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# In the name of the

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Nathaniel Brens  
 of London, being now of weak memory and of perverted mind and  
 memory the Lords Gods name be prayed for it, considering the frailty of humane  
 nature especially in these woe and sorry aged as I now am I do make good proof  
 ordain and make this my last Will and Testament in manner and following first of all I  
 commend my Soule into the hands of God my Maker hoping to obtaine from pardon and  
 remission of all my Synnes through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ by the only merits  
 of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ And I give most humble thanks to his divine majesty  
 that I am the sonne of believing Parents and Parents have bene instructed in the true fayth  
 of Jesus Christ not doubting to continue in the same unto my lifes end And I commend my  
 body to the Earth whereof it was made to be decently buried without any funeral pompe in  
 the Church of little St Dunstons as neere as may be unto the grave of my late most dear  
 beloved wife concerning my temporall goods whereof I have pleased the Lord to blesse  
 me I dispose as followeth and first in general by Gods providence I marriage it  
 not long since God and celebrated betweene my now eldest Sonne Basil Brent and  
 Elizabeth Somers at Brent daughter of Samuell formerly of London Esq; de-  
 ceased by occasion whereof my Mannors of Haxtote and Sulgrave and divers other  
 things are settled upon them and their lawfull issue as by Gods Quodripartite bearing  
 date the tenth day of June Anno Domini 1638 is more fully expressed I do referre myselfe to the said  
 I do now confirme and ratifie by this my last Will all that is therein granted but from  
 desiring God of his grates mercie to blesse it allwayes unto them and their heirs and  
 my Will is that if my Sonne Basil Brent dye and not leave any male child living that  
 my younger Sonne Nathaniell Brent shall have all the remainder of the lands of the  
 Rectory of Longthorpe with the house and appurtenances and the tithes of the same  
 and the advowson and if he dye before my Sonne Basil Brent I give the same  
 to my daughter Anne and after her to my daughter Deborah and her children  
 I give unto my Sonne Basil Brent and to my daughter Elizabeth and their children  
 of me the said Nathaniell Brent and my daughter Elizabeth and their children  
 after my decease And whereas there are some mortgages betweene me for wages  
 I have had thing to the said Basil Brent and his heirs and assigns I account to be as good as an other  
 man's bond whereas divers hundred pounds will be due unto me I do freely release  
 whatsoever is due unto me upon that account I give unto him likewise the  
 several goods belonging to the Chamber over the Littleton and the Redhead and  
 the feather beds and bolster and coverlet and blanket commonly used together with  
 also the array hanging appertaining to the said Chamber Item I give unto my two younger  
 children Nathaniell and Luke fiftie pounds yearly towards the furnishing of each of them  
 Chamber to be paid to them severally at the age of sixteene years if they shall live so long  
 Item I give to each of my two little children a thousand pound I give also a lease of  
 the house of Embleton and Southland parsonage in Northumberland which I made in trust for my  
 wife to my worthy friend Mr William Sworne of London and I do desire my Sonne in  
 Law Doctor Forbath and my good daughter Elizabeth wife or the longer lives of them to take  
 care of the profit and good education of my two youngest children allowing for it out  
 of their moneys whatsoever they shall thinke fitt and meete And if any doubt shall  
 happen concerning these two children or concerning any other thing contained in  
 my Will I desire that recourse may be had to my Overseer hereafter named  
 who of Gods Will will with their rare and wise counsaile all differences I do partly  
 pray that nothing that I shall leave be given and shall be spent in Law And I will  
 hereby constitute and appoint my most worthy and reverend friend John late  
 Lord Bishop of Exeter and my loving Brother Mr Richard Brent and my good  
 Sonne in Law Mr Doctor Forbath jointly and severally to be Overseers of this my  
 last Will and Testament And I do give them ten pound yearly from the date  
 unto my Servants Thomas Whitson William Howson and Hans Moore ten  
 pound yearly being not able to give more by reason of the time of the said Nathaniell

