

WILL OF RALPH HAKE

The fifth day of June

Anno Domini one thousand six hundred fifty seven

In the name of God Amen

I Ralph Hake of Broad Clist in the Countie of Devon yeoman being frile of bodie but perfect of memorie thanks be unto Almightye God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my Soul unto Almightye God my Maker and my Bodie unto Christian burial according to the discretion of my Executrix and Overseers hereafter named. Item I give unto the maintenance of the parish church of Broad Clist three shillings and four pence. Item I give unto the poor of the parish of Broad Clist twenty shillings to be distributed at the day of my burial. Item I give and bequeath unto Ralph Hake my oldest son my tenement known by the name of Roose otherwise [?] Roos Clist for the term of his life to commence and begin after the death of Agnes Hake my Wife. And my will is that if Agnes Hake my Wife shall happen to die within the term of ten years and my legacie not [?] and paid then my will is that all the rest of the legacies that are unpaid shall be paid by Ralph Hake my Son out of my tenement whosoin I now [?] within three years after the said Ralph shall enjoy the same. Item my mind and will is that if my son Ralph Hake do survive his Mother and enjoy my same Tenement before he shall accomplish and be of the age of one and twenty years then my Will is that my son **Ralph** Hake shall pay unto my Son Giles Hake his brother fifty pounds lawful monie of England within three years then the said Ralph shall enjoy the same. Item I give unto Giles Hake my second Son one hundred pounds lawful monie of England to be paid unto my Overseers hereafter named within three years after my decease by my Executrix and the said Overseers to employ it for the good and benefit of my Son Gyles until he shall be of the age of one and twenty years. Item I give unto Mary Hake my oldest daughter one hundred pounds lawful monie of England to be paid unto my Overseers hereafter named by my Executrix within six years after my decease. And my said Overseers to employ it for the good and benefit of my daughter Mary until she shall be of the age of one and twenty years. Item I give unto Rebecca Hake my youngest Daughter one hundred pounds lawful monie of England to be paid unto my Overseers hereafter named by my Executrix within nine years after my decease. And my same Overseers to employ it for the good and benefit of my daughter Rebecca until she be of the age of one and twenty years. Item I give unto the child which my wife now goeth withall twenty pounds to be paid by my Executrix when it doth accomplish the age of one and twenty years. Item my mind and will is that if Giles Mary or Rebecca or either of them do fortune to die before they have

received their portion then my mind and will is that the portion or portions shall remain into the child which my wife goeth withall. Item my mind and will that if my wife shall live until Ralph Hake my son shall accomplish and be of the age of one and twenty years then my mind and will is that my wife shall pay yearly and every year during her natural life ten pounds lawful monie of England unto my said son Ralph quarterly for his livelihood and maintenance. All the rest of my goods and chattels not given nor bequested I give unto Agnes Hake my Wife whom I make my full and sole Executrix my debts funeral and all other things discharged. And I do appoint and ordain Giles Moore of Broad Clist my father in law and Robert Hake my father to be my Overseers in this my last Will and testament performed fulfilled and [?]. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year above written. Ralph Hake sealed and signed and published in the presence of us Peter Mogridge Robert Hake Junior the mark of Julian Hake.

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