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bound out and ready to depart on a voyage to the East Indies in the good
 ship or vessel called the British Merchant and considering the certainty of
 death and the uncertainty of the time thereof revoking all former wills and
 testaments by me at any time heretofore made do make and declare this my
 last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first
 and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my
 Creator hoping through the merits and intercession of my blessed Lord and
 Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins
 and to inherit eternal life in his Kingdom of Heaven with other the elect
 children of God my body I commit to the earth or the sea (as it shall happen)
 to be buried in Christianlike manner and as for such temporal estate as it
 hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this world I give and dispose
 thereof as followeth (vizt) I printis & will and appoint that all such debts
 as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease be fully paid and satisfied
 and after such payments I will and appoint that all my Monies debts
 goods Chattells and estate whatsoever and wheresoever whether real
 or personall either in possession or Reversion be divided between my
 loving Brothers Thomas Side and William Side equally and indifferently
 share and share alike their respective heirs Executors Administrators and
 assigns and I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Brothers Thomas
 Side and William Side Executors of this my last will and testament in
 witness whereof I the said Humphrey Side the Testator have to this my
 last will and testament contained in one sheet of paper sett my hand
 and seal the nine and twentieth day of November One thousand seven
 hundred and fifteen (Humphrey Side) signed sealed published declared
 and delivered by the said Humphrey Side the Testator on the day of the
 date hereof in the presence of us who subscribed our names as Witnesses
 thereto in the presence of the said Testator - Rob: Wilton, Willi Jefferys,
 Geo: Eastwood. s.

Probatum fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud London coram
 venerabili viro Remo Brantworth Legum Doctore Surrogato venerabilis
 et egregij viri Johannis Botterworth Legum etiam Doctoris Curia Prerogati
 Cantuariensis Magistrum Custodis sive Commissarij legitime constituti Sextimo
 quarto die Mensis Februarij Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo vicesimo
 Juramentis Thoma Side et Gulielmi Side Executorum in dicto Testamento
 nominatorum quibus commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum
 jurium et rectorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando eadem
 ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat. s.

In the Name of God Amen

I Wm Liggins of the City of Bristol Citizen and now partner
 in Trade with Mr. Henry Elison Sole-maker all Tobacconis being somewhat
 indisposed in body but in perfect mind and memory do make this my last
 will and testament pr. first and foremost I resigne my soul to God who
 gave it, in and through the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, and my
 body to the grave here to be decently interred. It I give and bequeath unto
 my dear Brother Tho: Liggins one Shilling, forgiving and acquitting him
 of all dues, debts Bills Debts and demands whatsoever to this date. It I give
 and bequeath to my Bro: in Law Jn: Stafford one Shilling, to his son John

Em
 Gulielm Liggins

Stafford five pounds, To his son Peter Stafford five pounds, To his Daughter Eliz:
 Stafford ten pounds the Children which he had by my sister Eliz. It. I give and
 bequeath to To the Children of my Bro: Tho: Liggins omitted in its proper place
 as above and to his son William five pounds, To his Daughter Mary five pounds
 To his Children which has now living per this Wife now living, I think four
 five pounds each, let them be sons or Daughters, their names I know not. It
 I give and bequeath To Sarah now Maid servant to my Brother
 Peter Liggins £. It. To Francis Moore, now Maid servant to us £. It. I give
 and bequeath to my wellbelov'd friend and partner Mr: Benj: Elison
 Twenty pounds and do hereby make him my Executor I trust to see this my Will
 perform'd, and my sole Executors I make my Dear Bro: Peter Liggins and
 my dear Nephew Stephen Russ joint Executors of all of all my Goods and Chattels
 or after my Debts paid and Legacies Discharged, all my substance lying in part
 Shipp in in Trade, in the hands of my wellbelov'd and Executor in Trust of Mr:
 Benj: Elisons to whom I give power and Authority for the space of two years
 after the date of my decease to compleat and settle the Books and prais'd the
 Goods, and to make as just a Dividend as possible may be after computed, betwixt
 my sole Executors and himselfe

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Memorandum

That upon Saturday the nineteenth Day of
 November 1720. about Eight of the Clock at night, being in Company with the
 within named Mr: William Liggins in his own house situate in St. Thomas
 Street Bristol discoursing with him about making his Will and settling his
 affairs, he then and there produced the Writing hereto annexed and showed
 that it was his Will (and that he had drawn it himself) in the presence and
 hearing of us whose names are here under subscribed / Wm: Britten James Britten /

Bristol Es.

