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This Will was proved at London the  
twenty fourth day of May in the year of our  
Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety seven  
before the right honorable Sir William Wynne Knight  
Doctor of Laws Master in Chancery and Commissioner of the  
Prerogative Court of Cantabrigia lawfully constituted  
by the Oath of Sarah Atwell formerly Noble Wife of  
William Atwell the sister of the Deceased the said  
Executrix named in the said Will to whom the said  
administration was granted of all and singular  
the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased  
having been first sworn (by Commission) duly to admini-

Francis  
Newman

To all to whom these Presents  
may come This is the last Will and Testament  
of me Francis Newman of Westhouse in Piddletrenthide  
Dorset written with my own hand and subscribed  
strictly enjoined my friends and legacies not to  
raise any dispute whatsoever in the construction  
hereof declaring their legacies void by so doing  
Premising this first to give and devise unto  
my dear wife for the term of her widowhood only  
as thereto intitled by the Custom of the Manor  
of Piddletrenthide aforesaid all that my dwelling  
house called Westhouse with the Estate and Lands  
thereto belonging now in my possession for her own  
Occupation duly to be viewed and to have the  
Command and use of all my Stock and household  
with the use of all my Bynnaments in Husbandry  
by me used in the farming way finally relying  
on her promise to leave the same in as good  
order and Condition as she at my death finds it  
together with the use of all my furniture household  
Goods Stock of Liquors and every thing else to me  
belonging and in my possession for the said  
Term of her Widowhood on her life promise of  
doing Justice to her Son my Grandson Francis  
James Newman here to whom at her Decease a  
Forfeiture by Marriage I give and devise my  
dwelling house and Lands with all and singular  
its appurtenances of also all other things before  
given to her as her own and sole property not  
without hope of her making it her place of Residence  
in due time when it shall happen I likewise give  
and devise unto my said dear wife all that my  
new built house called East house now vacant with  
all its appurtenances with the use of the furniture  
household Goods there found at my decease on the  
same Terms as before mentioned on her life promise

of leaving the whole in good order at the determination  
of his right heir to my said Grandson James  
James Rogers to whom I give and devise the whole  
before given to him for all my Estate and Interest  
therein then to come with the power to him only  
of Renewal if occasion requires I likewise give unto my  
said Dear Wife an Annuity or clear yearly Rent Charge  
of one hundred and forty pounds to be paid to her  
at his house in Piddleshuthe aforesaid by two equal  
half yearly payments on the first day of April and  
the fifth day of October in every year with the  
payment whereof I charge all my Real & Personal  
Estate wherof I shall die seized or possessed I likewise  
give unto his said Dear Wife my Posthouse  
and a pair of the best Coach horses with their  
trappings and the black mare for his servant and  
being well acquainted with his charitable good  
disposition to the deserving poor I give unto him the  
Interest of the sum of two hundred pounds on four  
policies due on the Wirranton Turnpike to be  
distributed by him at his discretion amongst my old  
meritorious servants committing them to his care I  
give unto my Granddaughter Frances Charlotte  
Barrowan an Annuity or clear sum of forty pounds  
payable to his Guardian his Uncle the Reverend  
James Rogers during her father's life only where  
she will be otherwise well provided for by two equal  
half yearly payments on the said first day of  
April and the fifth day of October in every year  
I give devise and confirm unto all my Tenants  
to whom I have granted Leases and Copies of  
Court Roll as Lord of the several manors of North  
Cadbury South Cadbury and Sparkford (except my  
late servant John Ludwell who proved an unfaithful  
ingrateful servant and therefore I desire his lease  
void having received no consideration whatsoever for  
the same and lastly I give and devise unto  
my Grandson James Rogers and his heirs  
all that my farm and land with the rights  
and all other rights thereto belonging called the  
Parsonage and Impropriate Rectory of Queneland  
in the County of Dorset and also all of my  
Real and Personal Estate whatsoever wherof I  
shall die seized or possessed hereby I do hereby  
appointing him my sole Executor and Administrator  
his father the Reverend James Rogers and my  
friend Mr. Edwin Combins his Trustees Guardians  
inverorable during his minority of twenty one years  
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal the twenty fifth day of October in the

Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety  
and four ff. Rowman & signed Sealed Published and  
Solemnly by me as my last Will and Testament  
in the presence of Rob: Manning, Jm: Edm: Manning,  
Eliza Manning //

On the twenty sixth day of May in the year  
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety  
seven administration with the Will annexed of all  
and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of  
Francis Rowman late of Westham in Piddlechurch  
in the County of Dorset deceased was granted to the  
Executors of the said deceased one of the Executors  
Legates in Trust named in the said Will during  
the minority of Francis James Rowman Roger's late  
Grandson of the said deceased and sole Executor and  
Residuary Legate named in the said Will leaving  
over first seven shillings to administer //

Elizabeth  
Neale This is the last Will  
and Testament of me Elizabeth Neale of Sawtry in  
the County of Huntingdon Esquire and  
Devis to Thomas Martin of Emsay in the County  
of Northampton Esquire all that my messuage or  
tenement close lands and premises situate lying  
and being in the parishes of Sawtry and Downham in the  
Bols of Ely and County of Cambridge or either of  
them part of which estate or freehold and part  
leasehold and also all and singular my messuages  
lands and premises in Sawtry aforesaid to hold  
so much and such part of the same premises  
as are freehold unto and to the use of the said  
Thomas Martin his heirs and assigns for ever  
and to have and to hold so much part of  
the said premises as are leasehold unto the said  
Thomas Martin his Executors Admins and assigns  
for and during all the rest residue and remainder  
of my term estate right title and interest therein  
as or they paying out of and from the said  
freehold and leasehold premises and so hereby  
charge all the same with the payment of the  
sum of three hundred pounds a piece of lawful  
money of Great Britain to all and every the  
younger children of the said Thomas Martin now  
living by Alice his present wife (excluding the eldest  
son) to be paid to them respectively as they shall  
respectively attain the age of twenty one years with  
interest in the meantime at the rate of four