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Sancta et individua Trinitatis Bristol, the sone of fortye shillings of lawfull English  
mony upon the condition followinge, witt, That they shall afford me a convenient place to  
be buried in, in the South fle of the said Cathedral Church ab next unto the place there  
where my sometime lovinge wife Marrian, and my deere father Walter Gleson by buried  
And withall I doe forgive and release unto them all such sones of mony, which shalbe due  
and owinge unto me by the said Deant and Chapter at the time of my decease upon the same  
condition, and not otherwise. Item if it shall happen that my bodie be buried in the saide  
Cathedral Church, and next the place afore specified, Then and in that case, and not  
otherwise I give and bequeath unto the Chaunter of the said Cathedral Church, two  
shillings, and unto the master of the Chorister, two shillings, And unto the pettye Diamond  
eighteen pence a peece, And to every singinge man Twelve pence a peece. And to every  
Chorister sixe pence a peece. And to the Porter and Sexton thre Twelve pence a peece. Item  
I desire my said lovinge brother William Gleson of Marnehill in the Countie of Dorset to  
come and yeald a true account with and to my Excutory, undernamed and written  
concerninge out Elizabeth, Dowinge her legacies of mony, of plate, Lease of a house, and  
the yearly rent thereof, and other thinge given and bequeathed unto her in the last will  
and testament of William Dowinge her late father deceased, because such her legacies were  
left in and to the Custodie and care of my said lovinge brother Walter Gleson as Guardian  
unto her the said Elizabeth. The which legacies of mony, of plate, house, and yearly  
rent, and other thinges together with her the said Elizabeth Dowinge were delivered over  
by my said father Walter Gleson (whilst he lived) into the hands care and Custodie of my  
said lovinge brother William Gleson, who hath entered into Bond or obligation with condition  
amongst other thinges, to discharge me (who am Excutory to my said father, nominated in  
his last will and testament, and to save me harmless and discharge me my heires excutors  
administrators and assignes from all troubles suits and Demands whatsoever which the  
said Elizabeth Dowinge her Excutors, administrators, or assignes, made by any manner of  
waie or meanes have, comence, aske, or recover against me the said Isaac Gleson my  
heires, excutors, administrators, or assignes, as by the said Bond and condition thereof more  
at large appeareth. Item all and singular the rest and residue of my goodes and chattells, plate  
and personall estate whatsoever, not before in this my last will and testament, to any person  
or persons given or bequeathed (my funeralls, debts and legacies being first discharged, satisfied  
and paid, I give and bequeath unto my said wellbelovd wife Alice Gleson whom I make  
constitute and ordaine to be full and whole and sole Excutory of this my last will and  
testament, Revokinge hereby all former last wills and Testaments by me at any time  
before made, And doe acknowledge this to be my true last will and testament. And I doe  
hereby desire and intreat my said wife Alice Gleson and Excutory to bestowe very small  
charge as conveniently she maye in the solempnizinge of my funeralls, because and for feare  
of desperat debt due to me, that maye happen not to be recovered by her (which god forbidd)  
for then my estate will not beare any great charge to be bestowed on my funerall expenses  
provided alwaies and my will and meaninge is, that if my said wife, shall refuse, or shall not  
within one moneth after my decease enter into Bond for the payment of the said Legacies  
and sones of mony given unto my said grandchildren as aforesaide. Then I doe hereby  
annihilate, make voyd and take awaye the said Excutoryship from my said wife. And I doe  
then and in that case make and ordaine my said grandchildren Isaac, William, and  
Henry Excutors of this my last will and testament. Item my will and meaninge is  
And I doe by this my last will and testament ordaine, that if any Legatory to whom  
I have given, devised, or bequeathed any my lands freehold, mony goodes, Chattells or  
plate shall goe about, endeavor, or by any meanes attempt to impugn or gainsaie this  
my last will and Testament, or any legarie to any person or persons by me therein  
given, devised or bequeathed, That then such Legatory or Legatories shall fall from his  
or their legarie or legaries And I doe withdrawe and take awaye the same legarie or  
legaries from him or them, that shall soe goe, endeavor, or by any meanes attempt to

