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Probatum

hinc huiusmodi Testamentum apud London toram
Reverabili et Egregio Viro Johanne Battersworth Legum Doctore Curie prerogativa
Cantuariensis Archicamerario Custode Sive Commissario legitime constituto huiusmodi
die mensis Martij Anno Domini Millesimo septingentesimo Vicesimo Durantis
Francisca Vidua Relicta et Samuelis Bredius fratris dicti defuncti et Executorum in
dicto Testamento nominatorum quibus commissum fuit Administratio omnium et
singulorum bonorum rerum et reddituum dicti defuncti De bono et fide et
administrando eadem ad Sancti Spiritus Evangelia vigore Commissionis Juratis etc.

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In the Name of God Amen

Victoria creta Alfordant

I Margaret Alfordant of Beeston in the County of Bedford being sick in
Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make this my last Will and
Testament in the first place I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God hoping through the merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christe have
full pardon and remission of my sins My Body to be buried in the parish Church
of Sandy in the said County of Bedford as near my late dear father as possible
in which order my Executor hereinafter named to expend the sume of forty
pounds but not more exchequer of the shroven hereinafter given for burying and
as to such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me withall I give devise
and bequeath the same as followeth to witte as by Indenture bearing date the
seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1716 made between me and
my late husband George Alfordant Esq of the one part and Charles Diggs
and James Dyle of the other part all my Distinctions Lands Tenements and
Hereditaments situate lying and being in the severall Towns Hamlets parishes
Villages precincts and Territories of Beeston of or said Sandy and Draythill or any
of them or elsewhere in the County of Bedford were vested in the said Charles Diggs
and James Dyle and their heirs and assigns for ever to the severall purposes
therein mentioned and particularly in Trust for the sole use and benefit of my
only daughter by my said late husband George Alfordant now and then
living after the decease of my said late husband George Alfordant and
myself and such other children as I should have by my said husband and
whereas I had no other child by my said late husband but my said daughter
Mary and whereas by the said Indenture it is provided that in case my said
daughter Mary should depart this life without issue of her Body lawfully
begotten and that I should have no other issue by my said late husband George
Alfordant that after the decease of my said late husband and after my
decease the said Charles Diggs and James Dyle and the survivors of them and
the heirs of such survivors shall convey all and singular the lands and premises
before mentioned unto such person or persons and for such estate and Estates as
I by my last Will and Testament in writing should at any time or times
direct and appoint whether sole or married attested by two or more credible
Witnesses and for want of such direction and appointment then to William
Alston my Nephew and son of my sister Elizabeth Alston by William Alston
her late husband and now the said Margaret Alfordant do hereby ratify and
confirm all and singular the lands and premises in the said written Indenture
mentioned unto my said daughter Mary and her heirs for ever and do hereby
direct and appoint them the said Charles Diggs and James Dyle and the survivors of
them and the heirs of such survivors to convey and give the same to my said
daughter Mary and her heirs for ever and my Will and kind further is that

