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John Eastewoode of Stanesfeild, 1631

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In.the.name.of,God.amen, I John Eastewoode of the Eastewoode in Stansfeild in the parrishe of Heptonstall and dioces of Yorke of whole mynde and perfecte memorie Praysed be God for the same knoweing all men to bee mortall and noethinge more certaine then death neither any thinge more uncertaine then then the houre and tyme thereof and to avoyde all questions and Controversies which might after my death arrise for any my goodes and Chattells due (this First day of September in the yeare of our Lord God after the Course and Computation of the Church of England One Thousand six hundreth and seaventeene and in the yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James by the grace of god of England scotland Fraunce and Ireland King defender of the faith etc (to witt) in the fifteenth yeare of his raigne over England France and Ireland and over Scotland the fiftieth make publishe ordaine and declare this my present testament contayninge therein my whole and last will in manner and forme followeinge (That is to say) First and principally I Commend my soule to the mercifull goodnesse of Allmightie God my Creatour beseeching in to perdon all my offences And by the death meritts and resurrection of Jesus Christ his onely Sonne to accepte me amongest the number of his electe And my bodie I willingely yeeld to the earth from whence it came and to be buried in the Church or Church yard of Heptonstall amongst the bodies of other faithfull Christians there remaininge And as Concerninge my worldly goods and Chattells yt is my will and minde that all my true debtes and funerall expences bee made and Given of the same accordinge to the laudable Custome of this province wherein I dwell and whereas I have five children Liveinge (to witt) John Eastwood my eldest Sonne and heire apparante whom I have preferred by lands and Inheritance, Samuell Eastwood unto whom I have granted a Tenement and Ferme for a smale Rent for tearme of my life, Luke Eastwood my youngest Sonne whom I have noe waies preferred Bridgett now wife of Michaell Helliwell and Marie now wife of Thomas Widdoppe which two daughters I have att their severall marriages preferred by giveinge unto either of them the somme of Fourty poundes beeing a greate deale more then their reasonable parte of my goodes would have extended unto my will and mynde is that John Eastwood my eldest sonne and heire apparent shall have such heirloomes left att my house after my decease as I had left from my late father att his death Allsoe I ratifie and Confirme to my two yonger Sonnes such annuities and preferments as I have given unto them forth of my landes and tenements Tenements dureing their lives

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And my will is that Luke Eastwood my yongest Shall first take of my goods att the tyme of my decease such somme as will extend to three pounds six shillings eight pence, for everie yeare which Samuell Eastwood his elder Brother doth hold occupie and enioy in my life tyme one Messuage or Tenement and the Landes closes and grounds therewith occupied which I have letten him att an easie rent in Consideration that his brother shuld receive so much forth of my goodes as will extend yearely three pounds six shillings eight pence for every year he the said Samuell doth soe occupie said Ferme in my life tyme. Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Bridgett now wife of Michaell Helliwell whom I have sufficiently preferred as a foresaid Tenn shillinges in full dischardge of her filiall porcion or childes parte of my goodes Allsoe I give unto my daughter Marie now wife of Thomas Widdoppe whom I have Likewise sufficiently preferred other Tenn shillinges in dischardge and full satisfaction of her filliall porcion or childes parte of my goodes Alsoe I give unto everie person unto whom I am Godfather twelve pence The Residue of all my goodes Chattelles and debtes of what kinde or nature soever they bee I freely give to my two sonnes Samuell and Luke Eastwood to bee devided them. Saveinge my will and mynde is that my yonger Sonne Luke Eastwood before the said divison shall take forth of my whole goodes to his owne use such Somme and so much thereof as will extend after the rate of three poundes six shillinges eight pence for everie yeare the said Samuell his Brother shall occupie the farme he hath of me in my life tyme in respecte of the preferment the said Samuell reapeth therby And I doe ordaine Constitute and appointe the said Luke Eastwood my Second Sonne the onely Executor of my will trustinge him with the due execution thereof and to be ruled and Advised by and with the direction of John Eastwood and Jonas Eastwood Sonnes of William Eastwood whom I make supervisors of this my last will and testament And I give to either of them for their paines therein five shillings In witness whereof unto this my present Testament I the said John Eastwood have set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above expressed John Eastwood beinge content with this his last will as in former time he was Sealed signed and delivered in the presence of us whose names are underwritten William Eastwood wittnes John Gibsonne witnes William Smith / 8^{bris}/5to /1629 John Gr..e[1] witnes William Barker witnes Christopher Hodgsonn witnes John Willson Et eisdem die et Anno dictus decanus certificavit de probacione huiusmodi testamenti per testes nominatos iuratos Comissaque fuit Administracio bonorum dicti defuncti Luko Eastwood soli Executori in eodem testamento prius iurato (Salvo iure Cuiuscumque)

And on the same day and in the same year the said dean certified the proving of this man's will by the witnesses named and sworn. And administration of the goods of the said deceased

[1] *The document has a fold that obscures some words – these are indicated by dots.*

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was granted to Luke Eastwood, sole executor in the same will and first sworn (saving the right of whomsoever).