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Of the Church of England our Thousand Six hundred Sixty Three
 and on or about the fifth day of the same month William Smith late of
 Mertonbury in the County of Devon Husbandman deceased being of perfect mind
 and memory and having a purpose and desire to settle and dispose of his estate
 did by word of mouth declare unto Joane Smith his wife being alone with
 him that his will was that Mary his daughter should have the sume of
 Twenty shillings all for his will was and he did give unto Joane and Hannah
 his two other daughters the sume of one hundred pounds a peece And
 he further declared that if William Smith his sonne should not be obedient
 unto his mother that then the said Joane Smith should sell away the stock
 and all out her means And whereas John Coleman did owe unto him the
 said William Smith the sume of four pounds he did remitt or forgive
 him the said debt or sume of four pounds All which words or the like in
 effect and substance were by him spoken unto her the said Joane
 Smith with an intent the same should stand and abide as and for his last
 will and Testament when he was of perfect mind memory and understanding

Vicesimo die mensis May Anno Domini millesimo Sex-
 centesimo Sexagesimo Quarto Emanuel Comissus Joane Smith relicta
 William Smith defuncti Ad Administrandam Bonam fidem Credita danti De-
 functi supra tenorem et effectum Testi Municipali p[ro]curator Defuncti &c
 quod nullum in eodem nomine aut successore potestatem de bene et fide liter
 administranda ad. Ad Sancta dei Evangelia vigore Commissionis fuerat ex-

In the Name of God Amen

the fourth and twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord
 according to the attoynt witnessed in England our Thousand Six hundred
 and Sixty three Isaac Selfe the elder of Beudon within the pa-
 rish of Melksham in the County of Wilts gent being in good and perfect
 health and memory and no waye sick or ynfound of body & thank
 my God) And in our heavenly father for the same And well weighing and
 considering of the vntertainy and casualty of the continuance of mans
 life And that all men are mortall and must assuredly dye but no man
 knowing or any waye & sure of the tyme when or ylate when or manner
 how And considering likewise of myne old and infirme age And that by
 the course of nature & weather shall not tan in this vaine and vntolke
 world of misery long abide or continue And being in such full and
 perfect health and memory blessed be God for it Doe ordaine make and
 declare this my present last will and Testament in writing in manner
 and forme following And therein I first Assigne and bequeath my
 soule into the hands of Almightie God my Creator through whose mercy
 and the merits of Iesus Christ my only Saviour and redeemer I
 most assuredly trust to be saved And be made eternall partaker
 of his inheritance in heauen thert to live forever with God & holy
 and blessed company of Angells and Sancts in all joy and gladnes
 And be thouer my body upon with a flote heart and good will
 I give it over commending it to the Earth wherof it came And all touch-
 ing my worldly goods and estate wherof it hath pleased Almightie God
 to endow me I give bequeath will and devise the same in manner and
 forme following (That is to say) I first I give and bequeath unto
 my parish Church of Melksham for and towards the reparations thereof
 according

Isaac Selfe

According to the direction of the Churchwardens when dead shall require the sum of three pounds in money And to the poor People of the same parish the like sum of three pounds in money And to him that shall be Minister or vicar of the said parish Church of Melksham with my decease the sum of forty shillings the whole said several sums of money my will and meaning is shall be respectively paid unto the said Churchwardens And to the Overseers of the said poor and to the Minister respectively within one month next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Margarett Selfe and Jane Selfe the sum of Eight hundred and forty pounds a pece in money To be paid unto them my said daughters respectively within Six months next after my decease the whole said severall portions of money I do give unto them my said daughters Margarett and Jane as aforesaid I give and bequeath the same respectively in full satisfaction and discharge of all legacies portions and bequests which formerly have been given unto them or either of them respectively by Edith Power deceased their late Grandmother Provided always and my will is that if either of them my said daughters Margarett and Jane shall happen to depart this present life before their severall marriages that then the legacy of her so dying shall remaine to me and be as followeth that is to say five hundred pounds partall thereof unto the Survivors of them the said Margarett and Jane And to my Daughter Mary Sadler Elizabeth Hughes and Francis Chesher our hundred pounds a pece more thereof And the residue thereof being forty pounds unto my daughter Miss Galt Also I give and bequeath unto my sonne Robert Selfe the sum of one hundred pounds in money to be paid unto him within Six months next after my decease

