

for him to plow him abroad with and by my beloved wyffe Elizabeth. Item I give
 unto my youngest daughter Elizabeth Thre score pound to be put to the best use by
 my Executor for the breeding of her and to be brought up and to be placed by my be-
 loved wyffe with the consent of my Executor and also if they like of her placing
 And further my will is that my beloved wyffe shall have the use and benefitt of the
 legacies of Samuell and Joseph and Elizabeth for to breed them up till such time as
 they shall be fitt to be placed forth and when they shall be placed abroad then the
 sole and full benefitt of each of their portions and legacies shal be to have the
 full benefitt of her owne and to be to each of them her owne legaty with the use
 and benefitt made of it when they shall attayne to the age of one and twenty years
 and have discretione to make use of it. And further my will is that if shall please
 god that either of Samuell Joseph or Elizabeth shall happen to dye before her
 or her age of one and twenty years my will is that then the legacies of him or
 her deceased shall be equally divided betwene the two that live of Samuell Joseph
 or Elizabeth. And if two of those three shall happen to dye as aforesaid that then
 the legacies of the two deceased shall inwaies be to the other that surviveth and if
 all three dye as aforesaid to my five other children that is to say John Morse
 and Anne Morse and Ellice Morse and William Morse and Miriagall Morse
 and to be equally divided betwene them. And likewise my will is that if any
 of them shall happen to dye before her or her legacies shall prove payable that
 then my will is that her or her legacies deceased shall be equally divided be-
 twene the four of those five last spoken of And likewise if it shall happen
 that two or more of those five last spoken of shall happen to dye then my
 will is that the legacies of those deceased shall be equally divided betwene
 those of those five that surviveth. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved
 wyffe Elizabeth Thre score pound to her sole use and also that she
 shall have the use of the legacies of my children Samuell and Joseph and
 Elizabeth to breed them up till to be placed forth and when they are placed
 away from my wyffe then each of them to have the benefitt of their legacies
 given unto them by mee. And further my will is that if my Executor cannot
 make so much money of my goods as shall amount to pay those legacies
 which I have given as aforesaid that then my will is that my Executor shall
 abate out of every of my childrens legacies a proportion of money of every
 one and abide except my daughter Anne Morse who my will is shall have
 the twenty pound given her. And further my will and desire is to make
 my loving brother Richard Morse of Bagshott in the Countie of Berks.
 Yeoman and my loving brother in law Miriagall Platts of Aston in the
 Countie of Berks Yeoman my Executor in trust for the sellinge of my
 goods to make the most of it to pay my debts and to make up the legacies
 for my wyffe and children. And also I doe desire my brother in law
 John Morse of Daydowood's in the Countie of Berks Yeoman if it
 please god that he not overeth of the summes which it hath pleased god
 now to visit him withall to ingue with my brother Richard Morse and
 Miriagall Platts to be Executors with them. And further my will is that
 my brother Richard Morse and my brother in law Miriagall Platts
 and John Morse and every one of them to take of the money made of my
 estate whome with to pay their reasonable charges which they and every one
 of them shall be at in and about the busynesse of making the best of my goods
 for my wyffe and children. And the payment of my debts or any thing that
 shal be due unto belongeth. And also if by the blessings of god it shall please god
 that

then all their legacies to be
 payd as aforesaid to my five
 other children

That my good & doth amount to more then will pay my debts and the
 legacies given by me unto my wyfe and children that the overplus that
 remaineth to be equally divided betwixt my children that is to say Samuel
 Morse Joseph Morse and Elizabeth Morse and John Morse and Alice Morse
 and William Morse and Michael Morse. And further more and lastly in
 and at the marriage of Elizabeth Clauke her then wife I gave a bond to her
 father Michael Clauke to leave his daughter Elizabeth now my wyfe worth
 two hundred pounds now thereunto if the Executors of the said Michael Clauke
 my father in Law that was seall'd domaine the said money due upon the said bond
 and will not run all the said bond but will hold my Executors to the bond on to other
 composition then the former sum and ten pounds weight I have given her by this
 my will then my will is that what is given her over and besides the four score
 and ten pounds shall be rebuled out of the five children I have besides legacies
 given to them and my three children next I had by my former wyfe shall
 have their full legacies which was given to them by me and not be abated
 any thing in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the
 ffourteenth day of April in the ffiftenth yeare of the reigne of King
 Charles the first by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland
 Defender of the faith 1623. Signed and sealed in the presence of /

Probatum fuit huius Testamenti apud Londoniam coram vobis et
 egregio viro domino Willmo Maris milite legum doctore Curie Prærogative
 Cant. magno Custode sine Beneficentia tunc constituto die septimo
 mensis february Anno domini millesimo septingentesimo quinquagesimo quarto
 infra p. Juramentis Richardi Morse et Michaelis Clauke Executorum
 in huius Testamento nominat. Quibus Beneficentia fuit administrata omnia et
 singula bene iuxta et iudicialiter. In defectu de bono et fideliter administrato
 eadem Ad facta dei Evangelica vigore Beneficentia iuravit. /

In the name of God Amen

Thomas Merriam.

The ffifth day of January in the ffiftenth yeare of the reigne of
 our Sovereign Lord Charles the first by the grace of God of England
 Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. I Thomas
 Merriam of Newbury in the Countie of Berks Esquire being sick
 and weak in body but of good remembrance (thanks be to Almighty
 God) therefore doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in
 manner and forme following that is to say ffirst of all I bequeath my soule
 into the hands of Almighty God trustinge that in and through the merits
 of Iesus Christ my blessed Saviour I shall arrive at that everlasting rest
 which he hath purchased with his owne blood for all that love and feare him
 And as for my body I bequeath it to the Church to be decently buried in the
 Church Church of Newbury by my Executors hereafter named And as
 for the worldly Estate and goods which it hath pleased God to bestow upon
 mee I give devise and bequeath the same in manner and forme followinge
 ffirst I give and bequeath unto my Sonne Thomas Merriam one hundred
 pounds of lawfull money of England to be payd him at the age of one and
 twenty yeares then I give more unto my said Sonne Thomas and to his
 heires for ever three hundred and fifty pounds lying and being at Newbury in the
 parish of Chatham in the Countie aforesaid in the name of George Brown and
 loving wyfe Emlie Merriam then I give and bequeath to my Sonne
 Joseph