

Em Richard
deane and hedges

In the name of God Amen

the twentieth day of August

In the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and one I Richard deane also hedges of
Donnorton in the Parish of Shrotonham in the County of Berks husbandman being sick of body but sound
and perfect of remembrance god be thanked doe ordaine and make this my last deed of gift in manner
and forme following first I committed my Soule into the handes of the Almighty maker and redeemer
and my bodie to the ground in assured hope to haue it rayed upp to eternall blysse touching my temporall
state and goods I doe offe freely give all mountabls and vnuincabls whollic vnto my now said wife
Ellenor deane also hedges att her disposinge and to dispose of it as shee in her Iudgement shall thinke
fitt soe long as it shall please God to send her life to inuoy it Whereunto I Richard deane also hedges
doe sett my hand and seale according to the day and yeare first above written the mark of Richard
deane also hedges Sealed and deliuered in the presence of three named vnder written Richard Harper
his mark. Jane Hughes the wife of Thomas Hughes

This is the
mark of

To administer the
said goods

Em Eyles
Lidford

The

twentieth day of November In the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and
one I Commission issued forth vnto Ellenor the Relict and residuall legatary named in the said Will
and Testament of Richard deane also hedges late of Donnorton in the County of Berks deceased hanting
the said goods chattells and debts according to the tenor and effect of the said Will It is sheweth that the said
Ellenor being first legallie sworn by petition
of a Commission in that behalf well and truly to administer the same

In the name of God Amen

the last day of March Anno Domini

In the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fortie and nine I Eyles Lidford of Wells in the County of Somerset
yeoman being in good health of body and of sound and perfect minde and memorye All honours prouers
and thanks be given vnto Almighty God for the same doe ordaine and make this my last Will
and Testament in manner and forme followinge That is to say first I committed my Soule into the
mercifull handes of Almighty God my Creator hoping and trusting through the merits and
passion of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ my Redeemer that after this mortall life ended I shall
inherit the Kingdome of heauen in eternall felicity And I commit my bodie to be hereafter interred
in Christian buriall when it shall please God to take me out of this mortall life And as touching
such substance and worldly goods as it hath pleased Almighty God to endue me withall I give
thereof vnto my Brother John Lidford and to my Sister Elizabeth Sumner eache pence a peece
Item I give vnto my Sonnes Mathew Lidford Thomas Lidford Elizabeth Mauntes and Jane Lidford
the Sonnes and Daughters of my said Brother John Lidford six pence a peece Item I give to Elizabeth
and Anne the Daughters of my Brother Robert Lidford deceased eache pence a peece Item I give vnto
the Children of the said Anne the daughter of my said Brother Robert Lidford deceased six pence a peece
Item I give vnto the Children of the above named Mathew Lidford and Thomas Lidford six pence a peece
Item I give vnto William Mauntes my good Sonne the Son of William Mauntes of Wapton five
shillings And to the rest of the Children of the said William Mauntes of Wapton aforesaid six pence
a peece Item I give vnto Robert Sumner and Joane Pomere the Sonne and Daughter of the said
Elizabeth Sumner my Sister six pence a peece and vnto the Children of the said Robert Sumner and
Joane Pomere six pence a peece Item I give vnto the Children of William Pomere and Samuells
Pomere the Sonnes of the said Joane Pomere six pence a peece Item I give vnto Jane Cross who
doth now live with me three shillings Item I give and bequeath vnto my kinsman James Lidford
who now lieth att Salisbury in the County of Wiltshire the Son of Joane Lidford who lieth now with me
att Wells aforesaid the summe of ffinie pounnds current English money to be paid vnto him within
one year next ensuing after my decease All which gifts and bequests beforesaid are to be paid
me given my Will and desire is shall be paid out of the money which is due vnto me by bond
from my said Brother John Lidford after such tyme as my Executors hereafter in this my
said Will nominated shall haue receiued the said monyes of the said John Lidford his Executors
or assigns and not before Item all the rest and residue of my goods chattells chattells Iimplem
of house and household stuffe whattsoeuer I give and bequeath vnto the said Joane Lidford who
doth now live with me att Wells aforesaid by what other name or title soeuer the said Joane is
or ought to be called reputed or termed which said Joane Lidford I the said Eyles Lidford doe
hereby nominate appointe and make to be the sole and sole Executrix of this my said last
Will and Testament desiring her after this my mortall life ended to see or cause my bodie to

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lived like a Christian in decent manner and my funerall expenses orderly discharged And the Legacies before specified by me given and bequeathed to be justly and duly performed and paid according to the intent and true meaning of this my said last Will and Testament In witness whereof I the said John Lade have hereunto set my hand and scale even the day and yeare first above written In the presence of those whose names are here subscribed Eyles Ladeford Witnesses hereunto Thomas Luddocke Thomas Hales and Ambrose Wylett

This Will was proved att London before the Right Worshippfull Sir Nathaniell Brent Knight Doctor of Lawes Master or Keeper of the Privy Seale the fourteenth day of November in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie and one by the Oath of Joane Ladeford the Executrix named in this said Will To witte the Administration was committed of all and singular the goodes chattells and debts in what any manner of wayes concern the Will of the said deceased This being first legally sworn by vertue of a Commission in that behalf well and truly to administer the same

In the name of God Amen I John Lade of Littleham in the Countie of Devon husbandman being (though in bodie) of perfect minde and understanding (thanks be to God) doe make and declare this my Testament and last Will in manner and forme following First I commend my Soule to God and my bodie to the earth in hope and confidence of a happy resurrection trusting assuredly by the death of his Sonne Iesus Christ to inherit eternall life Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Elgub Lade the sume of ffortie shillings of sterling English money to be paid her within halfe a yeare after my decease Item I give unto my Brother William Lade all my wearing apparell Woollen and Linnen that I am possessed of at my death immediately to be delivered him Item I give to my Kinsman Nicholas Lade two Summe Eyles and Nicholas to each of them ffortie shillings within six monthes after my decease to be paid them Item I give and bequeath to my Kinswoman Marie Withenridge two shillings to be paid her within six monthes after my decease All the rest of my goodes and Chattells debts and dues belonging to mee not formerly bequeathed and given I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elit Lade whom I doe ordaine and by these presents make my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I the said John Lade to this my last Will and Testament have set my hand and scale the fourteenth day of April In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie one The signe of John Lade In the presence of Samuell Perin Rector of Littleham Mathew Perin

Em John
Lade

This Will was proved att London before the Right Worshippfull Sir Nathaniell Brent Knight Doctor of Lawes Master or Keeper of the Privy Seale the fourteenth day of November In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie and one by the Oath of Elgub Lade the daughter and Executrix named in this said Will To witte the Administration of all and singular the goodes chattells and debts of the said deceased which any manner of wayes concern the said Will This being first legally sworn by vertue of a Commission in that behalf well and truly to administer the same

Memorandum that Joan Lade late widow hitherto of Littleham in the County of Somerset husbandman deceased being of perfect minde and memory and having a lawful purpose and desire to settle and dispose of his estate did often tymes and more particularly in the month of January in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred ffortie and nine or word of month better and declare his last Will and Testament in this manner to witte the wordes in effect following that is to say first he gave and bequeathed to John Lade his Sonne one Cow sheepe and all his wearing apparell To his daughter Joane Lade his daughter one sheepe To the three Children of his Sister William Lade he gave one sheepe To his daughter Marie the daughter of his Sister Bridgett he gave one sheepe And to his Sister Edwells daughter Elgub Lade he gave one sheepe The rest and residue of his goodes Chattells and debts unbequeathed he gave and bequeathed unto Elgub Lade his wife whom he made his sole and appointed to be the Sole Executrix of this his last Will and Testament All which wordes or the like in effect and substance were by him spoken in the presence and hearing of those witnesses whose names are here subscribed

Em Joan
Lade

This Will was proved att London before the Right Worshippfull Sir Nathaniell Brent Knight

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