The Dast Will & Testament of

Walter Pourse, of Weston-under-Penyard, Gent.

bated 26 December 1609/10



n the name of God amen, The six and twentieth bay of December Anno Domini A Thousand six hundred and Dine And in the year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Dord James by the grace of god King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith that is to say of England, France and Ireland the seventh and of Scotland the three and fortieth I Walter Durse of Weston under Penyard in the county of Dereford gent sick of body but of perfect mynd and memory thanks be given to God bo make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to say first I commit my soule into the hands of Hlmighty God my maker hoping assuredly by his mercy there and unto me in the meritt and death of his sonne and my only Savior Jesus Christ to obtaine pardon and forgiveness of all my synnes And my body to be buryed in Weston Church Item I give toward the reparation of the church of Weston aforesaid six shillings eight pence Item I give to the poor of the parrish of Weston Twentie shillings Item I give to the poor of Rosse Twentie shillings Item I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Clianor Mary and Dargaret and to each and every of them five hundred pound a piece which severall portions or summes of money my will is and shall be raysed and layed out of all my lands and leases within the form and space of four yeares next after my becease and to be payd at over severall payments viz one hundred and fiftie pounds at a tyme the first payment to be made within one yeare next after my becease and so every yeare after one hundred fiftie pounds until the somme of five hundred pounds given unto my sayd daughters be fullic payd provided always And my will and meaning is that if any of my sayd daughters happen to marry before the sayd [?] yeare be expired that then her portion or lagacie so marrying shall be paud unto her at the day of her marriage or at such other tyme or tymes as shall be thought fitt and appointed by my wife and William Deyse Item I give unto Walter Durse my sonne all my lands tenaments meadows leases pastures woodes underwoods and hereditaments whatsoever with all and singular their profitts commodities and appurtences situated lyeing and being in the severall parishes hamletts or towne shires of English Bicknor, Ruardyne [Ruardean], [Haseley?] and in every or any of them in the Countie of Sloucester in whose tenure or occupations so ever they be And also all and singular my Dands Cenements and hereditaments whatsoever with their appurtences situated lying and being in the parishes of Lynton and Aston or in eyther of them in the countie of Dereford which are now in the tenure or occupation of John Brooke or his assigns or undertenants together with all my lands tenaments and hereditaments in the tenure or occupation of William Reed and Raphe Batlyn sett lying and being within the parish of Dewent in the countie of Gloucester to have and to hold all and singular the foresayd lands tenaments meadows leasowes pastures woods and underwoods and herebitaments with the appurtence in English Bicknar Rewardyne and Daseley aforesayd in the sayd countie of Gloucester and all also all and singular of the lands tenaments and hereditaments with the appurtences in Lynton and Aston in the sayd countie of Dereford which landes tenements and hereditaments in Lynton and Aston aforesaid are in the tenure or occupation of John Brooke aforesayd or his assigns and the saud landes tenements and hereditaments in Dewent aforesaid in the

tenure or occupation of William Reed and Raphe Batlyn or either of them with their appurtences unto the saud Walter Durse my some and to his heures forever provided always And my will is that one hundred and fiftie pounds being one of the payments of the portions or summes of money appointed and given by me unto my sayd daughters as aforesayd shall be raysed and levied out of the sayd landes tenements and hereditaments before by me given unto my sayd sonne Walter Durse and be payd in manner and form as before is sett downe Item if my wife Christian shall not make any title clayme or domanne unto any of my landes tenements or hereditaments either copiehold or freehold or unto any profitt or commodities arising or growing out of the same or are parte thereof by virtue or valour of her free [...?...] jounture or dower or otherwise but shall sufficiently revise and release unto my some John Durse and his heires forever all her right title and domanne of in or to my landes tenaments and hereditaments as well appurtences as freehold with the appurtences by virtue or valour of her free [...?...] jointure dower or otherwise as aforesaid Then I give and bequeath unto my sayd wife Christian the use and occupation of the moytic or one half of all the use of my freehold landes and leases [...?...] to be so held and occupied together with my sand some John Durse his heures or assignes during the naturall life of my sayd wife Item my will is that my sayd some John Durse shall have the custobie and keeping of all and singular my leases and shall have the use and occupation of the same together with my savb wife buring her life. And after her becease my will is and I bo hereby give and appoint the sayd Deases with all their profitty and commodities to my sayd some John his executors administrators and assigns buring all the rest of the terms of yeares therin to come and which shall be expired Item I give and bequeath to each and every of my sayd three daughters Elianor Wary and Wargaret of one featherbed with the furniture Item I give unto my sayb baughter Wary six silver spoones Item I give unto my some Walter one featherbed with the furniture Item I give unto my baughter Clianor my second best brasse pott Item I give to my baughter Wary my third best pott of brasse And to my baughter Wargaret my fourth best brasse pott Item I give to my servant Christian Sargeant ten shillings And to every of the rest of my servants five shillings eight pence a piece Item I give and bequeath unto Dargarett Dunne wife of Robert Dunne one annuitie or yearly rent of Twenty shillings to be payd unto her during her life yearly at the feast of St. Michaell The same aannutie to be pavo unto her out of my landes in Weston now in the occupation of John Swayne And if it shall happen the says annutie or yearly rente of twentie shillings or any part thereof to be behynde and unpayd by the term of fourteen bayes next after the sayd feast at which the same ought to be payd That then it shall be lawfull to and for the sayd Wargaret Dunne and her assigns to enter upon the sayd premises and there to restraine for the said annuitie or yearly rent and the [...?...] there be had and taken to have brive or cary away and the same to expound and inpound to keepe until of the sayd annuitie or yearly rent to the sayd Dargaret Dimne be fullie satisfied and pand Item I give unto William Deuse fortie shillings All the rest of my goods chattell land gold stuff ready money and debts due by penaltie and without penaltie any leases excepted my bebts legacies and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto my sayd wife Christian and unto my sonne John Durse whom I make and ordanne jount and sole executors of this my last Will and Cestament And I hartoly desire my good friend and kinsman William Deuse to be overseer of this my sayd will And I do hereby utterly repeale and anull all former wills legacies or gifts by me at any tyme heretofore made given or bequeathed In witness where I have hereunto put my hand and seale given the day and yeare first about written. Walter Durse ./. Signed sealed and published in the presence of John Garne the elder ./. Hime Warteman ./. John Beale notary publique ./.



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