

Sutton-in-Ashfield, and the signature of Nicholas Glapson, or his designee  
to him and his heirs for ever. I do goe unto him, at the age of one and  
twentie yeares; Item all the residue of my goods and chattells, not before  
given and bequeathed, my debts and legacies being paid, and remittall  
expences discharged, I give and bequeath unto Anne my loving wife  
whom I do make and ordaine the sole and sole executrix of this my last  
will and testament. This sealed publication, published, and delivered in  
the last will and testament of me Ed: Knatchbull containing one sheet of  
paper. Edw: Knatchbull. In the presence of us, Edward Maylster, John  
Bur Phurst, Mary Eddy her mother.

## This will was proved at London

Before the Judge for probate of wills and granting administration  
the five and twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord God,  
one thousand four hundred, fiftie, and eight; by the oath of Edward  
Knatchbull, the sole and sole executrix named in the said will. So  
that the administration of all and singuler the goods, Chattells, and debts  
of the said Edward Knatchbull deceased was granted, and granted, the same  
in full power truly to administer the same.

## In the name of God Amen, Richard

Lake of Stone were Iartford in the County of Kent yeoman, being of  
perfect mind and memorie (thankes be to God). But having bin a long  
time infested with continual inward luyng disease of bodie, and knowing  
the certenitey of death, and uncertainty of the time and maner; I do make  
and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following.  
First and principally, I bequeath my soule unto God that gave it me,  
And unto Jesus Christ my redemeur, by whose mercies only I trust to be  
saved: And my body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried  
at Stone aforesaid, as neare my fathers grasse as conveniently can be; and  
absteyning all such worldly estate, as the Lord of his mercy hath bestowed  
on me, I do devise and bequeath the same in manner and forme following;  
Itemis. I give, desise, and bequeath, unto my loving wife Mary Lake, in  
hewe of her booynture and Dower settled on her before our mariage; All  
that meinge or tenement, with the appurtenances therin from in habit and  
dwelle called Beene farme, situate in the parish of Stone aforesaid, together  
with those three orchards adjoyning to the said house, tountring by estima<sup>t</sup>ation  
two acres more or less; And also all those several pieces of herable p<sup>re</sup>ture,  
and wood land hereafter particularly mentioned, and expressed. (that is to say)  
one piece or part of Land called horse leet field, toul<sup>t</sup> by estima<sup>t</sup>ion seuen  
Acres, more or lesse; one piece of woodland called horse leet spring, toul<sup>t</sup> by  
estima<sup>t</sup>ion three acres more or less; one piece of land called Old Beene, cont.  
by estima<sup>t</sup>ion three acres and a halfe more or less; one piece of land called  
Gorrell howe, toul<sup>t</sup> by estima<sup>t</sup>ion halfe an acre; one piece of land called Bramble  
Croft, toul<sup>t</sup> by estima<sup>t</sup>ion two acres; one piece of land called C and howe spring,  
toul<sup>t</sup> by estima<sup>t</sup>ion fower acres; And one piece of Land called Daile spring,  
But by estima<sup>t</sup>ion one acre; All and singuler the aforesaid pieces of my  
will and mind is, that my said wife Mary shall have and may in hewe of  
her booynture, or Dower, during the same. She shall continue the possession  
of