Impugn or strive against my legarie, gift, devise, or bequest herein before contained  
 and not otherwise. And I doe hereby appoint and ordaine my foresaide lovinge brother  
 William Gleson, my lovinge Nephewes Phillip Ellis, and Walter Ellis, and my lovinge  
 friend George Hartwell to be Overseers of this my last will and Testament, hoping and  
 trustfullie trustinge, that they and every of them wilbe aydinge and assistinge with  
 their advise and indeavour, to my said wife Alice Gleson and Excutrix before named in  
 the manninge and performinge of this my last will and Testament, And I doe give to  
 each and every of my said Overseers foure shillings a peece in mony for their paines  
 to be taken therein. Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Richard Ellis (whom I  
 had almost forgotten) Twentie shillings in mony. And this my last will and Testament  
 I have subscribed with myn owne hand. In witness whereof, and of all other the  
 promises I have hereunto sett my hand and scale the daie and yeare first above written  
 Isaac Gleson. Signed, Sealed and acknowledged, by the said Isaac Gleson the elder to be  
 his last will and Testament the daie and yeare first above written in the presence of  
 George Harrison, Humphrey Androwes, Rich: Haster, Roger Toydon, George Hartwell Sr.  
 Mr. That whereas I Isaac Gleson of the Cittie of Bristol gent, did by my will  
 bearinge date the seven and twentieth daie of Aprill last past before the date hereof  
 give and bequeath unto my grandchilden Isaac Gleson, William Gleson, and Henric  
 Gleson the sum of Twentie poundes a peece of lawfull mony of England, as appeareth  
 in the third sheete of paper parcell of my said will. Nowe I doe by this my Godwill  
 give and bequeath unto the said Isaac Gleson Tenne poundes, and to the said William  
 Gleson Tenne poundes, and to the said Henric Gleson Twentie poundes over and above  
 the said Twentie poundes a peece given unto them by me, in and by my said will. And I  
 doe declare this Godwill and the legaries hereby by me given to be parcell of my last  
 will and Testament. And I doe hereby declare, that my will and meaninge is, that the  
 legaries given by this my Godwill shalbe paid in such maner and forme as the saide  
 legaries of Twentie poundes a peece, are to be paid, and as is expressed, in my said  
 will. And I doe hereby intreat my lovinge wife, (if she thinke fitt) and not otherwise  
 to bringe upp my grandchild Isaac Gleson at school untill he be fitt to be placed  
 out, and then I desire he maie be placed with some Civilian in London. And I desire  
 my daughter in lawe Ellinor Gleson to allowe the Tenne poundes a yeare which she  
 nowe payeth unto me yearly, towards the bringinge upp of the said Isaac Gleson  
 her sonne. All which I leave to the discretion of my wife and my said daughter in lawe  
 as they shall thinke fitt and agree together. And whereas I have given nothinge to  
 some of my freinds and godchilden in token of my love (my estate beinge weake)  
 I leave it to my wifes discretion to doe as she shall thinke fitt therein, And as touching  
 the Countie of Somersett which I bought of Sr Rowland Larc, and Sr John Larc  
 knight, my will is, and I doe hereby declare, that the same, and all my right and  
 terme therein after my decease, shall accrue and come unto my said grandchilden  
 Isaac Gleson and William Gleson accordinge as I have given the same in and by my  
 said will of the seven and twentieth daie of Aprill last which legarie and bequest in  
 my said will touchinge the saide lease and buyinge. I doe hereby ratifie and confirme  
 And set & comende my soule into the hands of almightie god, and of my saviour Iesus  
 Christ god everlastinge. In witness whereof I have caused this Godwill to be made  
 the second daie of July Anno Dni 1629. and have hereunto sett my hand and scale the  
 same daie, in the presence of the witnesses hereunder named. By me Isaac Gleson.  
 Edward Allmond, George Harrison, George Hartwell Sr.

