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Testm Ricd Collyer

In the name of god amen  
The xxij day of January in the year of our lord god a thousand five hundred xxij I Richard Collyer Citizen and merchant of London being in hole mynde and good memory laude be unto almighty god my maker and redemer / and to all the holy company of heuyn and my body to be buried in holy sepulture And after my body buried I will that all my detts that I owe of right and conscience to be paid by myn executours or by theyn / ordyned to be paid / and after that doon I will that all my goodes catall and detts be divided into thre equal parts after the custumie of London belonging wherof I will that oon parte shall remaine to Katherine my wyfe in name of hir part or durye according to the custumie of the Citie of London The seconde parte I geve and bequeath to George my sone and Dorothy my daughter equally to be divided and to theyn to be delivered when they shall come to their full age of xxij yeres or be married / and if it shall happen any of theyn to decease or they come to their full age of xxij yeres or be married / then I will that the surnames of theyn have the parts of the said surnames I will that their parts be divided into thre equal parts wherof I will that Katherine my wyfe have oon parte if she be then living to do therewith what she will to her owne propre use and the other parts thereof to my self and to myn executours to the purpose of my bequest hereafter longith I referre also to my self and to myn executours to the purpose of my bequest hereafter following first I bequeath to the high warden of saint paules where I am parish for my tithes or oblations if any be forgotten my self Also I bequeath to the poor prisoners of Newgate xxij shillings and to the poor prisoners of Ludgate xxij shillings and to either of the Countie of London xxij shillings and to the same order of ffrench in London xxij shillings of the same order Also I will that there be in the foresaid church of saint paules for me an obite for the space of fyve yeres next after my decease bestowing about the same yearly xxij to prestes and clerks and other charges paid and the residue thereof to be distributed to the poor inhabitants dwelling in the same parisshe Also I will that there be given in the same parisshe and the parisshe of our lady of hove by yeres during every yere in every of the said parisshes oon load of coles to the poor inhabitants of the same parisshe Also I will in the parisshe church of horslym in Suffe where I was borne to have an obite in the same church with plate and dirge and masse of Requiem by note praying specially for my soule my father and mother soules and all theyr soules and to have xxij shillings yearly for the space of tenne yeres next after my decease and the money to be delivered to the church wardens and they to paye the prestes plate and other thinges according to the custumie of the same parisshe and to noo prestes of noo other parisshe excepted to be spent in hove alle and these according to the custumie there used at the discretion of the said church wardens Also I will that the same church wardens have delivered to them by myn executours thre poundes yearly for the space of tenne yeres and the worth to be in lent in heuyn or in other salt fish as they thinke best and to be distributed and given to the poor inhabitants dwelling within the same parisshe And the same church wardens to have for their labour my self and above the foresaid thre poundes to the intent that they shoulde take payne to bestowe it well and profitably for the comforte of the poor people Also I will that there be fifty poundes bestowed on the high way betwene horslym and Crawley in the Countie of Suffe at the discretion of any of both the said parisshes that it to say by of horslym to be indifferently chosen of the same parisshe as they shall thinke best such as be good and charitable men and will take payne for the honoure of god and the comforte of the Trabelers of the same high way and in like maner twoo to be chosen by the inhabitants of Crawley to make the full nombre of vij above said Also I will that there be bestowed fifty poundes sterling upon the high way betwene Crawley aforesaid and the parisshe of Newgate and that it be divided by vij men wherof four to be of the parisshe of horslym and three of the parisshe of Crawley and twoo of the parisshe of Newgate to be good men to be chosen by either of the parisshes in maner and forme aforesaid Also I bequeath to my mother if she be living yearly during her life vij shillings and a black gowne at my death Also I bequeath unto Dorothy my sister sixe poundes and a black gowne price vij shillings and Also I will that Alice my sister have xxij shillings and a black gowne price vij shillings Also I will that Jane my sister have a black gowne price xxij shillings Also I will that my cosyn Elizabeth ffremay the wyfe of John ffremay goldsmith have a black gowne

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price xxij and a King of golde price xxij Item I bequeeth to George Polynstey mercer a black gowne and  
 he wife another Item I bequeeth to Onyng Hawthorn mercer a black gowne And I doo ordyn and make  
 Kateryn my wife and Nicolai Leviston Citizen and mercer of London myn exequutors And I geve unto  
 the same Nicolai twenty pounde sterlinge for his labour and payne and himselfe a black gowne and his  
 wife another And I make myn exequitor John Caryll and Humphrey Dabington myn overseers And either  
 of them to have for their labour sixe and either of them a black gowne and either of their wife  
 all the residue of my goodes Catallie and debts Subsequently I wille that Kateryn my wife have thye  
 to their owne proper use to doo therewith what she wille And if my said wife happen to deceasse and  
 my children both afore her or they come to their said full age or be married Then I wille that the  
 wardens of the parish of the mercers of the Citie of London shall have my said two children putt  
 to their best benefite following that is to say to distribute to the poor brethren of the same Fellowship to  
 pray for my soule and all open soules And the same wardens for their payne taking to have y<sup>e</sup> of  
 every pounde to doo it indifferently where as is moost needfull And for the helping of the almshouse that  
 goeth out of the sayd Fellowship of mercers And I wille that with y<sup>e</sup> of the said  
 money there be a dinner and to have a dinge and masse at the parish Church of saint Pauls  
 to pray for my soule and all open soules

