In the name of God Amen

the seaven and twentieth day of May Anno Dni one thousande five hundred thirty five. And in the two and twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of god of Englande Scotlande ffraunce and Irelande King defender of the ffaith &c I Jane Lesson of Apthorpe in the Countye of Northton Spinster being of perfect healthe of sounde mynde and disposing memory prayised be god doe make and declare this my laste Testamente conteyninge therein my laste will in maner and forme following. That is to say. ffirste and principally I comende my soule to Almyghty god that gave it. in stedfaste faithe and assured hope of the full and free remission pardon and forgivenesse of all my sinnes and offences. And that after this life ended I shall inherite and injoy eternall life in the kingdome of heaven only by and through the merittes death and passion of Jesus Christe my only and alone Savio and Redeemer with all the elect Saints of god. And my body I will to be buried in decent and christian maner in the Churche of Apthorpe aforesaide at and by the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And as touchinge and concerninge the disposing of my temporall estate and worldly substance wherewith it hath pleased god to blesse me I doe will dispose and appointe the same in suche maner and forme and to suche vses and purposes as hereafter in this my will is expressed and declared. And whereas one late Soveraigne Lord King Henrie the eighte by his Highnesse letters Patents under the Seale of his Courte of Exchequer bearinge date at Westminster the second day of Decembre in the yeare of his Maiesties raigne of Englande ffraunce and Irelande the fourth. and of Scotland the fortieth for the fine therein mencioned did grante and to farme lett to one Thomas Lesson all that his Capitall Messuage or tenemente with the appurtenaunces scituate lyinge and beinge in Apthorpe alias Althorpe aforesaide in his Highnesse said Countye of Northton and one close in Althorpe and Apthorpe aforesaide conteyninge by estimacon sixe acres. and all those seaventy acres of Lande arrable in Apthorpe alias Althorpe aforesaide Also all that his meadowe with the appurtenaunces called Crafte medowe conteininge by estimacon foure acres lyinge and beinge in Apthorpe alias Apthorpe aforesaide sometyme in the tenure or occupacion of John Whiting. and late in the tenure of Nathaniell Lesson deceased or of his assignes. All and singuler which premisses then were parcell of his then Capitall Messuage or Mannor of Ockrington in the said Countye of Northton and parcell of the said Manor of Apthorpe in the same Countye. And all and singuler howses. edifices buildinges. Barnes. Stables. Dovehouses. Orchardes. gardens. Landes. Meadowes. Feedinges. pastures. Comodities. Commons and other profittes. advantages. Emoluments. and hereditamentes whatsoever to the premisses or any of them in any wise belonginge or appertayninge or with the same or any of them before at that time being usually demised. lett occupied reputed or taken for or under the yearely rente of three score six shillinges. and eight pence with their appurtenaunces whatsoever (except and in all other the premisses with their appurtenaunces (except before excepted) Comme and singuler other the premisses from the making of the said Lettres Patentes unto the ende of the tearme of forty yeares then next following. Payinge therefore yearely unto his Maiestie his heires and Successors sixty five shillinges and eight pence of lawfull money of Englande. And also thirty two shillinges of like money at two usuall feastes of the yeare that is to saie the Annunciacion of the blessed virgin Marye and Saint Michaell the Archangell. at the porche of the Churche of the said Apthorpe or elsewhere within the Countye of Northton by equall portions to be paide during the said tearme as in and by the said recited Lettres Patentes more at large may appeare. And whereas by vertue of the said Jount Lesson of the said recited Lettres Patentes one Thomas Wolf. bearinge date the five and twentieth day of January in the seconde yeare of the raigne of our said Soveraigne Lord King Charles did grante assigne and sett overe unto my trustie ffreinde John Stephens. William White. and Robert Cooke yeoman all the said Capitall Messuage or tenement. Closemeadowe and ffurrsfield with their appurtenaunces. and all my estate. interest. terme of yeares then to come claime and demande of in and to the same by vertue of the said recited Lettres Patentes to have and to hold the said Messuage or tenement and premisses with their appurtenaunces. and all the estate. interest and terme of yeares to come. claime and demande of in

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