C. Rich Lake

of me; And if she shall forlorn to marry & then to differ, and come to my death  
 John John Late, and the heirs of his bodie lawfully begotten for ever; And if  
 the said John Late, or his heirs saying the cont. writing land yearly during  
 Ever naturall life, the sume of eightene pounds of lawfull money of England  
 att the two small feasts or Termes in the year between and egnall portune the  
 first payment to begin the first of those feaste after such marriage performed,  
 Item of one deys, and bequeath unto my said wife, the three years growth  
 next after my decess of the wood staled Broadwood and Syrmans boynes.  
 And my will and mind is, that my said wife at the felling of the said wood,  
 or any other of the wood grounds before denoted to her during widow heade shall  
 beare the same staled double, according to the Statute, in short rege for Kinge of  
 Woods, is made and provided. And also my willed, and will is, that the said oaks  
 growing in the said wood staled Broadwood before appoynted, marked  
 out, and distinguished from the residue, be left and reserved from fellings,  
 Loxing, Shreding, or for synging, by and During the space of thirtie years, at  
 the least after my decess, Item I give, devise and bequeath unto my selfe  
 same John Late all those seuerall pieces of arable pasture and wood land  
 hereafter particularly mentioned, and expressed (that is to say) one pece of land  
 called Broad acre, cont. by estimation eightene acres; one pece of land called  
 Ladys gate rote, by estimation fourre acres; one pece of land called bay croft,  
 tent by estimation seaven acres, one pece of land called powr tree field  
 rote, by estimation tenuis acres, one pece of land called middle field rote, by  
 estimation eight acres; and pece of land called pye field rote by estimation  
 eight acres; one pece of land called home field rote, by estimation five  
 acres; All which land I willed, together with the aforesaid emprise bequeath  
 to my wife, and the woodland of which she is to have the said three years  
 growth as aforesaid, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my said wife same John  
 Late, and to the heirs of his bodie lawfully begotten for ever; And for want  
 of such issue, unto Richard Late, and Thomas Late, younger sonnes of me  
 the said Richard the father, and the heirs of their two bodies, or the bodies  
 of their respective wives lawfully begotten; And for want of such issue to the  
 right heire of me the said Richard the father for ever; Item I give, will,  
 devise and bequeath the mesnage, or tenement talled, affter with shewur  
 sonantes, therewerto belonging, situate in Stand before said together with  
 those seuerall orchards, and peeces of land hereafter particularly named,  
 (that is to say) one Cherry orchard, adioyning to the said house on the  
 North side, cont. by estimation three acres, and a halfe; one other orchard  
 with a well in it, talled the old orchard, cont. by estimation, halfe an  
 acre; one other orchard lying on the South side of the said house talled  
 the old orchard, being formerly pte of the same farme, cont. by estimation, two  
 acres; one other orchard talled the pond orchard, as the same is nowe a  
 being, cont. by estimation, two acres, and a halfe; And also those two peeces of  
 arable land talled the bristles, cont. both by estimation two acres; All which  
 said last recited orchards, and peeces of arable land, with the said mesnage  
 and appurtenance, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my sonne Richard Late,  
 and to the heirs of his bodie lawfully begotten; And for want of such issue to  
 Thomas Late my yongest sonne, and to the heirs of his bodie lawfully begotten  
 And for want of such issue, to the right heire of me the said Richard the  
 father for ever; And my mind and will is, that my said wife Mary may have  
 and enjoy the first yearely profit next after my decess of the said plimpe,  
 paying to my said sonne Richard Late the sume of fifti pounds of lawfull  
 money of England, to buy himselfe apparelled withall; And my said wife  
 Mary