**This is** the last wille of me the forsaide Richard Colyer made the day and yere aforesaid  
 to the disposicion of all my landes and tenementes with thappurtenances whiche I have or any other  
 shoulde have or hath to myn selfe I wille that Kateryn my wife have all my landes and tenementes  
 that I have or am shoulde to myn selfe hath in hoxton in the parish of saint Leonard in Shorditch during  
 her naturall life And after her deceasse to remaine to George Colyer my sonne Als I wille that George  
 Colyer my sonne aforesaid have all my landes and tenementes with thappurtenances whiche I have or  
 have or any to myn selfe hath to him and to his heires lawfully of his body begotten And if I decease before  
 the said George my sonne shall come to his lawfull age of xxij yeres that then I wille that the wardens  
 of the parish of the mercers of the Citie of London receive the yerely rents and profits of all my said landes  
 and tenementes with thappurtenances and have the Custodie thereof and to be delivered to the said George  
 when he shall come to the lawfull age of xxij yeres And the said wardens to have for their payne  
 taking yerely every wardens one mydell in the sayd parish Except and alwey reserved the mesuage  
 with thappurtenances called the Key wherem I doo inhabit wherem I wille that Kateryn my wife shall  
 have unto such tyme as the said George shall come to the said age of xxij yeres if she so longe live  
 And if it shall happen the said George my sonne to deceasse before he shall come to his full age of xxij  
 yeres having noo childer or children in marriage that then I wille that Forothie Colyer my daughter  
 have the revenues and profits of my landes and tenementes with thappurtenances to her and to her  
 heires of her body lawfully begotten in the same maner and forme as the said George Colyer shall  
 have had the same as afore is rehearsed Except the money to be delivered to her afore the age of xxij  
 yeres if she be married at or above the age of xxij yeres Then I wille that she have the said revenues  
 of my landes and tenementes afore made at her said marriage clere to her proper use And if my  
 said two children happen both to deceasse afore they shall come to their full age of xxij yeres  
 howe of their body lawfully begotten or born Kateryn my wife then being alive Then I wille my  
 said wife have all such landes and tenementes as afore bequeethed to her terme of her life in hoxton  
 that she to have the said landes and tenementes to her and to her heires to geve and to fill to her  
 proper use to doo therewith what she wille Als I wille that all the residue of my landes and tenementes  
 with thappurtenances my forsaide two children being so deceassed without heires of their bodies lawfully  
 begotten or borne be sold as afore said be bestowed as followeth by myn exequutors and they to have  
 for their labour twenty pounde that is to say I wille that my mesuage called the Stone with thappurtenances  
 in the parish of our lady at Hoxton in London be by them sold to the moost advantage And  
 the money received thereof to be bestowed in buyng and buylding of a howse to kepe a freeschole in hoxton  
 in the Countie of Essex wherem I was borne by thadvice of myn exequitor and the Curar of the said parish  
 Church of hoxton and the Church wardens of the same and foure of the moost honest men of the  
 same parish indifferently to be chosen by the inhabitantes of the same parish in what house to be  
 the nombre of thre score scolarde And the maister of the said stole to have for his wages or salary  
 tenne pounde a yere and the vssher tenne mers a yere And they to be admitted by the vicar church  
 wardens and six of the moost honest men of the said parish and moore as they thinke best but not  
 money payng therfor but to pray for the soule of me the said Richard Colyer and Kateryn  
 my wife and all open soules with Deprofundis every day at the Dexting of the said stole The  
 said scolarde to be admitted by the vicar and Church wardens of the said Church and two honest  
 men of the same parish as the said parishens shall thinke moost indifferently the said two men to

