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Richard Lord of Stansfield, 1658

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In the name of God Amen I Richard Lord of Stansfield in the Countie of Yorke yeoman weake and crazie in bodie, but of good and perfect memorie Praised be God for the same, doe make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following That is to say, First I commend my soule to God. And I commit my bodie to the earth, in sure and stedfast hope of a ioyfull resurrection to eternall life at the last day, And concerning my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments my will and mind is as followeth, That is to say. First to the intent that my debts may be well and truely paid, I doe hereby give, devise and bequeath unto John Lord of Langfield in the Countie of Yorke aforesaid yeoman and Elizabeth now my wife and to their heires and Assignes, forever. All that one messuage or tenement with thappurtenances scituate, lying and being in Stansfield abovesaid in the said Countie. Now in the tenure or occupacion of William Eastwood or his Assignes together with all and singular, houses, barnes, buildings, gardens, closes, new lands or inclosures And other lands, meadows, pastures, woods, underwoods, wells wayes, waters, watercourses, Commons Common of pasture and turbarie, liberties, easements, profits, commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise apperteyning, or with the same now or commonly demised, used or occupied with thappurtenances being of the yearly rent or value of three pounds and foureteene shillings of Lawfull English money. To have and to hold the said messuage or tenement buildings, closes, land, tenements hereditamernts and all and singular other the premisses herein above mentioned to be hereby devised with thappurtenances unto the said John Lord and Elizabeth my wife, their heires and Assignes for ever. To the sole and proper use and behoofe of the said John Lord and Elizabeth my wife, their heires and Assignes for ever. Yet nevertheles in and upon confidence and trust, And to the intent and purpose that the said John Lord and Elizabeth my wife, their heires and Assignes shall within as short time after my decease, as conveniently they can or may, grant, bargaine, sell, alien, enfeoffe and confirme the said messuage or Tenement, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses with thappurtenances to what person or persons soever will buy and purchase the same. And to the further intent and purpose that the said John Lord and Elizabeth my wife shall imploye and pay the money which shalbe received for the sale of the said messuage, lands and tenements for, in and towards the payment of all such debts as I the said Richard Lord shall owe at the day and time of my decease. And whereas I have entred one bond under my hand and seale unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of the Towneshipp of Stansfield for the educating and bringing up of two children begotten of the bodie of one Martha Chetham of Stansfield. And I the said Richard Lord being their reputed father. Therefore it is my will and mind the said Martha Chetham their mother shall have fiftie shilling in a yeare towards their education and maintenance untill John Lord my reputed sonne shall accomplish his full age of twelve yeares, to be paid by my executors hereafter to be named. And if she be not content to bring them up for so much money, My executors to take them from her, and provide education for them for keeping the towneshipp harmeles according as I have entred bond. Item I doe give, devise and bequeath unto Dorothie Lord my naturall sister her, her executors, Administrators and Assignes the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull English money to be had and received out and forth of one messuage or

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tenement, lands, tenements and premisses with thappurtenances scituate in Stansfield aforesaid now in the tenure and occupacion of Jonas Eastwood or his Assignes. To be paid in Two yeares. And the first payment to be had and received at the the first feast day of Pentecost or Saint Martin the Bishop which shall happen to fall after the end of foure yeares next after my decease. And the latter payment and residue thereof at that day twelve months. And if it shall happen that default be made in payment of the said severall payments or any part or parcell thereof contrarie to the true intent and meaning hereof That then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawfull for the said Dorothie Lord her executors Administrators and Assignes into the said mencioned messuage tenements and premisses with thappurtenances to enter, and the same to have, use and enioye untill she or they have received and taken, or might have received and taken out and forth of the cleare rents, issues and profits of the same premises the said summe of tenne pounds above all charges and reprizes. And I therefore hereby give; devise and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth my wife and her Assignes the one moyetie or halfe part of the said messuage or Tenement, lands, tenements and premisses last mencioned with thappurtenances, To have and to hold unto the said Elizabeth my wife and her Assignes from and immediately after my decease for and during the naturall life of the said Elizabeth, if she shall so long keep her selfe sole and unmarried at after my decease. And I doe permit and suffer the other moyetie and halfe part and residue of the said messuage or Tenement and premisses last mencioned with thappurtenances after my decease and the revercion of the said moyetie herein limited to my Said wife as aforesaid, when the same shall, fall at, after her decease, or marriage, after my death, to descend to Dorothie Lord my daughter and to her heires and Assignes forever. And for default of heires of her bodie lawfully to be begotten, I give; devise and suffer the same to descend unto my three sisters Dinas, Mary and Dorothie equally to de divided amongst them, their heires and Assignes for ever. The severall estates herein limited or mencioned to be for my said wife and daughter to be liable and charged with the payment of my debts. And the summe of tenne pounds unto Dorothie my sister above mencioned as is declared. Item I give and bequeath all my goods, Chattells credits and rights unto the said Elizabeth my wife and Dorothie my daughter. And I commit the tuition and government of the said Dorothie my daughter and of her lands and tenements goods and Chattells unto the abovesaid John Lord and Elizabeth my wife untill the said Dorothie shall accomplish her full age of twentie and one yeares or be married. And I also constitute, ordaine and make the said John Lord and Elizabeth my wife Joynt executors of this my present last will and Testament and to have their costs and charges borne forth of my goods or lands for going about the execution of this my will and testament. In witnesse whereof I have put my hand and seale the sixth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundreth fiftie and eight Richard Lord. Sealed, signed, published and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of John Taylor Abraham Wilson his marke Abraham Clegge.

This will was proved at London before the Judges for probate of wills and granting Administracions lawfully authorized the eight and twentieth day of October in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie eight By the oath of Elizabeth Lord the Relict of the said deceased and one of the executors therein named To whome Administracion of all and singular the said deceaseds goods; Chattells and debts was granted and committed She being first sworne by virtue of a Commission issued forth in that behalfe well and truely

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to administer, John Lord the brother and other executor named in the said will having first renounced the execution thereof as by the acts of Court appeareth. `