

at the death of my father
yours and the portions of
daughters to be paid unto them

And in the twentieth year of my life as may be after my decease: And the money hereof remaining
raised and received to be equally divided amongst all my children and the rents
and profits thereof received in the interim time to be paid unto my wife so as she
enter into bonds to be accountable to my children for the same with the curtailment thereof
And that my sonnes *Sanctus* and *George* shall receive their portions in their
own hands And I will that the residue of the money raised of the same shall be put
into my wives hands for putting in bonds with two sufficient sureties to be
accountable unto the residue of my children for the same together with the curtailment
And the portions of my sonnes to be paid unto them at the day of their marriage
And I will that the portions of my daughters *Anna* before marriage shall
remain to the Survivor and Survivors of my said daughters to amend
their portion withall And I will the portion of any of my sonnes dying shall
remain to the Survivor or Survivors of my three younger sonnes to amend &
their portions withall. But if my wife shall refuse to receive the portions
of my five younger children in manner and forme afore said Then I request
my loving neighbours & friends to take the residue thereof and to employ it
to the use and behoofe afore said. In witness whereof to the world my last will and
testament I have set to my hand and seal this eighth day of September
in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God
King of England France and Scotland Defender of the faith of the Christian
and of Scotland the Virgin and for ever. *Per me. Laur. Corthopp* scripsit
presertim. Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Probitum fuit testamentum supra scriptum apud Londoniam
Magistro Commisso Populi legum Doctori Surrogato venerabilibus viris Dominis
Johannibus Bencet mistic legum etiam Doctoribus Anno retrograto Quinto
Magistri Custodis sine Commissarij legitime constituti ultimo die mensis
Septembris Anno Domini millesimo Sexcentesimo Decimo quinto Intra
Anno Reipublice descripti et extenuis in eodem testamento nominati
Commissarij fuit Administratores bonorum suorum et Orientarum unde descripti de
bene et fideliter Administrando et ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat. *Erasm.*

T. Erasm
De miffenden

In the name of God amen the first day of
July in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and fiftene
according to the computation of the Church of England *Erasmus* of
Miffenden of Miffen in the County of *Leitch* gentileman being of
perfect memory (praised be Almighty god) do hereby disannul
revertall countermand and revoke all former wills and Testaments by me
untofore made or declared in writing or otherwise And do make this
my last will and testament in manner and forme following: First I do
commend my soule unto Almighty god my maker Redeemer and Sanctifier
and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my executor of this my
last will and testament. Item I give and bequeath to the Church of
Miffen a bene named *tenne* shillings And to the poore people of the parisse
of Miffen afore said forty shillings to be divided amongst them at the
discretion of my parents and executor. Item I give and bequeath to my
mother *Elizabeth* Miffenden five poundes to buy her a Gobbett. Item I
give to my Sister *Elizabeth* Miffenden three score poundes toward the
payment of the foure hundred poundes which my father hath promised
to pay for marriage and *tenne* shillings to make her a tynge. Item I give
and bequeath to my brother *Thomas* Miffenden and to my Sister *mi*

lawe by my wife tenne shillinges a peere to make curche of tsem a vyngre And to geve some
 tenne shillinges to buye hym a spone Item I give to my wyf Edmond Burkenow tenne
 shillinges Item I give to my brotser William Burkenow tenne poudes and my lyeke
 Item I give to them whac watche wite me tventie shillinges to be divided amongest tsem
 at tte discretion of my parents and exentor Item I give and bequeate to tte vyngers
 tenne shillinges to be divided amongest tsem at tte discretion of my parents and exentor
 Item all tte rest of my goodes and Chattells unbecueteed I do give and bequeate my
 phisike and fimerall expenss Discharged unto my brotser John Burkenow whome
 I ordeyne constitute and appoynte my whole and sole exentor of this my last will and
 Testament And for tte discharge of this charge and charged asforesaid I give my
 exentor full authorite to receive of my wyfher Thomas Burkenow of Graves tme
 in London five score poudes and one which I debited unto my wyfher I gave er
 shall for three score poudes and tte rest I sent after my wyfher to ran tell wher
 I had of my father to buye a preferment I put hym in truste to doe yt And I give my
 exentor authorite to deliver my brotser his shill when he hath received tte tressore
 poudes per me Thomas Burkenow I make Robert Adams parson of Crumpton
 and Thomas Datswaite vicar of Combe my overseers In witness wherof I have sette
 my hand and scale tte daye and yere first abovesayd to tteise presents In witness
 Thomas Burkenow parson of Crumpton and William Widler of tte same parische George
 Examples

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram notabili
 viro Dno Johanne Dene milite legum doctore Dni Curie Cantuariensis Magro
 Dni Thome sine Communi tunc constituto viris magno quinto die mensis Septembris Anno
 Domini millesimo septingentesimo tertio quinto Juramento Johannis Burkenow fratris naturalis
 et legitimi filii defuncti et exentoris in eodem Testamento nominat. Qui commissis fuit
 Administrato bonorum suorum et Creditorum dicti defuncti et bene et fideliter administ
 or ad sancta dei Evangelia jurat

In nomine amen the eight daye of August one thousand
 five hundred and fiftene in the yere of tte raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James
 by the grace of god of England France and Ireland King Defender of tte faith
 tte thirtente and of his raigne of Scotland the nune and fortite I James
 by the grace of god King of Scotland Marquis of Orkney and Duke of Albany
 but whole and perfect in mynde (feared be unto god) do constitute and appoynte
 this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge Inprimis I bequeate
 my soule unto Almighty god my maker and Redeemer by whome and from whom alone
 I looke for health and saluation and my bodye to be buryed in christian Buriall in tte
 parische church or Chamell nest Stephens in the Citie of Burisoll Item I give
 and bequeathe unto the parische Church of St Stephens wherem I nowe dwell
 tte somme of fiftene poudes of lawfull money of England to be employed by my Overseers
 and tve others of tte chiefest men of tte parische in Landes or otherwise as shall seeme
 best to thier discretion tte profite whercof verie equallye to be divided
 unto tte Repaire of tte same parische church and unto tte poore Inhabitants of tte
 said parische Item I give and bequeate unto John Payne shorpe my sonne all my righte
 title and Interest of tte tene of veres which I have yet unexpired in tte maner
 howe or tenement wherem I nowe dwell sit lying and being upon tte Ware in tte
 Citie of Burisoll asforesaid to be holden unto my sonne and to the heires of his bodye for
 tte terme of veres And yf it shall happen my sonne to decease without issue of
 his bodye then my will is that tte remainder of veres in tte same unexpired shall
 to the use and behoefe of Anne Payne shorpe my daughter and to her heires of her bodye
 And for want of such issue then I do give and bequeate tte one parte of tte profit of

John Payne shorpe