to the wars And all other my goods debts chattels and lesses not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Richard my sonne whome I ordeyne and make my sole executor of this my laste will and testament And the said Richard Porter in consideracion of the same to paye all my debts and legacies And I appoint my brothers John Baker George Porter John Berham Robert Porter and Thomas Aynscombe to be my overseers of my laste will and testament And I give to eche of them xls a pece for ther paynes and also theyr reasonable expences in this behalfe Provided allwayes that yf Richard Porter my sonne after my decease doe refuse to prove this my will or to paye all my debts and legacies and to fullfill this my laste will and testament then my will and mynd is that my overseers above named shall have full power and authorytie to enter and take all my leases debts cattels corne horse beasts and moveable goods before gyven to the sayd Richard Porter my sonne and the woods which I have bought of my lord Montague and take all the profytt of the same from the tyme of my decease and to dispose sell lett and sett the same and every parcel thereof towards

the payinge of the same my sayd debts and legacies & fulfillynge of this my last will and testament and the overplus of the same my sayd debts and legacies fyrst payd and charges borne to make accompte equallye amongst all my sonnes then livinge And I give to every one of myne owne brothers and myne owne sisters children five shillings a pece to be payd within one yere after my decease

This is the last will and testament of me John Porter made and declared the day and yere above written for the disposicion of all my tenements watermills waters lands medowes pastures woods rents reversions and services with all and singular thappurtenances to them in any waye apperteyninge or belonginge sett lyeing and being in the countyes of Kent and Sussex as well within libertyes as withoute Fyrste I will and give to Richard Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfullye begotten All those my tenements watermills waters lands medowes pastures woodlands rents reversiones and services with thappurtenances lyeing and beyng within the parishes of Brenchley and Lamberherst in the county of Kent and for lacke of heires male of his bodye lawfullye begotten to remayne holy to John Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten and for lacke of heires male of his bodye to remayne holye to the next heire male of me for ever Also I will and give to John Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten All my tenements watermills waters lands rents and hereditaments with thappurtenances lyinge and beyng in the parishe of Marden in the countye of Kent and for lacke of such heires male to remayne holy to Richard Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten and for lacke of suche heires male of his bodye to remayne holy to the next heire male of me for ever And I will and give to Stephen Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten All those my mershes lands Tenements and hereditaments with thappurtenances lyinge and being in the parishe of Hoo in the sayde countye of Sussex and for lacke of heires male of the sayd Stephen Porter my sonne the same to remayne holy to Thomas Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten and for lacke of suche heire male to remayne holye to the next heire male of me for ever And I will and give to George Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten All those my mershelands with thappurtenances lyinge within the myle and liberty of Pevensey in the countye of Sussex and for lacke of such heires male the same to remayne holy to Robert Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten and for lacke of suche heire male to remayne to the next heire male of me for ever And I will and give to Agnes my wyfe duringe the terme of her naturall lyfe by the licence of the lord All my measuage I dwell in and all my copyhold lands called Fordland Tassarst and Loxspyche And also one copyhold house and garden in the borrow of Mongaye late boughte of Nicholas Bodell and all other my freehold land and gardens that lyeth at the side of the kings hyewaye that my dwelling house standeth on and in the borrow of Mongaye which sayd mesuage gardens and lands both frye and copyholde lyeth within the the borowes of Mongaye and Owkeham she makynge no strepe nor wast And after the decease of Agnes my wyfe I will and give all the same unto Thomas Porter my sonne and to his heires male for ever and for lacke of heires male of Thomas my sonne all the same to remayne holye to Stephen Porter my sonne and to his heires male for ever And I will and give unto Robert Porter my sonne and the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten All my mesuage lands tenements rents hereditaments and appurtenances lyinge on the south most side of Bredysell grene in the parishes of Battell and Hollington in the countye of Sussex And also one Anewytye descended of righte unto me by the death of Stephen Porter of Hoo my

brother and for lacke of heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten then all the same to remayne holy to George Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his body begotten then and for lacke of suche heires male all the same to remaine to the next heire male of me for ever And I will and give unto Thomas Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten All those my tenements lands hereditaments with thappurtenances lyeing in the parish of Staplehurst in the county of Kent and for lacke of heires male of his bodye begotten then all the same to remayne holy to Richarde Porter my sonne and to the eldest heire male of his body begotten then and for lacke of suche heire male all the same to remayne unto the next heire male of me for ever And I give and will unto Stephen Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten All that my mesuage and gardens the which I bought of Nicholas Bennat lying in Battell and within the borrowe of Mongaye and for lacke of heires male of his bodye lawfully begotten all the same house and gardens shall remayne holy to George Porter my sonne and to the heires male of his body begotten and for lacke of heirs male of George Porter my sonne the same house and gardens shall remayne unto the next heires male of me for ever And my will and mynd is that Agnes my wyfe shall have yerely during the terme of her naturall lyfe xli of lawfull money of Englande yerely out of my saide lands tenements & hereditaments in Brenchlye and Lamberherst iijli vjs viijd of like lawfull money of England yerely out of my said lands and tenements in Marden and iijli vjs viijd in like manner yerely out of my lands within the parishe of Hoo in consideracion of her Joynture and dower for all my lands excepte that I to her before have given to be paid halfe yerely at the fest of Saint Michael tharchangell and the annunciacion of our Lady Mary the virgine by even porcions with liberty to distreyne for non payment of the same and she to be payd in the first feste of the two that shall happen next after my decease And my will is that my overseers shall receive up the profit of my lands before to my five younger sonnes bequeathed untill they come to theyre severall ages of xxi yeres to bringe upp the same my sayd children and of the overplus to make accompte to every of my said sonnes at his said age of xxj yeeres wytnes to this my last will and testament Thomas Wooddey Thomas Berwick William Roberth and Thomas Isted

Probatum fuit huiusmodi testamentum suprascriptum coram Magistro Willmo Drury legum Doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuarensis Commissario apud London vicesimo sexto die Junii Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo quarto Juramento Ric Porter executoris in testamento huiusmodi nominat Cui commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum etc De bene etc Ad Sancta dei Evangelia Jurat

Transcribed by Rosie Ansell January 2015.