Nathaniel Brens  
 Examined with  
 by me Tho: Lock

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Temple and my best goods and my best jewels desiring that the most of my  
 appoyntment may be equally distributed betwene the rest of my men wch I call  
 in my service at the tyme of my decease And my will is that my maide **Barbara**  
 of all I have give unto a poore and my daughter **Gertrude** my servant and my **Thomas**  
**Waple** my servant fortye **Shillings** a poore to be payd unto them within two monethes after  
 my deathe Item I give unto the poore of the wife in wch I call and my deathe the sume of  
 twentye **Shillings** and fourer pound to the poore of long **Hampton** in **Warwiche** & **the**  
 I give unto my men **Thomas** wch I call be in my service at the tyme of my decease  
 five markes a poore as I have unto my maide **Barbara** to be payd within two monethes  
 after my deathe And **Thomas** of **Leane** allwaies beinge more obliged to the right wor-  
 =shipp father in God **John** late **Bishop** of **Exeter** for his **gracious** love & affection  
 to me and myne I give unto his **Lordship** the sume of twentye poundes desiringe him to  
 accept it as a token of my true thankfullnesse And I give unto my good wif **Elizabeth**  
 the sume of ten poundes And I make my **Thomas** **Waple** my **Sole** Executor  
**John** **Waple** of **Leane** proceeded the thirde day of **November** Anno **Domini** 1672 meaninge that  
 he **shall** stand for my last Will and Testament This fourth of **November** 1672  
 beinge present to finish my Will by way of adding or detracting from that wch I have  
 already done and written with my own hand I have revoked that Legacie of a thousand  
 markes wch I have given to my Sonne **Doctor** **Edward** **Forbott** and in stead of that I  
 doe bequeath unto him all that Coale of **Embleton** and **Port** **Island** in **Northumberland** wch  
 he holdeth from **Merton** **Colledge** in **Oxford** taken in the name of my wofull friend **M<sup>r</sup>**  
**Phillip** **Dwone** Citizen of **London** And I give and bequeath unto my Sonne  
**Robert** **Forbott** all the **houses** in **Whitby** and **Thorp** **Ham** purchased  
 of one **M<sup>r</sup>** **Erst** and **M<sup>r</sup>** **Brumsted** Trustees for the children of one **M<sup>r</sup>** **Sartworne**  
 in **Oxford** who deceased To have and to hold to him and his heirs forever also  
 I give and bequeath to my young Daughter **Anna** **Forbott** the sume of two hundred  
 fiftye hundred poundes and the use thereof for her maintenance And I desire my  
 Sonne **Forbott** and his wife to take care of the good education of my Sonne **Robert**  
 =well and daughter **Anna** aforesaid And I doe allow them out of the said estate  
 fourscore poundes per Annum a poore for their maintenance in all kindes  
**Witness** My hand I have put the first day of **October** of yere set my hand and  
 Seale the fourth of **November** 1672 Na: **Bartholomew** **Lubbert** and declared for  
 his last Will and Testament in presence of **Th<sup>s</sup>** **Witnesses** **William** **Newhouse** **Jane**  
**Moore** In addition and alteration of what I have formerly  
 done My hand I made my eldest Sonne **Thomas** **Waple** my Executor of this my last  
 Will and Testament upon his consideration in regard of his tender yeares  
 I revoke the said Legacie and appoint my wellbelovd Sonne in law **Doctor**  
**Edward** **Forbott** my **Sole** Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I give  
 to my Sonne **Thomas** **Waple** all the residue of my estate my debts legacies funeral  
 expences beinge discharged with the proviso that in case I should departe the world  
 without Sonne or Sonne of this body lawfully begotten then my Will is that the said  
 residue of my estate shall come to my two younger children or to the longer lives  
 of them or in default of them to my daughter **Gertrude** and her children for ever Item  
 I give to **M<sup>r</sup>** **Katherine** Daughter ten poundes and to **M<sup>r</sup>** **James** **Wall** fortye **Shillings**  
**Na: Bartholomew** **Witnesses** unto the latter parts of my Will or **Admitt** **Th<sup>s</sup>** **Witnesses**  
**William** **Newhouse** **M<sup>r</sup>** **James** **Moore** **Jane** **Moore** **Margaret**  
 and subscribed doe testifye that upon the first of **November** 1672 upon the  
 of the clothe at night **John** **Nathaniel** **Forbott** beinge called for **Doctor** **Forbott**  
 his Sonne in law who was upon the world but I give unto the said **Doctor**  
 =like effort in our **Edward** **Forbott** I give you all my study of **Books** except  
 twentye worth wch I give to my Sonne **Thomas** **Waple** and to the wife of  
**placeth** **Katherine** Daughter **William** **Newhouse** **Jane** **Moore** **Margaret**  
**Oldham**

This Will