**Probatum** fuit testamentum superscriptum unarum Godwillo eodem anno  
 apud London coram venerabili viro Dno Henrico Marten milite legum Doro Curie  
 Prærogative Cantuariensis Magno Custode sive Commissario tunc constituto Directo Dno

Mensis Augusti Anno Dni Millesimo Sexcentesimo vicesimo Nono. In nomine Amen. Et  
Prelatus dicit de summo et regulari in huiusmodi Testamentis nominat, Qui concessa sunt et  
administrato omni et singularum bonorum iurium et creditorum dicit de summo de bene et  
fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia coram Magistro Edwardo Almond  
et iure Trade Clerico vigore Commissionis in ea parte alio emanat iurat. E. J.

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# In the name of God Amen

The heaven  
and twentieth daie of July Anno Dni 1629. And in the tweth yeare of the  
reaigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god King of England  
Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. I John Simpson Dittizen  
and Cooke of London, beinge at this present sicke in bodie, but yett of good and  
perfect mynde and memorie laud and praise & therefore give unto Almighty god  
and consideringe with my self the mutabilitie of this liif, and the certaintie of Death  
although the time, and howe therof be altogether uncertaint, And to thende and  
intent to be the better prepared and settled in mynde whensover it shall please the  
Lord to take me out of this transitorie liif, I doe therefore by gods permission, make,  
and declare this my present Testament, wherein is contayned my last will in manner  
and forme followinge. That is to wit, First and about all things I doe committe my soule  
into the handes of Almighty god my maker hopinge and assuredly believinge by, and  
through the precious death passion and resurrection of Iesus Christ his Sonne my onlie  
Saviour and Redemer to be saved, and to have free pardon, remission, and forgiveness  
of all my sinnes and iniquities, and everlastinge liif in the Kingdome of heaven amongst  
the elect. And my bodie I doe committe to the earth to be buried in such Christian and  
decent sort and manner, as to the good discretion of my Executors hereunder named  
shalbe thought fitt. And as touchinge the orderinge and disposinge of all and singular  
such goodes, Chattells, lease, moveables, household stuffe, and other my personall estate  
which it shall please the Lord to blisse and indue me withall, or that I shall have  
or be possessed of at the time of my decease, I doe will give devise and dispose of the  
same in manner and forme as hereafter followeth. My mynde and will is, that all  
such debts as I shall justlie and truly owe or be indebted unto any person or persons  
at the time of my decease be well and truly paid, or order taken for the payment  
therof within convenient time next after my decease by my Executors hereafter  
named. And wherof one full third part of my goodes, Chattells, moveables, lease,  
and other my personall estate will come and arrive, and the same ought to come  
unto Jane my lovinge wife after my decease, accordinge to the Custome of the Cittie  
of London. And another third part thereof will come and arrive, and the same  
likewise ought to come unto Jane my daughter (nowe wife of Gunter Younger) &  
after my decease, accordinge to the Custome of the said Cittie. Nowe my mynde, will  
and meaninge is concerninge the same, and I doe desire that the said Jane my wife  
doe and shall within reasonable and convenient time next after my decease, take  
order for the payment of the some of Threescore and Tenne poundes in money (as  
partell of the said third part belonginge to the said Jane my daughter) for the  
satisfyinge and discharginge of her which debts which the said Gunter Younger my  
daughters husband doth owe unto severall persons, accordinge to a promise and  
agreement by me in that behalf lathie made. Item I doe will and give unto the  
poore children of Christs Hospitall in London the some of fiftie shillings in money  
Soe that the number of fiftie of them doe and shall accompany my bodie to the  
Church on the daie of my buriall. Item I doe will and give unto the Company of  
Cooks of the Cittie of London (wherof I am a free brother) the some of fower poundes  
in money to make them a dinner or supper, at their will and likinge. Item I doe  
will and give unto Jane my lovinge wife my standinge quill Cupp, and an other

J. Johannis Simpson  
pork. Sancti Gabrielis  
Ranchurch London.  
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