

Will of John Sloman of Hawkhurst 1646/7

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Will made 9 March 1646/7, probate 27 June 1648

In the name of God Amen the nynth day of March 1646/7 I John Sloman of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent Yeoman sicke in body but of good and p[er]fect Remembrances, thankes bee given to Almighty God, doe make and declare this my present last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge That is to say First and principally I Committ my Soule into the handes of Allmighty God my Creatour that gave ytt, hoping through the merritt death and passion of Jesus Christ his sonne and my only Saviour and Redeemer to bee saved, and my body to the earth owt of which ytt was taken to bee buryed in decent manner att the discrecon of Elizabeth my loving wife and my Executors hereafter named And for the disposing of my worldly and temporall estate which yit hath pleased God of his goodnesse to lend mee, I will and bequeath them in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath unto the Poore People of the Parish of Hawkhurst afforesayd Forty shillings to bee distributed unto them at the discretion of my Executors and Elizabeth my wife wthin one Month next after my decease Item I will give and bequeath unto John Sloman my Kinsman sonne of George Sloman my brother my best silver bowle to bee delivered unto him by my said Executors ymediatly after my decease Item I will give and bequeath unto John Sloman sonne of John Sloman of Canterbury one great joynd Carved Chest to bee delivered unto him or his Father w[i]thin one yeare next after my decease by my Executors Item I will give and bequeath unto George Sloman my Kinsman sonne of George Sloman one Plague Chest and one greate Chayre and my best Cloke and all such debts as hee oweth unto mee, the foresayd Goodes to bee delivered unto him by my Executors whin thee monthes next after my decease Item I will give and bequeath unto the Children now liveing of Thomas Sweyer? and Elizabeth his wyfe of Echingham Tenn Poundes to bee equally divided betwixt them wthin six monthes next after my decease by my Executors Item I will give and bequeath unto Katherine Piper wyfe of Thomas Piper of Warhorne twenty shillings to bee payd unto her by my Executors wthin sixe monthes next after my decease Item I will give and bequeath unto Agnis Sloman of Hawkhurst, Spinster daughter of Thomas Sloman Fourtene poundes to be delyvered unto her by my Executors wthin Six Monthes next after my decease Item I will, give and bequeath unto George Sloman sonne of Thomas Sloman deceased my brother All that my landes and Barne thereunto belonging lying in Sandhurst in the County of Kent afforesayd and uppon the Denn of Plashehead? to him and is heires for ever now in the Tenure and occupacion of the sayd George Sloman and Dina his mother And my mind and will is that Dina Sloman, Mother of the sayd George Sloman shall take and receive all the Rents and proffits of the sayd barne and Landes untill George Sloman her sonne shall accomplish his full Age of Fowre and Twenty Yeares duringe all which time Dina his Mother shall give and allowe unto George her sonne all thinges fitt and convenient for his maintenance Item I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth and John Sloman Children of John Sloman of Hall Inn'r in Hawkhurst tenn Poundes a peece to bee payd unto them by my Executors wthin one yeare after my decease Item I will, give and bequeath unto every one of the Children of Mercy Springatt, Widdowe of Robt. Springat of Hawkhurst deceased Twenty shillings a peece to be payd unto them or unto Mercy Springat, mother of the sayd Children for their uses wthin three monthes next after my decease by my Executors Item I will and bequeath unto John Springat and George Springat sonnes of Christopher Springat late of Sandhurst deceased Foure Poundes a peece to bee payd unto them by my Executors att their severall Ages of one and Twenty yeares And my mind and will ys my Executors shall pay unto them yearly twelve pence the Pound for every Pound untill they shall accomplish their full Ages of one and Twenty Yeares as afforesayd Item I will and bequeath unto Mary Janson daughter of Joane Janson wife or widdowe of John Janson tenn Poundes to bee

payd unto her by my Executors wthin one yeare next after my decease Item I will and bequeath unto Randolfe Copper of Tyshurst [Ticehurst] gent(leman) and to the wyfe of John Langley of Sandhurst and unto Annis wyfe of William Theoball of Whatlington Twenty shillinges a peece to bee payd unto them by my Executors wthin three monthes next after my decease Item I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Sloman daughter of George Sloman of Bennenden Twenty shillinges to bee payd unto her or her Father by my Executors wthin three monthes next after my decease Item I will give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wyfe tenn Poundes to bee payd unto her by my Executors wthin six dayes next after my decease Item I will give and bequeath unto John Sloman of Hall my best joyned bedsteddle and one trundle bedsteddle and one joyned Table and Forme but my mind and will ys that Elizabeth my wyfe shall have the use of the aforesayd Goodes during her naturall lyfe Item I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wyfe All the residue of my howshould stuffe whatsoever All bedding both woollen and Linnen All brasse Pewter and Iron stuffe Bedsteddles and all other wooden howshould stuffe All other my ymplements belonginge unto howskeepinge all my bookes All my Provision for howskeepinge both wthin doores and wthout as where be Mault, Bacon, butter, Cheese all my wood for Fyringe (allsoe all my wearinge Apparell both lynnen and wollen, desiring her to give and bestowe ytt uppon such of my poore kinsfolkes as shee shall thinke fitt) Item I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Cooper daughter of Randolph Cooper of Tishurst tenn shillinges to bee payd unto her by my Executors wthin six dayes next after my decease All the Residue of my goodes, Chattelles, ready money and Specialtyes whatsoever, my debts and legacyes beinge first payd (my Funerall chardges dischargd) I give and bequeath unto John Sloman of Hall sonne of Thomas Sloman, whome I make and ordaine my sole Executor of this my present Last will and Testament and I desire John Alphe my brother in Lawe and Nathaniell Leader to bee Overseers unto this my last will and Testament and doe give unto them tenn shillinges a peece for their vigore to bee payd unto them by my Executor And in wittnesse hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above wrytten

John Sloman, Senior

Read, Signed, sealed and published by me John Sloman Senr in the prsence of Elizabeth Cooper and Nathaniell Leader

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