Also I give unto my sonne in law Ferdinando Hughes the sum of twenty pounds in money to be paid unto him within Six months next after my decease Also my will is that my daughter Elizabeth Hughes during her life and after her decease my daughter Francis Chesher during her life and after her decease my daughter Rebecca Bernard during her life shall respectively have the tuition and keeping of my daughter Sarah Selfe And shall have the use benefit and proffits of the messuage or tenement in Melksham aforesaid which is devised and leased unto her the said Sarah Selfe for the terme of four score and nine years if she shall so long live for and towards her maintenance Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Grace Forman Mary Sadler Jane Bridges Joane Perry Olive Galt Elizabeth Hughes Rebecca Bernard Francis Chesher and Cecily Stophens to whom I have hertofore given portions the sum of twenty shillings a pece to buy them Rings withall to wear in remembrance of me their father Also I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Richard Bridges the sum of one hundred pounds in money to be paid unto him within Six months next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my trusty servant and Purser William Norris the sum of one hundred pounds in money to be paid within Six months next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my sonne Francis Walter Norborne the sum of five pounds in money Also I give and bequeath unto my sonne in law John Galt the sum of twenty shillings to buy him a Ring withall

All the rest of my goods and Chattells moveable and immovable after my debts and legacies paid And the charges and expenses for my funeral and a burial the Probate and execution of this my present last will and Testament discharged I give and bequeath the same wholly unto my eldest sonne Jacob Selfe

Selfe, And to the intent and purpose that the said severall legacies
 herein before given and bequeathed unto my said daughter Margaret
 and Jane respectively may be paid or sufficiently secured to be paid unto them
 my said daughters respectively according to the intent and meaning of this
 my last will and Testament, And to the intent also that this my last will
 and Testament may in all other things be duly executed and performed ac-
 cording to the Tenor and purport thereof I doe therefore nominate and
 appoint them my said two Souldiers in Law John Cole and Ferdinando Hughes
 and my said Servant William Morris to be Executors in Trust of this my
 present last will and Testament And I constitute my said Son my friend
 Walter Norborne together with my said Son Jacob Selfe to be and stand
 Overseers of this my present last will and Testament And my will is that
 they my said Executors in Trust shall be from tyme to tyme directed by the said
 Walter Norborne in the Managing and performance of the Trust and
 reposed in them as aforesaid and shall follow his directions therein And
 that they my said Executors shall be from tyme to tyme accountable and ac-
 count unto me or unto them my said Overseers touching their doings
 in the executing of this my last will and Testament as often as they shall
 be therunto required by my said Overseers or the Survivors of them **In**
Witness whereof I the said Jacob Selfe have to this my present last
 will and Testament subscribed and sett my hand and seal the day and
 year first above written, **Jacob Selfe.** Signed and Sealed by the within
 named Jacob Selfe the Testator on the day of the date within written and
 by him also published and declared to be his last will and Testament in
 the presence of John Ely William Withers the Master of Anthony
 Newman.

Vicesimo Primo die mensis May Anno Domini Mil-
 lino Sexcentesimo Sexagesimo Quarto Emanuel Comissus Jacob Selfe
 filius Matru Maximus et legatar residuar morat in Testo Jacobi Selfe
 defuncti testis per Old Administrand Cona fura et Credita diti de
 fure supra tenorem et effectum diti Testi de quid Johannes Cole et
 Willimus Morris ex ^{testis} supstis in diti Testo morat de testis et
 at animos suos in hac parte iuste morat curia Executoris Testi et diti
 expresse committuntur prout ex actis hujus Curie plerumque liquet et
 apparet De bene et fideliter Administrand ead^m Ad Sancta dei Evangelia
 (origone Comissus) Jurato, 7 8^o

In the name of God Amen
 One thousand Six hundred Sixty three I John Smedall in the County
 of Middlesex being at this present in good and perfect health mind and
 memory hand and prayse & therefore give unto Almighty God And con-
 sidering with my selfe the mutability of this life and the certainty of death
 And to the end to be prepared and settled in my mind whensoever shall
 please God to call me out of this transitory life I doe therefore make
 and declare this my present Testament wherein is contained my last
 will in manner and forme following (that is to say) I will and bequeath
 all things I possess my soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping and
 assuredly believing through the death and passion of Jesus Christ to
 be saved and to have free remission and full forgiveness of all my
 sinnes My body I Comitt to the Earth to be buried And in such decent
 manner

John Smedall