Ultima voluntas  
 Richard Colyer

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be admitted yearly when the Churchwardens be admitted and chosen And I will that the po<sup>r</sup> people  
 in especiall of the same parische and their next aboute the same parische shall be preferred to the said stole  
 afore any other for consideration gentillmen and other w<sup>ch</sup> be in better habilitie they poure may be  
 that notwithstanding of the said parische of horsham only upon to be refused likely to come as by the  
 discretion of them abovesaid therfor hunted for the maintenance of the same Also I will that the said vicar  
 and Churchwardens aforesaid present the said stole master and v<sup>ch</sup>ber to the wardens of the parische  
 of the ward of the cite of london and they to admitte him yf he be habill to occupie the same some  
 o<sup>th</sup>r another be chosen by the said vicar and Churchwardens and other abovesaid And the said  
 wardens of the mercers to paye the yearly salary of the said stole master and v<sup>ch</sup>ber And the said  
 wardens and Fellowship of the said parische of mercers to have for the p<sup>ro</sup>vision of the same  
 the house called the Key with thappurtenings in Chepe sett and being in the parische of saint paules  
 in the ward of Chepe to be made sure to the said Fellowship and their Successors forevermore paying  
 that afore is resided And the wardens of the said Fellowship yearly have o<sup>ut</sup> of the same o<sup>ut</sup> yearly  
 for their paye taking And more to be taken o<sup>ut</sup> of the same when it shall be needfull to see such repairs  
 as shall be mete for to be don to the maintenance of the said stole house And if the said wardens and  
 Fellowship refuse the said house for the p<sup>ro</sup>vision afore made Then I will that the vicar and Church  
 wardens of the parische of horsham aforesaid receive the rents that the wardens of the  
 mercers afore reheisid should have don And the residue and overplus of the same more than the charge  
 of the Scholehouse by them to be received yearly to be bestowed on the repairs of the said vicarage  
 on the maintenance of high wayes aboute the said towne and parische of horsham where at it shall be needfull  
 so that it be not passing by myles from the said parische Also yf both my said children decease as aforesaid  
 or they come to their lawfull age and without lawfull issue of their body or bodies Then I will that  
 all the residue of my landes and tenements not before bequeathed that I have or any other to my use  
 in the Realme of Englonde that the wardens of the Fellowship of the mercers of london and the  
 assistance make sale thereof at as good and iuste price according as it is in value to good consciens  
 And the m<sup>o</sup> part of the money thereof amounting to be reserved to the said Fellowship of the mercers  
 to their own use to be o<sup>ut</sup> of the charge of such favolen in delay within the same company  
 and Fellowship to be in p<sup>ro</sup>vision and febill according to the discretion of the wardens and assistance  
 of the hole company to paye for my soule and for the brethren soules of the said Fellowship and  
 all open soules Also I will that the other three parts that so cometh of the londes aforesaid  
 be in the custody of the wardens and Fellowship of the mercers And within the space of three years  
 to be bestowed on the high wayes most needfull within my myles of the cite of london at  
 the discretion of the wardens and the assistance of the said Fellowship So that it be not don  
 of a singular mynde that oon of the said wardens or the assistance may have more to any way  
 where they may have any londe thing or any other cause of p<sup>ro</sup>vision but indifferently where  
 most neede of indifferently to be don on the northe Est and west side of the cite and upon  
 thereof on the South side of the cite or tharabout And also to be taken o<sup>ut</sup> and paid of the said  
 three parts of money aforesaid for the said expens of the year four pounde for a haulet for the  
 wardens and assistance to devise as is aforesaid what is to be don for the year following in  
 the said receiving and making of the said high wayes and to se tharcompte of that is past  
 In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I have sett my Seale and  
 subscribed my name the day and year abovesaid

**Probatum** fuit suprascriptum testm Coram Magro Thoma Grent Secretario  
 Doctore prerogative ecclie xpi Cant sede Archiepale ibid vacan commissario xij die mensis  
 Marcy anno Dni milmo quingentesimo Invenit litem solute et executioe m<sup>o</sup> testm  
 nonat de approbatione et confirmat Et commissarius fuit administraco om<sup>n</sup> et singulari bono<sup>r</sup> juv<sup>o</sup> et creditor<sup>o</sup>  
 ad defuncti prefati executoria de h<sup>o</sup> et fidel<sup>o</sup> administraco de de plene et fidel<sup>o</sup> In p<sup>ro</sup>visione die post  
 festum junie. coram sic Coram p<sup>ro</sup>xy futu<sup>o</sup> exhib<sup>o</sup> Invenit de plene et bene composito reddent ad sta dei  
 Emigelia fuit et p<sup>ro</sup>xy alteri executori in huius testm nonat em denerit et

**In the name of god amen** The xxij<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our  
 lord god a thousande fyve hundred and xxxij<sup>th</sup> I Thomas Gorvyn of Estmaysfelde p<sup>ro</sup> in body and  
 hole in remembrance make my testament in maner and forme following In p<sup>ro</sup>vis I bequeeth my  
 soule to almighty god to his glorious mother saint mary and to all the celestia<sup>l</sup> company in heven  
 Item I bequeeth my body to be buried w<sup>ch</sup> the Chapell of saint Nicolas in mayfelde church Item I be

Testm Tho  
 Gorvyn