

Will of John Mingay 1622 (Consistory Court of Norwich)

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In the name of God Amen the sixte day of Septembr  
in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand Sixe hundred twentie and  
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And twoe. I John Mingaye of Arminghall in the  
Countie of Norff esquire weake in Bodye yett of perfect  
minde and memorie prayed be god, doe make, ordaine  
and Constitute this my testant and last will in mann'r and forme  
following, utterly Renouncing and dissanullinge all  
former wills by me made, ffirste I bequeath my soule into  
the hands of my most good and mercyfull God, trusting  
Assuredly by the hollie merritts blessed deathe and  
passion, And Triumphant Resurrection of his onlie  
Begotten Sonne Jesus Christ, the most sweete and  
Comfortable Redeemer and Saviour of me and all  
Mankinde, trulye bestowinge and Repeatinge our (sinnes?)  
to have ffull Remission of all my Sinnes whatsoever, And  
my Bodye I Comitt to the earth to be Buried in the  
Northe Chappell of St Stephens Church wthin the cittie  
of Norwich Bequeathing and disposing of my Temporall  
goods in this manner ffollowinge, ffirst I give & bequeath  
to the poore people abidinge and dwellinge wthin the  
Cittie of Norwch And the Towne shipp of Arminghall  
Trowse and (Bight?) x L of good English money to be  
bestowed amongst them imediately after my decease  
accordinge to the good discretion of my Executor hereafter  
named, Item I give unto my sonne Henrie Mingaie  
and his heires all my Messuages houses lands Tenents  
and hereditamts and their Apputences, as well freehold  
as Coppie hould and lease lands sett lyinge and  
Beinge in the Cittie of Norwch, Arminghale Shotisham  
howe, Saxelinghm Bixley Stoke, Trowse Caster &  
Wymondhm or ells where, in the Countie of Norff  
and Cittie of Norwch, To have and to hould the sd  
lands and Tenemts, to him his heires and assignes  
(propinge?) that he will after his decease bestowe them  
of his sonnes, John as his heire, and Anthoney as a  
younger Brother, Item I give unto my saide Sonne  
Henrye my Bason and Ewer of Siled all gaults, Twoe  
Bowles,

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Bowles guilte, one Greate Salte pourere wth a cover  
A dozen greate Silver spones, one Tankard all guilte  
and Chaffin dishe and a Suger boxe of silver, for and  
duringe his Naturall life and after his decease, I give  
and bequeathe the same silver plate unto his Sonne &  
my Grandchild John Mingay and to his heires. Item I  
give and bequeathe unto Isabell Mingay & Elizabeth  
Mingaye, daughters of my said Sonne Henrye, to each  
of them Three hundred pounds of lawfull Englishe money  
Item I give and bequeath unto Marye, Katherine and  
Ann daughters of my said sonne Henrye to Everie of  
them, two hundred pounds of like lawfull money, And  
Whereas I have had longe Experience of the ffaythfullness  
and true dealinge of my lovinge Kindsman William  
Pearse in my Business for me, And hath byn Carefull  
and hath dealt ffaythfully and trulie therein, I would  
Request him to take all the said sevrall legacies wch I doe  
and shall heerein give and bequeat unto my Sonne  
Henrye his daughteres and to his sonne William Mingaye  
into his hands, and to deale for them Carefullie (As I  
hope hee will) and alsoe to be helpinge and assistinge  
to my said Sonne in the affayres, And I doe herebye  
Require my said Sonne, to use him well and the said  
William Pearse to Continewe his friendship to him  
wch hitherto hath byn of my knowledg, much to my sd  
Sonnnes benefit, Item I give and bequeathe unto  
the said William Mingaye, the sonne of my said sonne  
Henrye, One hundred pounds of lawfull money,  
All wch legacies my mynde and will is that my  
Executor shall pay into the hands of the said William  
Pearse, that is to saie, The twoe? legacies given unto  
the said Isabell and Elizabeth wthin one yeare after  
my decease, And the Residue of the said somes gyven  
unto the other Children of my said Sone Henrie wthin  
two yeares nexte after my decease, to be \_\_\_\_\_ by  
him

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Him the said Willliam Pearse to the benefitt of the sd  
Children, And to be paid unto them at their Sevrall ages  
of xviii yeares or wthin sixe months after there sevrall  
daies of Marriages wch shall first happen, Soe as they