of me; And if she shall sojourn, & her to deince and come to my chaste  
 Some John Late, and the hirise of his bodie lawfully begotten for ever; I et  
 The said John Late, or his heirs paying therout unto my said wife by During  
 Eornwall life, the sume of eightene pounds, of lawfull money of Englynd  
 att the two yeaull feasts or termes in the year betwix and eynall yeaull, the  
 first payment to begin the first of those feasts after such marriage shold be  
 Item £. viii. devisa, and bequeath unto my said wife, the three yeaull grough  
 next after my decease, of the woodde tallt Beane wood, and Sybilinis forres.  
 And my will and wiile is, that my said wife, at the felling of the said wood,  
 or any other of the wood grunds before devised to her during widow hood shall  
 leave the same stord double, according to the Statute, in that reape for fellings of  
 woodde, is made and provided; And also, my wiile, and wiile is, that the faire oale  
 growing in the said wood, nallede Beane wood, bekefayre appoynted, marked  
 out, and distingysshed from the residue, to kepe and preserue from fellings,  
 foxing, shreddyng, or toppling, by and During the space of thricy yeaull, at  
 the least after my decease; Item £. viii. devisa, and bequeath unto my chaste  
 Some John Late, all thosse sonerall pects of arable, pasture, and wood land  
 heire after particularlly mentoined, and expresseid (that is to say) one pect of land  
 nallede Le and dñe. Cont. by estimation eightene acres; and pects of land nallede  
 Ladegate nout, by estimation fourteene acres; one pect of land nallede bay crofts,  
 tent, by estimation seaven acres; one pect of land nallede fourtree feilds  
 tent, by estimation tenne acres; one pect of land nallede middle feild tent, by  
 estimation eight acres; and pects of land nallede by & feild tent, by estimation  
 eight acres; one pect of land nallede homelife tent, by estimation six  
 acres; All which laid pects, together with the aforesaid sumpes bequethed  
 to my wife, and the woodlands of whiche she is to have the said three yeaull  
 grough as aforesaid, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my said Some John  
 Late, and to the hirise of his bodie lawfully begotten for ever; And for want  
 of such issus, unto Richard Late, and Thomas Late, yongest sonnes of me  
 The said Richard the father, and the heires of their two bodis, or the bodyes  
 of their resprectis wifes lawfully begotten; And for want of such issus to the  
 right heires of me the said Richard the father for ever; Item £. viii. will,  
 devise and bequeath the mesnage, or tenement nallede Richard with thysour  
 tenantes, therunto belonging, situate in Stow before said together with  
 thosse sonerall orchards, and pects of land heire after pfectly named,  
 (that is to say) one therre orchard, adioyning to the said house on the  
 North side, Cont. by estimation three acres, and a halfe; one other orchard  
 with a well in it, nallede the old orchard, tent, by estimation halfe an  
 acre; One other orchard, lyng on the South side of the said house nallede  
 the old orchard, being formerly nallede Beane farme, Cont. by estimation, two  
 acres; one other orchard, nallede the yond orchard, as the same is nowe  
 being, tent, by estimation, two acres, and a halfe; And also thosse two pects of  
 arable land nallede the Briddles, Cont. Both by estimation tree acres; Also both  
 said last resited orchards, and pects of arable land, with the said mesnage  
 and appurtenances £. viii. devise, and bequeath unto my said Richard Late,  
 and to the heires of his bodie lawfully begotten; And for want of such issus, to  
 Thomas Late, my yongest sonne, and to the heire of his bodie lawfully begotten  
 And for want of such issus, to the right heires of me the said Richard the  
 father for ever; And my wiile and wiile is, that my said wife Mary may haue  
 and enjoy the first yeaull profit next after my decease, of the said resited,  
 payng to my said Some Richard Late, the sume of fifti pects of lawfull  
 money of Englynd, to buy hymselfe apparel withall; And my said wife  
 Mary

Money to repair the said Merchant's and the same belonging  
 with the well; She to have the timber already felled, and now lying on  
 pte of my Land, formerly belonging to my sonne John Late, to and for the  
 said repaire. Item I give, devise, and bequeath unto my youngest sonne  
 Thomas Late, all those my lands and tenements, situate, by and boun-  
 t in the pte of Dartford, in the aforesaid County of Kent, now in the occupation  
 of Clem. Ware, and John Soutour, which said Lands, and tenements, late  
 fell to me by descent from my brother John Late of London before said Descease;  
 All which said promises I give and bequeath to my said sonne Thomas Late  
 and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; And for want of such heire  
 to Richard Late my second sonne, and to the heire of his body lawfully begotten,  
 And for want of such heire to the right heire of me the said Richard the  
 father for ever; And my mind and will is, that my Executors hereafter named  
 shall repair, and sufficiently make up the same belonging to the pte of, in  
 the occupation of the aforesaid John Soutour. Item I give and bequeath  
 unto my said sonne Thomas Late, the sume of one hundred, and forty  
 pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid him by mine Executors w<sup>t</sup>in  
 fourteene yeare, next after my decease (the money to be in placating him out to 60  
 an apperentie, to be part of the said sume of one hundred and forty pounds.)  
 And also I give unto my said sonne Thomas Late, one shill<sup>t</sup> formerly  
 appointed and given him. Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Richard  
 Late my silver boale. Item I give, and bequeath unto my eldest daughter  
 Mary M<sup>t</sup>night, the wife of William M<sup>t</sup>night, the sume of ten shillings  
 of lawfull money of England, to be paid her by mine Executors, within three  
 moneths next after my decease; Item I give more unto my said daughter  
 Mary, my now grete Nagg Overlode; Item I give and bequeath unto my  
 Grandchild Sarah M<sup>t</sup>night, the daughter of the said Mary M<sup>t</sup>night (to be paid  
 out within fourteene yeare next after my decease, for her best advantage, at the  
 discretion of mine Executors; and to be paid her, with the profit thereof  
 when she shall attaine to the full age of out and twenty yeare) the sume of  
 four pounds of lawfull money of England; Item my mind and will is, that  
 my said sonne John Late, Richard Late, and Thomas Late, and every of them,  
 shall pay, or range to be paid unto the said Mary M<sup>t</sup>night their sister, the full  
 sume of twentie shillings a yeare a pte, out of the Lands and tenements formerly  
 bequeathed unto them; Item I give, devise, and bequeath unto my youngest  
 daughter Anne Late, the sume of one hundred, and thirty pounds of lawfull  
 money of England, to be paid her by mine Executors, when she shall attaine  
 the full age of out and twentie yeare; Item I give and bequeath unto my  
 said sonne John Late, the long Table in the Hall, in my house dwelling house;  
 Item my mind and will is, and for I doe deisire, that all my house hold stuffe  
 remaing, not formerly bequeathed, shall be desidred and parted into thre  
 equal parts, and part whereof, to be my wifes; one other part thereof to be my  
 sonne Richards, and the other part therof, to be my youngest Daughter Anne.  
 Item I give and bequeath unto my kinsman Richard Colegate, the sume of two  
 pounds of lawfull money of England; To Dina Colegate wife of John Webb, the  
 like sume of two pounds. And to Christopher Colegate, the sume of one pound of  
 like money; The said money to be paid unto them generally, within four moneths  
 next after my decease, by mine Executors; Item I give and bequeath unto my  
 brother in lawe William Spinney, the sume of two pounds of like money, to buy  
 him a Ringe to wear, in remembrance of me. And also I give, unto my sister in  
 lawe Joane the wife of the said William Spinney, the like sume of two  
 pounds, to buy her a Ringe, to ware, in remembrance of me. Item I give to the

