

Lawrence Sherman of Deeping St James

In the Name of God Amen I Lawrence Sherman of Deeping St James in the County of Lincoln Yeoman being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding (thanks be given to God for the same) calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this Transitory State do make and ordain these Presents to be my last Will and Testament And first and Principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping to have free pardon and remission of all my Sins in by and through the Merits and Intercession of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred And as touching such Worldly estate wherewith God in his infinite mercy hath blessed me in this life I give and dispose of the same as followeth Vizt. Imprimis I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah Sherman and to her Heirs for ever All that Messuage or Tenement and Thirty two acres of Land arable pasture and ffen ground with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging (formerly purchased of Groom Webster by my Bro: William Stretton deceased) and also four acres more of ffen Land (purchased by me of one Mr Cross)all which said premises are situate lying and being in Welney in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge and now in the terme of one Richard Crofts his Undertenants or Assigns Item I give and devise unto my said daughter Sarah Sherman and to her heirs and assigns for ever All that Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging situate in James Deeping aforesaid held by Copy of Court Roll of the Mannor of East and West Deeping of which said premises I have made a Surrender bearing even date herewith to the uses of this my Will I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter one Trunk and one Box of Linnen two ffeatherbeds four Blankets with the best of the ffurniture for two Beds one ffire Grate with the appurtenances seven Silver Spoons and two Silver Cups Item I give to my said Daughter Sarah Two Hundred Pounds of lawfull money to be put out to interest for her use and paid her at her age of Twenty one years Item I give and devise to my Son William Sherman and to his Heirs for ever All my ffreehold estate in Deeping ffen with th' appurtenances All the rest and residue of my estate as well reall as personal I give and bequeath unto my said Son William Sherman whom I hereby make constitute and appoint full and sole Executor of this my Will he paying my Debts Legacys and ffuneral Expences And I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving Brother William Sherman and my trusty friend John Gates of Croyland Husbandman Guardians and Trustees for my said two Children during their Minoritys and do allow them all such necessary Charges and expences as they shall be at in and about the educating and bringing up of my two Children as aforesaid And I do hereby revoke disannull and make void all other and former Wills by me heretofore made and declare these presents my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this ffifteenth day of November in the sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George over Great Britain etc. King Defender of the ffaith Anno Domini 1719

(Attestation Clause)

Tho: Mason _ William Stanford _ William Sharman

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1 February 1724/5 Administration with Will annexed to William Sherman and John Gates
Curators of William Sherman a minor