and Everie of them shall Marrie wth the Consent of  
there said ffather Edward Read Esquire and Raph  
Outlawe gent there kinsmen or the survivor of them  
And yf any of them shall marrye without the Consent  
of the said persons before named, Then I will that they  
and Everie of them soe Marrieage without there consente  
as aforesaid shall have noe \_\_\_ for there or any of  
their legacies, but soe much as the said Henrie Edward  
an Raphe or the Survivors of them shall thinke it fit  
in their discrectione and the Remaynderto be devided  
amongst the Residue of my said Sone Henrye his  
Children by Equall prtons (his Eldest sonne and heire  
Excepted) And yf Any of the said Children shall happen  
to depart this lyfe, before there sevrall legacies shall be due  
and payable unto them or Any of them, Then I will  
that the parte and portons of them or any of them soe  
deceased shalbe Equallie devided amongst the  
Children of my said Sonne henrye Then lyvinge (his  
said Sonne John Excepted) Item I give and bequeath  
unto Marye Kempe the daughter of my daughter ffrances  
Kempe, one hundred pounds of good Englishe money  
after my decease, Item my mynde and will is that  
my said sonne henrye and my daughter ffrances  
Kempe shall have Equallie devided betweene them  
All my househoulstuff Beddinge lynnyn Brasse  
pewter and implemts of houlshould whatsoever, And  
further my mynde and will is, that my said daughter  
Kempe shall have all the apparell and lynnyn pertayninge  
to her lovinge Mothers Bodye, Att the tyme of her  
decease, Item that my mynde and will is that my  
daughter

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daughter ffrances Kempe and her assignes, shall have the  
free use and occupaton of all the houses \_\_\_\_\_ and  
grounds wch shall be in myne owne possession use or  
occupaton at the daye of my decease for and duringe  
the terme of Three months then next to \_\_\_, And yf  
my said Sonne henrye or any person or persons by his  
\_\_\_ or under his Tythe shall happen to trouble  
molest or interrupt or hinder my said daughter ffrances  
Kempe or her assignes, in the quiet and peaceable  
possession use and occupaton of the said houses and



pounds of good money yearely during her lyfe to be pd  
to her by my Executor, att (her?) sevall daies in Everie  
yeare, by Equall porcons, and to begyn haulfe a yeare  
after my decease, Item I give unto my nephewe, John  
Wytherley xx L, Item I give to Everie of my servants  
wch shall serve me at my departure x L a peece, The  
Residue of all my goods Chattells money plate Corne  
and Cattell whatsoever not herein gaiven nor  
Bequeathed, my debts beinge first paid, and my  
ffunerall Expences discharged and this my Testamt and  
last will duly performed, I give and bequeath unto  
my said Sonne Henrie Mingaye whome I Consitute  
ordaine and make my Executor of This my Testamt and  
last will, hopinge that he will ffaythfullie and trulie  
performe this my Testamt and last will accordinge to  
my true intent and meaninge conteyned herein,  
Provided allwaies and my mynde and will is, that  
yf my said Sonne Henrye, shall nott become bounden  
as afforesaid, and shall refuse to Enter into bonde and  
Seale/

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Seale and deliver it as his deede such a wrightinge  
obligatorie, accordinge to the same effect as is heerein  
before by me willed that he should doe, That then my  
mynde and will is, That he shall not be executr of this  
my last will and Testamt, nor shall not in any sorte  
have any thinge to doe nor to medle wth any of my  
leases lands goods money Chattels moveable goodes  
Rights debts, and personall estate whatsoever, but thereof  
hee shalbe utterlie voyde and ffrustrate of all and  
Everie part thereof) as though he had heerein not byn  
named or mentioned as an Executor of this my last  
will and Testamt (Any thinge heerein before conteyned  
to the Contrarie in anywyse notwth standinge, and then  
I doe Constitute ordeine and make my said daughter  
ffrances Kempe and the said william Pearse my Execrs  
of this my last will and Testamnt. And they to take  
and Receyve all my goodes chattels debts moveables Rights  
and Credits whatsoever, and to pay all my debts and  
performe this my last will, And uppon the Relinquishing  
of my said sonne Henrye of all things wch he should have  
medled Receyved or debt by force of this my last

will or any thinge Concerning the same, Then they to  
become bounden to him my said Sonne, Henrye in the  
like penaltie of Twoe Thousand pounds of good  
Englishe money, wch condicon to performe this my last  
will and Testamt Trulye and well accordinge to  
my meaninge uppon Reasonable Request and likewyse  
Provided that the nameinge of Executors or alteringe  
the same frome one Executr to two shall stande and be  
to the same effect intente and purpose in all Respects  
as yf butt one Executor had byn by me herein named  
appointed and made, In wittnesse that this is  
my last will and Testamt written in sixe sides of  
paper to Everie side Thereof I have subscribed my name  
and/

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And this last side, I have putt my seale, dated the daie  
and yeare first above written, Md that I John Mingay  
the Testator above named doe acknowledge Ratifie  
and Confirme (nowe or newe) (vizt) This fourth daie of October  
Anno Dm 1622, This to be my last will and Testamt  
in the presence and hearinge of these persons wch have  
hereunto Subscribed there names, Marye Scrivner  
William Mingay, William Pearse, /John Mingaye  
testatr/

proved 9 November 1622 by Henrye Mingay