Tertio die Januarij 1720.

Appeared

personally William Britten and James Britten of the City of
 Bristol Gent and made Oath that they well knew and were acquainted with
 William Liggins late of St. Thomas Street in the said City of Bristol Grocer and
 Tobaccoist deceased who dyed there on or about the Eighth Day of November last
 and that on Saturday the nineteenth Day of November then last past about Eight
 of the Clock at Night those Deponents being then in Company with the said
 William Liggins deceased at his own house situate in St. Thomas Street aforesaid
 and discoursing with him about the making his Will and settling his affairs, he
 the said deceased did then produce and show to these Deponents the paper writing
 hereto annexed beginning thus (vizt) In the Name of God Amen I Wm: Liggins of
 the City of Bristol Grocer and Tobaccoist and now partner in Trade with Mr:
 Benj: Elison Sole-maker of all his Tobaccos and ending thus (vizt) and to make as
 just a Dividend as possible may be after computed, betwixt my sole Executors
 and himselfe, and being in purporting the last Will and Testament or Schedule
 Testamentary of him the said deceased, and did then declare to these Deponents
 that such paper Writing was his Will and that he had wrote or drawn the same
 himselfe or to that effect, And these Deponents did thereupon soon afterwards
 write and subscribe the Memorandum now appearing annexed to the said Will
 of the said deceased aforesaid Declarations in manner and form as thereon
 appears. And these Deponents further make Oath that they having now carefully
 viewed and inspected the said Annexed paper Writing or Schedule Testamentary
 do verily believe the same to be all wrote by and with the proper hand of him
 the said deceased with whose manner and Character of handwriting they were

well acquainted having several times seen him write (Wm Britton James Britton) - Tertio die Januarij 1720. dicti Gulielmus Britton et Jacobus Britton Jurati fuerunt super veritate attestacionis suprascriptae coram me R^odo Langford.

Probatur fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud London coram venerabili et egregio viro Johanne Botterworth Legum Doctore Curia Prærogat Cantuariensis Magistro Custode sive Commissario legitime constituto Sextimo quarto die Mensis Februarij Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo vicesimo Juramentis Petri Higgins et Stephani Russ Exorutorum in dicto Testamento nominatorum quibus commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et rectorum dicti defuncti de bono et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia (vigore Commissationis) Jurat. / s. p.

EM
Marie Sawkins

In the Name of God Amen.

I Mary Sawkins Widow of Littlefields in St. Marg^t Westminster being in perfect health and memory but business calling me to go beyond the seas and knowing the uncertainty of life as well as the danger of the seas I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and doe revoke and annul all former Wills and Testaments whatsoever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Sawkins my annual Annuity of eight pounds per annum payable from the Company of Merchant Taylors he paying his Sister Mary Sawkins my well beloved Daughter the full sum of sixty pounds Sterling of lawful money of Great Britain att two years end after he has possession of it, provided he doe not marry a young woman he doe now keep company with whose name is Ann Under, which if he doe give it to my Daughter Mary Sawkins the abovesaid annual Annuity, she paying my Son John Sawkins the same sum of sixty pounds at the end of two years after she cometh to enjoy it, and if it should please God that both my Son John and my Daughter Mary should dye without issue I doe give and bequeath the said annuity to my Daughter Mary Clark which is now with me. Item my Will and pleasure further is that which ever of the two Children John or Mary Sawkins doe enjoy the said annuity that when they come to enjoy it they shall pay to their Uncle and Aunt Sopley and their Cousin Randolph John and Elizabeth Sopley each of them one Guinea to buy them a Ring, and I doe leave my Brother Randolph Sopley and my Cousin Randolph Sopley my sole Exorutors of this my last Will and Testament In Witnes whereunto I have put my hand and seal this thirtieth day of May 1715. and in the first year of King Georges Raigne pr. (Mary Sawkins) The abovesaid annuity is mortgaged to Mr. John Rost in King Street Westminster for twenty pounds - signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us - John Rowland John Morgan John Egolsham -

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