my Executor and Guardian to my said Daughter Mary here after named
 do and shall out of the Rents issues and profits of my said Lands and Tenements
 lay out and expend yearly and every year in the Maintenance and Education
 of my said Daughter Mary who is my only Child the sume of Threescore
 pounds untill my said Daughter Mary shall attain her age of fourteen years
 and after her attainment of the age of fourteen years lay out and expend yearly
 and every year in the Maintenance and Education of my said Daughter Mary
 the sume of fourscore pounds untill she attain her age of One and Twenty years
 And my Will and Kind is that at my said Daughter Marys attainment of her
 said age of Twenty and One years the Inheritance of the said Lands and
 Tenements be conveyed to my said Daughter Mary and not before And my
 Will and Kind further is that my said Daughter Marys Guardian here in after named
 shall and may pay out of the Rents and profits of my said Lands and Tenements
 yearly and every year untill my said Daughter Mary shall attain her said
 age of One and Twenty years the sume of Ten pounds to such person or persons
 as he his Executors or Administrators shall think fitt for the managing and
 receiving the Rents of the said Lands and premises and other Lands of fealty
 on her by her said late father And in case my said Daughter Mary or
 she leave issue and all such issue die under the age of One and Twenty years
 without issue then my Will and Kind is and I do hereby give and bequeath
 all my said Lands Tenements and hereditaments unto my said nephew William
 Allston son of my said sister Elizabeth Allston by her late husband William
 Allston and to the heirs and assigns of my said nephew William Allston for
 ever And in case the said yearly sume of Ten pounds hereby ordered to be
 paid for the management and receiving the before mentioned Rents during my
 said Daughters minority shall not be allowed by such person or persons as shall
 or may be entitled to the personal Estate of my said Daughter then and in such
 case I do hereby direct and appoint the said Charles Diggs and James Dyke
 and the survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor out of the first Rents
 and profits of my said Lands and premises that shall be received after my said
 Daughters decease to pay unto my said Daughters Guardian here in after named
 his Executors or Administrators the sume of Ten pounds for every year that my
 said Daughter shall live after my decease and not be of the age of One and Twenty
 years and I do hereby charge the said Lands and Tenements with the payment
 hereof before the devise to my said nephew William Allston take effect And I give and
 devise unto my freind Mr George Werdeeman the sume of Ten pounds and to
 Elizabeth sister my late husband said the sume of Ten pounds and to my late
 sister Elizabeth Allston and her present husband here John Allston the sume of
 Twenty pounds to buy them and my said nephew William mourning cloth to
 my brother in law Charles Diggs and his wife Twenty pounds to buy
 them mourning cloth all the rest and residue of my personall Estate after
 my debts paid and funeral and legacies discharged I give unto the said Charles
 Diggs his Executors and Administrators upon Trust to put the same out at an
 interest upon the best security that may be had and pay the same with the interest
 and proceed thereof to my said Daughter Mary at her age of One and
 Twenty years And in case the same or any part thereof shall happen to
 be lost the same to be the loss of the said Mary unless by the wilfull default
 of the said Charles Diggs or his Executors And in case my said Daughter
 Mary shall depart this life before she attain her said age of One and Twenty
 years then I give and devise the said residue of my personall Estate with the

Interest and improvement thereof unto the said Charles Driggs his Executors
 and Administrators from all the rest and residue of my Lands Tenements and
 Hereditaments whatsoever in the Kingdom of Great Britain I give to my
 said Daughter Mary and her heirs for ever and do hereby make the said
 Charles Driggs sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
 all former Wills by me made and do declare this only to be my last Will and
 Testament and do hereby appoint the said Charles Driggs Guardian to my said
 Daughter Mary in Testimony whereof I have to saith sheet of this my Will the
 whole being contained in two sheets of paper set my hand and seal this Twenty
 third Day of February Anno Domini 1701. Margarett Woodcourt. Signed sealed
 published and declared by the said Margarett Woodcourt the Testatrix as and for
 her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in the said Testatrixes presence
 also subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto after interlining a whole line between
 the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Lines of the second sheet. Wm. William Odell
 Tho. D. Harby.

Probatum fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud Londoniam
 Undermo die mensis Martij Anno Domini Millesimo septingentesimo Vicesimo
 prima venerabili viro Roberto Woodcourt Legum Doctore & iururato Venerabilis et
 Gregij Vni Johannis Balesworth Legum etiam Doctoris Curie prerogativa Cantuar
 Archiepiscopi Custodis sine Commissarij legitime constituti Juramento Caroli Driggs
 et huiusmodi Executoris in dicto Testamento nominati Cui commissum fuit administratio
 omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et reddituum dictae defunctae De
 bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad iudicia Dei Evangelica. Et c.

In the Lane of Good men

Joseph Driggs of Paratiff in the parish of St. Peter in the County of Middlesex
 being in his full mind and understanding
 make this my last Will and Testament first I give my Sonnes with the appurtes
 in the County of Kent unto my elder son Joseph and his heirs
 lawfully to be begotten for ever and all the rest residue and remainder of
 my Estate both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever I give devise and
 bequeath to my dear Wife Elizabeth Driggs for and during the Term of her
 natural life and after my decease to and amongst my Children as many seem
 most proper and convenient to be distributed by my said Wife in and by her last
 Will and Testament or by any other good writing under her hand and seal
 executed in the presence of and testified by two credible Witnesses and lastly I
 make my said dear Wife Elizabeth full and sole Executrix of this my last Will
 and Testament Revoking all others by me made and do declare this to be my last
 Will in Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth
 Day of February One thousand seven hundred and Twenty Anno Domini 1720
 Regis septimo. the most of Joseph Driggs. Signed sealed published and declared
 by the said Joseph Driggs as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence
 of us who have attested the same in the Testatrixes presence Joseph Woodcourt
 Mary Carden Du. Wymer.

Probatum fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud Londoniam Sextimo
 die mensis Martij Anno Domini Millesimo septingentesimo Vicesimo

Joseph Driggs