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Money to repair the said Mchhuage and the same to the same belonging  
 with the wall. Item to have the lumber already felled, and now lying on  
 site of my lands, formerly brought to my sonne John Lake to and for the  
 said repaire. Item to give Devise, and bequeath unto my youngest sonne  
 Thomas Lake; All those my lands, and tenements, situated, lying and boaring  
 in the parish of Darfield in the said said County of S. L. now in the occupation  
 of Clem. Warre, and John Soutarne, which said lands, and tenements, late  
 fell to me by deince from my brother John Lake of S. Town before said Detach'd;  
 All which said promises I give and bequeath to my said sonne Thomas Lake  
 and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. And for want of such heires  
 to Richard Lake my second sonne, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten,  
 And for want of such heire to the right heire of me the said Richard the  
 father forever. And my will am with it, that my Executors hereafter named  
 shall repaire, and sufficiently make up the sume belonging to the sumpes, in  
 the occupation of the aforesaid John & Soutarne. Item I give and bequeath  
 unto my said sonne Thomas Lake, the sume of one hundred, and fyforty  
 pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid him by mine Executors w<sup>i</sup>th in  
 fourteene yeare, next after my decease (the money to be in payinge him out to 60  
 an apperentie, to be part of the said sume of one hundred and fyforty pounds.)  
 And also 4 quine unto my said sonne Thomas Lake, one shill. formerly  
 appointed and given him. Item 4 quine and bequeath unto my sonne Richard  
 Lake, my silver bowlie. Item 4 quine and bequeath unto my eldest daughter  
 Mary M<sup>a</sup>r<sup>t</sup>h<sup>a</sup> the wife of Willm. M<sup>a</sup>r<sup>t</sup>h<sup>a</sup> the sume of ten shillings  
 of lawfull money of England, to be paid her by mine Executors, within throe  
 moneths next after my decease. Item 4 quine more unto my said Daughter  
 Mary my new gretne Bugg Overlord, Item 4 quine and bequeath unto my  
 Grandchild Sarah M<sup>a</sup>r<sup>t</sup>h<sup>a</sup>, the daughter of the said Mary M<sup>a</sup>r<sup>t</sup>h<sup>a</sup> (to be paid  
 out within fourteene yeare, next after my decease, for her best advantage, at the  
 distriktion of mine Executors, and to be paid her, with the profit thereof  
 when she shall attaine to the full age of out and twenty yeare) the sume of  
 four pounds of lawfull money of England; Item my mind and will is, that  
 my said sonne John Lake, Richard Lake, and Thomas Lake, and curry of them,  
 shall pay, or range to be paid unto the said Mary M<sup>a</sup>r<sup>t</sup>h<sup>a</sup> their sister, the full  
 sume of twentie shillings a year a yeare, out of the lands and tenements formerly  
 bequeathed unto them; Item 4 quine, Devise, and bequeath unto my youngest  
 daughter Anne Lake the sume of one hundred, and thirty pounds of lawfull  
 money of England, to be paid her by mine Executors, when she shall attaine  
 the full age of one and twentie yeare; Item 4 quine and bequeath unto my  
 said sonne John Lake, the long Table in the Hall, in my nowe Dettlinghous;  
 Item my mind and will is, and so I doe Desir<sup>e</sup>, that all my householde stoffe,  
 remaining, not formerly bequeathed, shall be devideed and parted into three  
 equall parts, one part whereof, to be my wifes; one other part therof to be my  
 sonne Richard, and the other part therof, to be my youngest Daughter Anne.  
 Item 4 quine and bequeath unto my bingman Richard Colgate, the sume of two  
 pounds of lawfull money of England, to Anna Colgate wife of John Webb, the  
 like sume of two pounds, and to Christopher Colgate, the sume of one pound of  
 like money; The said money to be paid unto them generally, within fourteene moneths  
 next after my decease, by mine Executors; Item 4 quine and bequeath unto my  
 brother in law Willm. Pinyon, the sume of two pounds of like money, to buy  
 him a Ringe to weare, in remembrance of me; And also 4 quine unto my sister in  
 law Joane the wife of the said Willm. Pinyon, the like sume of two  
 pounds to buy her a Ringe, to weare, in remembrance of me. Item 4 quine to the  
 same

poore of the gylf of stone before said, the sume of two pounds of leawfull sande  
of England to be distributed amongst them at my buriall; Item my  
smit and will is, and by特特 order and appointment that my Exeutoris  
hereafter named shall lay or raift a tombstone to be laid, on my grānd  
with them syde monthes after my buriall, the same to be layed after the  
same and manner that other tombstones are layed. Item I give and giue  
and bequeath unto William ffrauncroft the sonnes, of stone aforesaid,  
the sume of two pounds of leawfull money, to buy him a tyme. Lastly, for  
the remader of my estate not before bequeathed by me, do I give and bequeath  
unto my loving wif Mary Late, and to my sonne Richard Late, cohoun  
of me, and or any sole Exeutor and Exeutor of this my last will and  
testament. And I doe hereby make void, and frustrate, all former wills  
by me made, And I doe desire my loving friend, the abouitained William  
ffrauncroft, to be avding and assyng to my said sonne Richard Late in  
managing his p[re]dict being Exeutor; my said Exeutor is allowing him full  
charge, as he shall reasonably lay out about the same; An witness of this  
my last will and testament, touching my former trustees of power, to the  
three former witnesses I have set my hand, and to this latter, I have set  
my hand and seale, this xxiij<sup>th</sup> day of Novembre, in the yere of our lord god  
one thousand, fīve hundred, fiftie, and eight: Richard Late: SIGNED  
Sealed, and Delivred, b[y] the said Richard Late the xxv<sup>th</sup>, with the  
blotting in the first sheete, before the sealing hereof, in the presence of  
Thomas Barre, John Clmes.

Witnesses upon this document  
John May -  
John ffrauncroft -  
Mary Late -  
Richard Late -  
John Clmes -  
Thomas Barre -

## This will was proved at London

Before the judges for probate of wills, and granting the ministrations  
the three and twentieth day of November, in the yere of our lord god  
one thousand, fīve hundred, fiftie, and eight: By the oþt of Mary Late  
the testatrix, and out of the executors name in the said will, whom  
she names of all and singuler the wods, shelles, and debts of the said  
Richard Late deceased was remited and granted, She being first sworne  
swore, to determine the same, power being reserved of granting the like  
probat to Richard Late the same, and other Exeutor also named in the said  
will, whom he shall take and legally recyue the same.

## In the name of God Amen, the xij<sup>th</sup>

day of August, in the yere of our lord, one thousand, fīve hundred,  
fiftie, Eight; I John May, of the parish of St. Margaret, in the  
Cittie of Canterbury yeman, being ill in bodie, but yet of good, and  
perfect memory, and understanding. (prayed bi Almighty God for the  
same) Doe hereby make and declare, this my present last will and testament  
in manner and forme following: First I recorne my soule into the hands  
of Almighty God my Director; hoping to be saved by, and through the only  
merit of Iah and p[er]son of Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer; And  
I comit my body to the earth, wherof it was first framid; to be decently  
interred according to the direction of my Exeutors. Item I give to my  
bisket John May, my body, which by will of the Hospital of St. John  
in Canterbury of severall summe fruite in or neare every land w[ith]out  
the walls of this said Cittie, and all my leards of yore, therin yet to come,

and

John May: