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THE WILL

OF THE LATE

JOHN NORMAN, ESQ.

ALDERMAN OF NORWICH

AND FOUNDER OF

NORMAN'S SCHOOL

DIED MAY 10th, 1724.

HISTORICAL NOTE

There are records of Normans in Norwich back to 1435 when a John Norman married Johanna Draper. However, it was about 1602 that "Grandfather" Norman (Alderman John's Grandfather) came to Norwich as a Huguenot refugee bringing in the silk crepe weaving for which they were renowned. The fact that he came to Norwich could indicate a family trading link.

Alderman John Norman was born in 1657 and became a Freeman Worstead weaver. He as a prominent Norwich citizen, holding at various times the offices of Church Warden of Permouthergate, Sheriff, Alderman and Mayor. He died at Bramerton and was buried at Old Catton in 1724 where he was living. He was married twice, first to Ann Mace, who died in 1714 during his term of Mayor, and then to Catherine, the widow of William Brereton of Trowse. There were no children by either marriage. The Norman "Descendants", therefore are, in reality, cousins or nephews and nieces, either of John or of Ann. The Ancestors of the Foundation bear the family names not only of Norman, but of Lindley (or Linley), Whitlock, Bradford, Mace, Dawes and Laws.

(With acknowledgement to Herbert Norman, (b. 1903) Organ builder, for family historical information).

Although Alderman John Norman died in 1724, it was not until 1839 that a school was eventually built, not in Catton but in Cowgate Street, Norwich, and it was in this year also that John Norman's descendants established their association known as the 'Claimants Unity' to safeguard their rights. These rights were in fact challenged in 1886 when the Government Commissioners attempted to extend the educational facilities to boys other than descendants but these efforts were not successful. The Claimants Unity has remained in existence ever since and at the present time has a membership of over 800 descendants, The Registrar issues pedigrees to proved descendants.

The school closed in 1934, the last Head Master having been Mr. J.W. Howes who had been appointed in 1899. In 1935 a new scheme regulating the Charity was made by the then Board of Education which provided for the making of Educational Grants

to male descendants of John Norman. The Trustees were then ten in number including two clergymen of the Church of England and one appointed on the nomination of the Claimants Unity. The Trust was then given the name of 'The Educational Foundation of Alderman John Norman' and the duties of the Claimants Unity Committee were set out. The next change was in 1972 when a new scheme was sealed by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, the principal change being that girls were now made eligible for benefit as well as boys. At the same time it was provided that one of the Trustees should be a representative Trustee appointed by the Local Education Authority. At this time also, the original house and farm premises and some of the land at Old Catton were sold for a large sum for development, followed two years later by a further land sale which greatly increased the capital resources available to the Trustees and in 1973 a supplementary scheme was sealed broadening the objects of the Foundation. The proceeds of the sale were reinvested with the acquisition of Nelson Place, East Dereham, as joint owners with two other local charities, the Foundation's share being 34%.

As well as meeting its obligations to descendants, the Foundation in its role as a Charity gives support in Norwich and Norfolk to a number of projects in support of young people and various broadly educational activities.

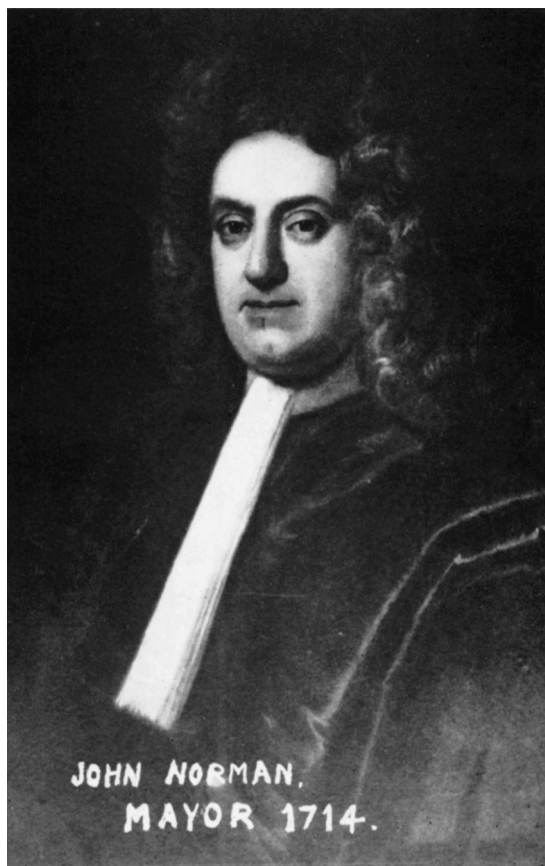
The Claimants Unity holds an annual Church Service at which Bibles are presented to descendants attending the service. For some years this service has taken place at Old Catton Parish Church, where John Norman is buried.

In 1999 on the 275th anniversary of his death a Dinner was held followed by a service at St. Margaret's Church, Old Catton.

Of further historical interest is the fact that the Norman family are known nationally and internationally as organ builders (particulars as part of the firm Hill, Norman and Beard). Their factory was originally in Norwich. The organ in Norwich Cathedral was built by them as were many other cathedral and parish church organs.

LIST OF TREASURERS/CHAIRMEN

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| 1724-1754 | WILLIAM ROLFE ESQ. |
| 1754-1777 | NOCKOLD THOMPSON ESQ. |
| 1777-1813 | ROBERT HARVEY ESQ. |
| 1813-1820 | ROBERT HARVEY ESQ. (JUNIOR) |
| 1820-1852 | GEORGE MORSE ESQ. |
| 1852-1868 | CHARLES EVANS ESQ. |
| 1868-1893 | F. E. WATSON ESQ. |
| 1893-1897 | THE VEN. ARCHDEACON NEVILL |
| 1897-1931 | SIR GEORGE MORSE |
| 1931-1953 | MAJOR CYRIL H. WALTER, D.L. J.P. |
| 1953-1972 | J. DE CARLE-SMITH ESQ. M.B.E. |
| 1972-1981 | C. B. JEWSON ESQ., J.P., F.S.A. |
| 1981-1993 | THE REVD. CANON WYNTER BLATHWAYT |
| 1993- | THE REVD. JONATHAN BOSTON |



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THE WILL

In the Name of God, Amen

I JOHN NORMAN, Esquire, Citizen and Alderman of Norwich, being, praised be God, of good and perfect mind, memory and understanding, do make and ordain this, my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills, by me made, in manner and form following. First, and above all things, I humbly recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, assuredly trusting through the merits, death and passion of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, to have perfect remission and forgiveness of all my sins, and to inherit eternal life in the world to come, and my body, I desire my executors will cause to be interred in a decent christian burial, in the parish church of Catton, where I now dwell, at their discretions, not exceeding twenty pounds for the charges of my funeral, and that there may be an inscription in marble set into the wall near my grave, briefly denoting my charitable bequest in this my will, and a stone laid over my grave, together, not exceeding twenty pounds more. And my will and mind is, that there shall be a sermon preached at my funeral in Catton church by the Minister of the same parish for the time being, for which I give him twenty shillings, and two shillings and sixpence for the clerk of that parish at that time being for attending. And my will and mind is, and I do desire, that on that day twelve months viz. one year next after my funeral there shall be a sermon preached in the parish church of St. Peter per Mountergate, in Norwich, by the Minister of that parish for the time being, for which I also give him twenty shillings, and

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two shillings and sixpence to the clerk of that parish for the time being for his attendance. And that the next year after that, on the same day of the month another sermon to be preached at Catton by the Minister there for the time being, and one other at St. Peter per Moutergate, on the same day of the month in the year next following, and so alternately for ever, that is to say, one year at Catton, and the other at St. Peter per Moutergate, for which I yearly give to the Ministers of the same parishes respectively, for the time being, twenty shillings, and two shillings and sixpence for the clerks respectively for attending, and ringing the bell as it comes in their turn, to be paid out of the rents and profits, of my messuages, lands and tenements hereafter mentioned, so soon as the sermon shall be over. But if the Minister of the said respective parishes or either of them shall find that the congregations at the said annual sermons, or either of them shall happen to be very small when the said sermons shall be preached, on the working days as it will most commonly fall out on those days, that then it shall be in the discretion of the said Ministers for the time being, or either of them to appoint the said sermons some time in the Sunday next following the said annual day.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto such of my relations and friends whose names are hereafter mentioned, the several sums and legacies following, that is to say, I give unto the two sons of my cousin Henry Lindley of London, Hosier, five pounds a piece, to the daughter of my said kinsman Henry Lindley of London, Hosier, ten pounds.

ITEM. I give unto Norman Mace, my son in law, when he shall attain the age of one and twenty years, five pounds.

ITEM. I give unto Henry Whitlock, Tailor, and to Diana Whitlock his daughter, ten pounds a piece, and to my cousin Thomas Lindley, son of George Lindley, of Norwich, I give ten pounds, and to his daughter, Frances Lindley ten pounds.

ITEM. I give unto Ann Harrold the widow and relict of Thomas Harrold, Upholsterer, the sum of twenty shillings.

ITEM. I give unto my cousins Ann Wild and Deborah Wild, five pounds a piece, and to Matthew Wild their brother forty shillings.

ITEM. I give unto the sons of Thomas Lindley of Norwich, Worstead Weaver, viz. George. John and Henry, forty shillings a piece; also to his daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth Lindley, forty shillings a piece; also to the three sons of the said Henry Whitlock, viz. Robert. William and Thomas, forty shillings a piece.

ITEM. I give unto my uncle Hussey, of Mortlock, near London. forty shillings. and to his eldest daughter and to his youngest daughter Ann Hussey, five pounds a piece; also I give unto John Mace, my son in law, forty shillings.

ITEM. I give unto Marker Mace. forty shillings.

ITEM. I give unto Roger Mace. Tailor, and to William Robins my wife's cousin twenty shillings a piece, all which said legacies for which there is no time appointed for the payment thereof, shall be paid by my executors within six months next after my decease.

ITEM. I give and devise unto my trusty friends William Corkman, Esq. and Augustine Metcalfe, Esq. Citizens and Aldermen of Norwich. Thomas Tanner, Doctor of Divinity. Chancellor of Norwich, John Richardson of the precincts of the Cathedral church of Norwich, Clerk, and to William Rolfe, of the precincts of the Cathedral church of Norwich, Gentleman, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, upon the trusts and to and for the several uses. intents and purposes hereafter in this my will particularly mentioned and expressed and not otherwise; all my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever, situate lying and being in Great Witchingham and Little Witchingham, or either of them, or in any other town or towns to them or either of them near or next adjoining in the county of Norfolk, with the appurtenances which I late purchased of Giles Cutting. Gentleman, and

all that my messuage or dwelling house, wherein I lately lived in the city of Norwich, which I purchased of Robert Cooke, Esquire, and Marker Mace, or otherwise howsoever together, with the brewing office, houses, outhouses, edifices, buildings and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, situate lying and being in the parish of St. Peter per Mountergate, in the said city, and all my messuages and houses late of John Norman my father, deceased. situate, lying and being in the said last mentioned parish, in a place there commonly called St. Faith's lane, and all my messuages or tenements situate in the parish of St. John of Timberhill, in the said city, and all my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever. situate, lying and being in the several towns or parishes of Catton, Spixworth and Sprowston, or any of them or any other town or towns next or near adjoining in the said county of Norfolk. which I purchased of William Fitt and Nicholas Copping, executors of the last will and testament of Nicholas Copping, late of the said city, deceased, and Francis Saffery, John Bensley and James Watts, every or any of them or any otherwise howsoever. And all my messuages. lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in the county of Kent, which were given, willed, or devised to me, and my heirs in and by the last will and testament of Robert Bradford, my late uncle deceased, or any otherwise howsoever, and also half an acre of land. which I purchased of Mr. Rush, Clerk, lying in Catton aforesaid, and all other my messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever in England. And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders thereof. and all my estate, right, title and interest therein, to have and to hold unto them the said William Corkman. Augustine Metcalfe, Thomas Tanner, John Richardson and William Rolfe their heirs and assigns for ever, upon the special trust and confidence, and to and for the several uses, intents and purposes hereinafter in this my will particularly mentioned and expressed, and to and for no other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever, that is to say, that my said trustees or the major part of them, for the time being and the survivors of them their heirs and assigns, do take the best care they can to receive and improve the rents and profits of my said estate,

and what shall remain clear of the same from time to time after allowance for reparations and reasonable allowances for collecting and receiving the rents, and looking after the premises and keeping accounts and other necessary and incident disbursements and charges, shall be applied and bestowed as hereafter mentioned and directed, and that they shall deduct to themselves thereout, and be allowed thirty shillings a piece yearly, to defray the charges of their meetings to consult and take proper measures about executing their trusts in performance of this my will, except such of them as shall refuse to act in pursuance of this my will, who shall have no benefit thereby, and that when and as often as any one or more of my said trustees above named or hereafter to be chosen or named as hereafter mentioned or directed shall die, that then the survivors of them, or the major part of them, or their heirs, shall from time to time choose and appoint one or more other person or persons as they shall think best in the room of such as shall die, so as to make up the number five, who when named and chosen together with the survivors of my said trustees that shall be then living. and their heirs, shall be my trustees, and shall have the same power and authority to act with them in and about the executions of this my will, and upon the trusts and for the intents and purposes herein expressed and declared, as fully and effectually as if they were herein particularly named and appointed by me, and so from time to time for ever. And my said trustees or the major part of them, or the survivors or survivor of them, and their heirs or the heirs of the survivor of them, shall from time to time as often as need shall require, or they shall see occasion or be advised, upon the death of one or more of them, and upon, before, or after such denomination or choosing of a new one or new ones, or such manner as counsel shall advise, convey and assure all my said devised messuages, lands, tenements and premises, with the appurtenances to the use of such new trustees, and themselves and the survivors and survivor of them and their heirs and the heirs of the survivor of them, and so from time to time for ever, upon the trusts, and to and for the charitable uses, behoofs. intents and purposes hereafter in this my will particularly declared, mentioned and expressed.

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And first, my will and mind is, and I do hereby direct and appoint, that my said trustees, for the time being. or the major part of them, shall two years next after my decease. agree with some parent or parents being mine or my first wife's relations, whose maiden name was Ann Mace the daughter of Thomas Mace, late of the said city of Norwich, Worstead Weaver, deceased, who shall have a son of four years of age, or upwards. to cause such son to be put to school. and to be taught in reading, writing. arithmetic, latin and greek, as his capacity will allow until he shall attain to the age of fifteen years, and to be by his said parent or parents maintained, with books and all other necessities fit and convenient for such a lad to have and wear, or if there shall be such lad at the end of the said two years, of some of mine, or any first wife's relations, for whom my trustees or the major part of them shall think most needful to be provided for as aforesaid. that shall have no parent or parents living, or not proper in the judgment of my trustees, or the major part of them, for the time being, to take care of such lad, that in such case. my said trustee. or the major part of them, shall agree and contract with some other honest person as they shall see convenient, for the keeping and putting out such child to school and learning as aforesaid, which parent or parents or in default thereof such person as aforesaid shall have ten pounds per annum. paid him quarterly, for such son or lad. by my said trustees, or the major part of them, for the time being for and towards his keeping and schoolgate and books and apparel, until he shall attain the age of fifteen years, or be fit in the judgment of my trustees or the major part of them, to be bound out an apprentice unto some trade, and that my said trustees or the major part of them for the time being, shall pay and allow fifteen pounds out of the said rents or profits of my said estate, for the binding out such boy an apprentice. and when he shall attain unto the age of twenty-two years my will is that my said trustees do pay unto him the sum of ten pounds towards the setting up his trade or business.

ITEM. My will and mind is, that my said trustees, or the major part of them, for the time being. shall at the end of four years next after my decease. in like manner agree with the

parent or parents of some of mine or my said first wife's relations who shall have a son of four years of age or upwards for the putting such son to school and bringing him up in reading, writing, arithmetic, latin and greek as aforesaid, or in default of such parent or parents with some other honest person or persons, for such son of some of mine or my said first wife's relations, for whom my trustees or the major part of them for the time being, shall think most needful to be provided for as aforesaid, for whom such parent or parents or other persons shall have ten pounds per annum, to be paid quarterly, as for the former, for books and schoolgate and towards his board and apparel until he shall likewise attain to the age of fifteen years. or be fit to be put out as an apprentice as aforesaid, and then fifteen pounds for his putting out, and ten pounds at two and twenty years of age towards his setting up.

ITEM. My will and mind is that my said trustees for the time being, or the major part of them shall at the end of six years next after my decease, in like manner agree with the parent or parents of some of mine or my first wife's relations, who shall have a son of four years of age or upwards. for the putting him to school and bringing him up after the same manner as aforesaid, or with some other person for a son of some of mine or my first wife's relations having no parent or parents or at least such as are not capable to provide for him, as my trustees in their discretions. or the major part of them shall judge most necessary who is four years of age or upwards, which parent or parents or other persons shall have the same allowance of ten pounds per annum, for bringing up such person until fifteen years of age or he be fit to be bound out apprentice as aforesaid, and fifteen pounds for binding him out, and such son to have ten pounds towards his setting up his trade or business at the said age of two and twenty years: and in like manner for one other son of mine or my first wife's relations at the end of eight years next after my decease, to be provided for, taught and instructed, until such time and in such manner as aforesaid, and to have the same allowance of ten pounds per annum, to be paid quarterly, and fifteen pounds to bind him out apprentice and ten pounds at

his age of twenty two years towards setting up his trade or business, and in like manner from the end of the said eighth year, at the end of every second year hereafter successively following shall some of mine or my said first wife's relations be put to school and provided for and taught and instructed in such manner and until such time as aforesaid, the best my trustees can paying at the said rate of ten pounds per annum, for books and schoolgate and towards board and apparel, until it amounts to thirty of the sons of mine and my first wife's relations that shall be so put out and provided for, at one in two years as aforesaid, always putting out one other at the death of any one or going out to apprentice as hereafter mentioned so to keep up the number of all of them so put out or provided for, together at the rate of one in every succeeding two years. as aforesaid and so that at the end of sixty years next after my decease, there may be thirty boys together, in being, which shall be provided for and put to school, as aforesaid, and my mind and will is, that the said sons or male children of mine, or my first wife's relations, to be put to school and provided for. as aforesaid, or any of them shall not be so first put to school or begin to be provided for, as aforesaid, before the age of four years, nor after the age of twelve years. And my mind and will is, that when, and as often as any such son of mine, or my said first wife's relations, so to be put to school and provided for, as aforesaid, shall arrive at the age of fifteen years, or sooner, at the discretion of my trustees. or the major part of them, for the time being, and be thought fit to be bound out an apprentice; that my said trustees shall pay or allow the sum of fifteen pounds out of the rents and profits of my said estate for the binding out severally such boy or boys an apprentice from time to time as hereinbefore expressed to some good trade or calling, as such boy or boys shall be most inclinable to, or to put such of them to sea at the same age of fifteen years of age. or sooner, at the discretion of my trustees or the major part of them, as they shall desire or be more inclinable to go to sea rather than to be bound out to a trade or calling, viz. every such boy to have fifteen pounds bestowed or given with him, whether to bind him out an apprentice to a trade or go to sea, as he shall like

best, with the consent of my trustees or the major part of them as aforesaid, and when, as they shall severally attain their ages of twenty-two years, I give unto them ten pounds a piece to be paid them by my trustees for the time being, or the major part of them, towards their setting up their trade or business as is before expressed, as to those who are to be first provided for and put to school as aforesaid; and if it shall happen and so often as it shall happen, that any of my said relations shall die before such time as he or they shall be put out apprentice or apprentices, or go to sea as aforesaid, that then such place or places of him or them so dying shall from time to time be immediately supplied by the brother or brothers of him or them so dying, if any such there be, for such time and to be dealt by as aforesaid, as the children so dying should have been if they had lived; and if there shall be no such brother, then some other of mine or my said first wife's relations, as my trustees, or the major part of them for the time being, shall see convenient and most reasonable. And my will further is, that a true register book, as near as may be, shall be kept of all mine and my said first wife's relations and their issue by the aforesaid Mr. John Richardson, or the Minister of the said parish church of St. Peter per Mountergate, for the time being and for so doing I give him, and whoever shall be the Minister of the said parish for the time being, twenty shillings to be paid yearly, and where some of mine or my said wife's relations shall happen to have only daughters and not sons, in such case the sons of such daughters shall be entitled to the benefit of being put out and provided for, as herein directed, as to my trustees for the time being, or the major part of them shall seem expedient. according to the true intent and meaning of this my will, and if and where there shall be a deficiency of such relation's sons or son descending from them to be put to school and provided for as aforesaid, to the best of the knowledge of my trustees in any of the said two years aforesaid, or in the room of any dying as aforesaid, that then and so often from time to time when such deficiency shall happen, my said trustees, or the major part of them shall put and place out one or more son or sons of the age of eight, and not exceeding ten years, belonging to some one or more

inhabitant or inhabitants of Ber street ward, or upper Conisford ward, in Norwich, or in Catton aforesaid, until the age of fourteen or fifteen years, at the discretion of my trustees, or the major part of them, for the time being, and then to be put apprentice, or go to sea, as aforesaid, and for such purpose to be allowed the like sum of fifteen pounds. as aforesaid, and ten pounds at their age of twenty-two years, towards their setting up their trades or callings, (provided that such sons, which are to be put to school and provided for. which are and shall be the sons of strangers, and not of such relations, as aforesaid. or descending from such relations, shall not be put to school or provided for, as aforesaid, by my trustees, or the major part of them. until or before they shall attain the age or ages of eight years, nor after the age of ten years, anything herein before contained. to the contrary thereof. in anywise notwithstanding.)

And whereas, it may happen that some one or more of the sons of mine or my said first wife's relations or descending from such relations may prove to be lads of more than ordinary capacities. and of bright natural parts. and appear to be sedulous. and diligent. and improve in their learning. during such time as they shall be put to board and school, as aforesaid. for the encouragement. whereof I do hereby appoint and order, and give full power to my trustees. for the time being, or the major part of them. that one boy in every fifteen of the said boys, so to be put to school as aforesaid, who, they shall be satisfied. or observe shall be diligent at school, and improve in his learning. and that shall be of such relations, or descending from such relations as aforesaid may be continued at such board and school, and learning as aforesaid, until the age of sixteen or eighteen years. as my trustees or the major part of them for the time being, shall see cause or think fit. and then to be sent to the university of Cambridge, there to be admitted as a Sizer, and brought up. and educated for the space of six years. and to be allowed thirty pounds per annum during the said six years, and after that another boy of the said relations, or descending from them, who shall appear best to deserve, the same to be sent up, and provided for accordingly, and

another after him, so as there be always one out of every fifteen of the said boys, to be put out and provided for as aforesaid, descending from the said relations, or some. or one of them, to be sent and provided for at the university, at the space aforesaid, and with such allowance, and in manner as aforesaid.

ITEM. I do hereby nominate. appoint, and make the said William Corkman. Augustine Metcalfe, Thomas Tanner, John Richardson and William Rolfe, my said trustees, first above named, executors of this my last will and testament, and do give unto them all my goods and chattels, stock and personal estate whatsoever, to make the best they can thereof, and the monies, thereby arising, that shall remain after payment of my debts and funeral charges, and for my grave stone and inscription above named, and probate of this, my will, and necessary charges they shall be at, in getting in and disposing of the same, shall be by them applied for, and towards the payment of my legacies. and for, and towards the uses. and purposes. in this my will, expressed and declared, together with the rents and profits of all my said estate, devised as aforesaid, and my will and earnest desire is, and I do recommend to my said executors and trustees, for the well and faithful carrying on of this work of charity, by me hereby intended, and the future good, and benefit of posterity in the ages to come, to be industrious, vigilant, and careful in getting in my debts, and making the best of my personal estate, and in letting, settling and disposing of my said real and personal estate, from time to time, and in the collecting, and receiving of the rents, issues, and profits thereof, for the uses and purposes herein, this my will, before and after mentioned and expressed, limited and declared; and that when. and as often as they shall have received thereby, or have in their hands a considerable sum of money, that they shall put out the same to interest, on the best security they can get, and for such lawful interest as they can best get for the improving the same, and therewith purchase and settle other lands and tenements upon the trusts and for the uses, intents and purposes, before and hereafter, in this my will expressed, directed, limited or appointed; and I, the

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said John Norman, do now, according to my own computation, compute my real and personal estate may together amount to the full sum of two hundred and sixty pounds per annum of lawful money of Great Britain, which I give and dispose of, as aforesaid, to the uses and intents, in this my will, and to be by my executors and trustees, managed, improved, and bestowed accordingly, and not otherwise.

ITEM. My will and mind is, and I do hereby direct, order and appoint, that at the end of sixty years next after my decease, that my trustees then, for the time being, pursuant to this my will, or the major part of them, shall meet and choose fifteen trustees more, so as to make up the number twenty of which said fifteen trustees so to be new chosen, I do hereby desire that the Bishop of Norwich then being, the Dean of the Cathedral church of Norwich, the Chancellor of Norwich, the two parliament men for the county of Norfolk, and the two parliament men for the city of Norwich may be seven, and that the other eight, residue of the fifteen so to be new chosen, may be chosen out of the court of Mayoralty, and that when my trustees being at the end of the said sixty years, shall have chosen fifteen new trustees so, as aforesaid, to make up the number twenty, that then, and so often as any one or more of them shall die, the survivors or survivor of them shall choose one or more person or persons to be my trustee or trustees, in the room of him or them so dying, as aforesaid, so as always from that time to keep up the number twenty; and that at the end of the said sixty years next after my decease, my will and mind is, and I do hereby direct, order and appoint my trustees, which shall be then in being, pursuant to this my will, or the major part of them, or the survivors of them, to build and erect. or cause to be built and erected upon some part of my lands in Catton aforesaid, one or more convenient house or houses, some at a time as occasion shall require. and they best can, for the reception, entertainment, teaching, and bringing up of one hundred and twenty boys in the whole, as hereafter mentioned, whereof the thirty boys which shall be at board at the end of the said sixty years next after my decease, as aforesaid, shall be placed therein, and my trustees, or the major

part of them, for the time being, shall put out two, three, or four boys in a year, yearly; and every year after the expiration of the said sixty years next after my decease, of mine or my said first wife's relations, or descending from them, if they can be known or made out to my trustees, and if not, of such others as aforesaid, out of Ber street or Conisford wards, and Catton aforesaid, if enough be there to be had, if not, out of the neighbouring parishes in Norwich, at the discretion of my trustees, or the major part of them for the time being, and so two, three, or four yearly, and every year successively, until the said one hundred and twenty boys be completed, and after the same shall be completed, the same number shall be for ever thereafter continued and kept there at board and school, to be dealt with and allowed as hereinafter mentioned; and to have fifteen pounds a piece to put them out apprentice, or to sea, as aforesaid, viz. such of them as shall from time to time so long live, at the discretion of my trustees, or the major part of them, and as they shall see best and most convenient, and needful; the male children of strangers to be chiefly of such whose parents have been reduced by losses, and have paid to church and poor, and as the said number shall increase, of two, three, or four in a year the said house or houses to be enlarged until the said number of one hundred and twenty boys shall be completed, and so to remain at the said number of one hundred and twenty boys for ever; and as they die, or go out an apprentice, or to sea, others to be put in, so as always to keep up the said number as they are increased by two, three, or four in the year, at the end of the said sixty years next after my decease, and when they shall come to the whole number of one hundred and twenty, which number may be afterwards increased, if the revenues will afford it, and my trustees, for the time being, shall see expedient; and my desire is, and I do hereby will and direct, that such house or houses and buildings as hereafter mentioned, shall be erected and built, shall be not only strong and durable, but also neat, entire, uniform, and convenient. And my will and mind is, that the same building in the whole, shall contain two hundred and sixty feet in length, and two hundred and twenty feet in breadth; that there shall be thirteen or fourteen rooms on each side of

the court yard, and each room to contain eight feet and a half in height. and thirteen or fourteen feet square. and to be built with two stories in height, and that there shall be a court yard in the midst, and that the kitchen shall contain forty feet thereof in length, and twenty-one feet in breadth, with a cellar under the same, built with arch work. and the hall shall contain sixty feet in height, and twenty-one feet in breadth, for the boys to dine in or be taught, as it shall be convenient, and that other part of the said building shall be the school, which shall be sixty feet long, and twenty-one feet in breadth, and other part thereof shall be a chapel for the reading divine service and preaching sermons, for the honour and service of Almighty God, according to the usage of the church of England, but not otherwise, which shall also be sixty feet long, and twenty-one feet in breadth, all which said building shall make together two hundred and sixty feet in length, and two hundred and twenty feet in breadth, including the court-yard and the said chapel. school, hall, and kitchen. and shall range together, and be placed at the further end of the court yard; the said building to be erected in the Close, commonly called the Home Close. with a pair of large gates at the entrance thereof, and free-stone steps leading up severally to the said kitchen, hall, school, and chapel, which are to stand North and South, and to be a yard rising from the ground; and I earnestly desire that all the said buildings so to be erected and made, be built very strong, and be supported by pillars or buttresses as shall be thought needful and substantial, and if there be occasion, there may be built, five or six rooms on each side of the gates, two stories high, in the same manner as the other rooms are before herein appointed to be built, viz. thirteen or fourteen on each side of the court-yard. The charge of all which said building, I hope will not exceed in the whole, four thousand pounds. and that the same be built some at a time, as occasion shall require, and if my said estate which I have together computed to be two hundred and sixty pounds per annum, shall not amount to so much, but be reduced by repairs and losses of rents, or otherwise, to two hundred and twenty, or two hundred pounds per annum, my will is, that what shall remain clear thereof, at the end of every year, or at

any time in the year. after paying as I have hereinbefore directed. and the necessary charges my trustees shall be put to, shall be put out at interest by my trustees for the time being. or the major part of them on the best security or securities they can get, and what shall thereby arise shall from time to time be appropriated towards the augmentation of the said estate. for the ends, uses, intents, and purposes aforesaid, and may be laid out for such purpose, in purchasing of lands, tenements. hereditaments; and as for appointing of masters or other persons to teach and take care in instructing the said boys according to this my will, and to teach them reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the greek and latin tongues, according to their several capacities. I leave to my trustees, for the time being, or the major part of them, provided they be such as are members of the Church of England, and not dissenters from the same; and also for appointing the Minister who shall read divine service according to the Liturgy and usage of the Church of England. and preach in the said chapel, which may be one or more of the said masters to be appointed for learning the said boys, as aforesaid, and which I will shall be taught and admitted according to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England, and I would have the headmaster to be of the degree of a Master of Arts, and regularly educated at one of the universities.

But, I shall leave to my trustees, or the major part of them as they think needful, whom I also desire and appoint to be the head governors and directors, from time to time for the well managing and ordering the said boys, according to the true intent and meaning of this my will, and for the well governing them as they shall see expedient, and from time to time to make, substitute and appoint such governors under them, and governors, master and other needful persons therein as they shall find necessary, and to make such provisions and allowance for them as they shall see reasonable, and as the revenues will afford, and the same or any of them to expel and remove for neglect, or misbehaviour in their several places, desiring my said trustees to take such care and order and make such provisions as the said houses and buildings when erected

may be continued and preserved in good repair; and my will and desire is, that my said trustees or the major part of them, or the chief governor or master to be by them appointed, shall have full power and authority from time to time, when and as often as any of the said boys so to be taught and instructed pursuant to this my will, shall prove disobedient, disorderly or ungovernable or refuse to learn, or become incorrigible wholly to remove and expel them, which boy or boys so removed or expelled, shall be incapable from the time of such expulsion to have any further benefit of this my will and charity, by me intended, unless my trustees for the time being, or the major part of them shall be so well satisfied of their amendment and good behaviour for the future, as to re-admit them within the space of six months next after such removal or expulsion. which in such a case they have power to do if in their discretions they shall so think so fit but not otherwise.

ITEM. My will and mind is. that mine or my said first wife's relations, or such as descend from them, may be preferred before strangers.

ITEM. My will and mind is, that my trustees or the major part of them, do from time to time keep proper books for the entering down of all matters to be done and transacted pursuant to this my will, or to appoint some trusty or proper clerk or person, from time to time, to do the same, of whom they shall have the inspection, and pay him reasonably for his trouble and pains, to be taken therein, according as they shall see he shall deserve and if my trustees, for the time being, or the major part of them, shall find that the revenues of my said estate, and the increase to be made thereof, shall not be sufficient to maintain one hundred and twenty boys in manner as intended in and by this my will, that then they shall put in or provide for no more, nor continue more than the same revenues will extend to, or provide for, in manner as aforesaid, any thing in this my will contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And my will and meaning is, that the thirty boys which shall be in being, under the provision aforesaid, at the

end of the said sixty years next after my decease, shall be then put into the said new house or building, or such part thereof, as shall by that time be built and finished; as also two, three, or four boys, to be from that time yearly taken in, and provided for as aforesaid, until they make up the said number of one hundred and twenty boys, or such lesser number as the revenues of my said estate, and the increase thereof, will maintain as aforesaid, after the said rate, in this my will appointed, and to be appointed, which said thirty boys to be put into the new house or building, as aforesaid, at the end of sixty years next after my decease; and also, the two, three, or four boys to be yearly, from thenceforth put in, as aforesaid, shall be provided for and allowed in such manner as is hereinafter mentioned and expressed, viz. on the Sunday, each boy to have for his dinner, one pound of roast beef, and for his supper, twelve ounces of plumb pudding, and what roast beef he left out of his allowance at dinner. On the Monday morning for his breakfast, a halfpenny white loaf, with butter or cheese, which he liketh best; for his dinner, milk broth and suet dumpling; and for his supper at night. bread and cheese, or bread and butter. On the Tuesday morning for his breakfast, bread and cheese, or bread and butter; for dinner, twelve ounces of boiled beef, mutton, or veal, with garden stuff and butter sufficient; and at night for his supper. what meat he leaves out of his allowance at dinner, with bread and cheese, or bread and butter. On the Wednesday morning for his breakfast, meat broth with oatmeal and bread sufficient; for dinner, peas-porridge or fish, if reasonable, or peas and beans, if in season, with butter sufficient; and at night, bread and cheese, or bread and butter. On the Thursday morning for breakfast, bread and cheese, or bread and butter; for his dinner, each boy twelve ounces of boiled beef, with garden stuff and butter sufficient; and at night, what meat he left out of his allowance at dinner, with bread and cheese, or bread and butter. On the Friday morning, each boy for his breakfast, meat broth with oatmeal and bread sufficient; at noon, for his dinner, twelve ounces of plumb baked pudding; and at night for his supper, bread and cheese, or bread and butter. On the Saturday morning, each boy for his breakfast, bread

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and cheese, or bread and butter; for his dinner, at noon, firmety. rice milk, or milk broth, with bread; and at night, a halfpenny white loaf, with butter or cheese. The exact weekly allowance whereof, for every particular boy, is as followeth, viz. for each boy, seven pounds of bread or flour, the wheat to be at sixteen shillings and sixpence a combe.

ITEM. For each boy three pounds of beef, mutton, veal or lamb, with suet for puddings; the meat at three shillings and eightpence per stone.

ITEM. For each boy twenty ounces of butter at sixpence.

ITEM. Each boy two pounds of cheese at fourpence.

ITEM. Each boy to have eight quarts of beer, the beer to be brewed with five pecks of malt to the barrel; and four ounces of hops to each barrel; and the malt to be reckoned at ten shillings per combe, and no more.

ITEM. Each boy for milk, eggs and firing to bake their puddings, for plumbs, sugar, salt, oatmeal, pepper vinegar, mustard, peas and beans. fish and garden stuff, rice and wheat for firmety, and such odd things. each boy per week, in all, one shilling. And my mind and will is, and I do hereby order and appoint, that what victuals I have herein above ordered each boy, shall not be given out to them by weight or measure, but set upon the table. that every one may have enough in a reasonable and decent manner, and what shall remain thereof, shall be taken care of by the master.

ITEM. My will and mind is, and I do hereby allow two servants to make ready their diet, and to attend them at their meals, and to carve and cut their victuals, and to do all other necessary things and services for them, as occasion shall be; and for their care and pains to be taken therein, I do hereby allow them three pounds a year wages each, and that they

have the same allowance or commons as the boys have, during the continuance of such their service.

ITEM. My mind and will is, and I do hereby order and direct, that their bread shall be made of the corn as it comes from the mill.

ITEM. My mind and will is. that every boy shall be allowed for clothes and other wearing apparel and linen, as is hereinafter mentioned. imprimis, two hats. eight shillings the two.

ITEM. Two shirts of hussiffs cloth, twelve pence per yard, six shillings the two.

ITEM. Three pairs of shoes. and three times mending. ten shillings.

ITEM. Three pairs of stockings, six shillings.

ITEM. For yarn to mend his stockings, one shilling.

ITEM. For cloth for neck cloths or bands, each boy. three shillings.

ITEM. For two pair of gloves each boy. one shilling and sixpence.

ITEM. To the barber for trimming each boy, and looking after his hair, one shilling.

ITEM. For caisey cloth. for coat, waistcoat, and breeches for every boy. of a hazel colour. and buttons of the same colour, and green plush to face the sleeves, and for making them and finding all materials to make them withal, the coat to be without a lining, and the- waistcoat and breeches lined with dimity. the caisey cloth to be of the value of three shillings and sixpence a yard, forty shillings.

ITEM. For books, pens, ink, and paper, thirteen shillings to be bought by the head schoolmaster.

ITEM. To be allowed each boy, sixpence per quarter for spending money.

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ITEM. My mind and will is, that they may have table linen clean twice a week, of hussiffs cloth, towels, seven in a week, or more, if occasion, clean. which shall be round, and run in a frame upon a piece of turned wood, and made of cloth of eightpence per yard; and knives and trenches to eat of on, and pewter dishes to put their victuals in, to bring it on the table; two pair of sheets for each bed, to be bought new in, by my trustees, and two boys to lay in one bed, and two beds in a room, and from time to time to be kept in repair by the master, and to be by him left full as good as they were when he found them, or else to be forced to allow as much money as will make the same good again, in lieu thereof, and that he be obliged to give bond to do the same, for washing of their shirts and other wearing linen, and for all other linen to be used clean. as aforesaid, each boy per annum, nine shillings.

ITEM. For the mending of their shirts. coats, waistcoats. breeches, and other wearing apparel, and for thread and materials to do them withal, the same to be done in a good and hussiffly manner; and if any of the boys shall want a waistcoat to be made of any of their old coats, the master of the house shall be at the charge, and for all such little necessary things, which are not thought of, nor inserted in this my will, as shall be requisite for the keeping the boys tight and clean, which the master shall take care and see done, and for so doing, I do hereby allow him therefore ten shillings per annum, for each boy, and also the profit of their over worn apparel.

ITEM. My mind and will is, that they shall have all their apparel, linen, and all other necessities new, at our Lady day in every year.

ITEM. My mind and will is, and I do hereby direct, order, and appoint, that my trustees shall, within one month or sooner, next after my decease, choose and elect Mr. William Rolfe, (one of my trustees herein mentioned,) to be attorney and treasurer for all such sums of money as shall be owing to me, at the time of my decease. And I do hereby desire the rest of my trustees and executors, herein named, to give unto the said William Rolfe, full power to sue for, recover, and

receive the same, and also to pay unto him such a salary for doing thereof, as they shall think convenient; and when the said William Rolfe shall have settled this my will, in a good condition. I give him twenty guineas to buy him a piece of plate, besides paying him for his trouble and pains. to be by him taken in the doing thereof, if the said William Rolfe shall be living six months next after my decease.

ITEM. My will and mind is. that my trustees shall pay and allow unto the head schoolmaster, for teaching and instructing of forty boys yearly, the sum of fifty pounds, of good and lawful money of Great Britain; and that when the number of boys to be put out and provided for, as aforesaid, shall exceed forty, then my trustees, for the time being, or the major part of them, shall get and procure another schoolmaster, or usher, under the head schoolmaster, to teach the rest of the boys, and that they allow him what salary they shall think fit, for the doing the same, not exceeding fifty pounds per annum.

ITEM. My will and mind is, that the masters shall have the same allowance of victuals or commons that the boys are to have, as is hereinbefore set forth, and that the head master do find candles for the boys to sup by, and at all other times but when they are at their books.

ITEM. My will and mind is, and I do hereby direct and order my trustees, hereinbefore named, or whosoever else shall hereafter be my trustees, as aforesaid, to meet four times in every year at least, and oftener, as occasion shall require, to consult and take proper measures in the improving and advancing this my charitable bequest; and in the ordering, letting, settling, and disposing of the same according to the true intent and meaning of this my will; and I do hereby charge them to be vigilant, careful, and industrious in the well managing, ordering, letting, settling, and disposing of the charitable gift or bequest in this my will contained. as they may be able to answer the same another day.

ITEM. My will and mind is, that the boy which is herein by me, in this my will, ordered and appointed to be by my

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trustees, put out and provided for at the end of two years next after my decease, shall not be by them put out and provided for, as is hereinbefore mentioned, till either Michaelmas day or our Lady day (which shall first happen next after my decease). next after the end or expiration of the said two years, and that every succeeding two years, in which I have hereby appointed one boy to be put out and provided for, as aforesaid, shall begin and go on from the day on which such first boy shall be put out, as aforesaid: any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise. notwithstanding; and that if my trustees, or the major part of them, for the time being, shall see it needful and requisite that the masters and servants to be by them appointed. as is hereinbefore mentioned. should have one meal of meat more in a week, than is herein appointed for them to have, that then. and in such a case, it shall be lawful to and for my trustees, or the major part of them, for the time being. to allow unto them, for such extraordinary meal of meat, sixpence a piece weekly.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor people of the parish of Catton aforesaid, for the time being, yearly and every year, for ever, the sum of ten shillings per annum, of good and lawful money of Great Britain, to be paid them by my trustees, for the time being, or the major part of them, at or in the South porch of the parish church of Catton aforesaid, and on or upon the nine and twentieth day of September in every year, and to be by them paid and distributed at sixpence a piece to and amongst twenty of the poorest and most indigent persons of the same parish, on or upon the first day of November, then next following, yearly and every year, for ever.

Then, I give and bequeath unto Catharine Norman, my dear and loving wife, the sum of ten pounds, of good and lawful money of Great Britain, to buy her mourning, to be paid her by my executors and trustees. herein above named, within one month next after my decease.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto Ann Harrold, widow and relict of Thomas Harrold late of the city of Norwich, Upholsterer,

deceased. who was late the daughter of John Mace. late of the same city. Worstead Weaver, deceased, yearly and every year during the term of her natural life, one annuity or rent-charge of four pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain, to be paid her by my trustees for the time being, at four equal quarterly payments at the four most usual quarter days or day of payment in the year. that is to say, the five and twentieth day of March, the four and twentieth day of June. the nine and twentieth day of September. and the five and twentieth day of December, the first payment thereof to begin and be made, on or upon the first of the said days which shall first happen next after my decease, for the more true and sure payment whereof. I do hereby oblige and tye all that close of arable land of me the said John Norman, situate, lying and being in Catton aforesaid, commonly called or known by the name of the Great Field containing by estimation thirteen acres, be the same more or less, now in the use or occupation of Robert Robertson, or his assigns with power of entry for the said Ann Harrold, or her assigns; in case the said annuity or rent-charge, or any part thereof, shall be behind or unpaid at any of the days or times above limited or appointed, for the payment thereof, contrary to the true intent and meaning of these presents, to enter upon the said close, called the Great Field. and the same to have hold and enjoy. and the rents, issues. and profits thereof, to have, receive, and take, until out of the clear rents, issues, and profits thereof she be fully paid and satisfied. the same, and all arrears, if any there be, and all such costs and charges as she shall reasonably sustain, or be put unto. in the obtaining thereof.

ITEM. My will and mind is. that at the end of the said sixty years next after my decease, every boy which shall be then provided for, as is hereinbefore mentioned, before he shall be capable of receiving or having benefit of this my will, or the charitable bequest by me hereby intended, shall bring with him one pair of new hussiffs cloth sheets the hussiffs cloth to be the value of one shilling and sixpence per yard, and two new hussiffs cloth shirts the hussiffs cloth to be of the value of one shilling per yard; and also, that no person or persons

whatsoever, shall be capable of giving anything towards the augmentation of this, my charitable bequest, except it be such as have received any benefit thereby; and they shall not be capable of giving anything except a piece of plate, or a small library or collection of books. Also my mind and will is. that my trustees then, for the time being, shall, when the hospital or building by me intended, in and by this my will, as is hereinbefore mentioned, shall be built and finished out of the rents and profits of my said estate, buy and provide coppers, vessels, tables, chairs, beds, and all other household stuff, and implements of household, to and for the said hospital or building. neat, suitable, and convenient.

ITEM. My will and mind is, that my trustees then, for the time being, shall, when the said hospital or building, as aforesaid. to be built, shall be built and finished out of the rents and profits of my said estate. buy and purchase a small library of books, not exceeding twenty pounds, for the use and benefit of the boys. to be provided for, as aforesaid; of which library I would have the Whole Duty of Man, and Judge Hale's Contemplation to be parcel. Also. that if my trustees, for the time being, shall think that the master, which is to be by them appointed, for victualling the boys aforesaid, shall not have benefit enough thereby. I do hereby order and direct them to allow unto them yearly. such salary therefore, as they shall think he shall deserve, not exceeding twenty pounds over and above the benefit he shall reap thereby.

In Witness whereof, I the said John Norman, the testator, have, to this my last will and testament, contained in fifteen sheets of paper, sown, and sealed together at the top, to every sheet thereof, set my hand, and to the last, my seal, the nineteenth day of February, in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign. Lord George, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c., annoqui dui 1720. JOHN NORMAN.

Signed, sealed, published. and declared by the said testator, John Norman, to be his last will and testament, in the presence, and testimony of us, who, in his presence, and at his

request, and in the presence of one another, have hereunto set our hands as witnesses thereof (after blotting or erasing out – Herne, Doctor of Divinity from being one of the trustees and executors, in this my will. and putting in or interlining in his room, Thomas Tanner, Doctor of Divinity, Chancellor of Norwich). Thomasin Brown. Ann Shreeve, Tho. Brown, John Lynes, Junr.

A Codicil to the last will and testament of John Norman Esquire, Citizen and Alderman of Norwich, to which this is annexed, made this six and twentieth day of June. in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign. Lord George, by the Grace of God. King of Great Britain. annoqui dui 1723. as followeth:—

Whereas, since the making and publishing of my said last will and testament, Augustine Metcalfe, Esquire, and John Richardson. Clerk. two of my trustees and executors in my said will named, are deceased. I do. therefore, hereby nominate and appoint Benjamin Nuthall. of the City of Norwich, Esquire, and Robert Mott, of the same city, Worstead Weaver, to be executors of my said will, and trustees, together with the others surviving. in the said will named, for the uses, intents, and purposes therein expressed. in the room and stead of the said Augustine Metcalfe. and John Richardson. deceased.

And whereas, William Brereton. late of Trowse. next Norwich, Beer Brewer. deceased, who was the former husband of Catharine. my now wife, did, in his lifetime, mortgage his houses and lands in Trowse, next Norwich. to Christian Hunton. Widow, since deceased, for the payment of three hundred pounds. and interest.

And whereas, also. the said William Brereton did, in his lifetime. mortgage certain houses, lands. and tenements, of him, the said William Brereton, in the parish of Saint John Sepulchre. in the ward of Ber street, in the said city of Norwich, for securing the payment of two hundred pounds, and interest. to Thomas St. John, Gentleman. since also deceased, to all which said mortgaged premises, the said Catharine. my wife, is entitled, for the term of her life, by virtue of some jointure or settlement thereof, made to her, upon her marriage with her said former husband, William Brereton, or some otherwise, subject to the said two several mortgages, which said mortgages are, since my marriage with the said Catherine, assigned over to me. or some other person or persons in trust for me, upon payment of the principal monies thereupon

due, at the time of such assignments by virtue whereof, the interest for the said two several sums of three and two hundred pounds, accruing from the time of such assignment, may probably be claimed by my executors, to the prejudice of my said wife. Now, my mind and will is. and I do hereby order and direct, that if my said wife be living at the time of my decease, she shall not be charged, or chargeable, nor the said premises, or any part thereof, during her life, with the payment of any interest money upon the said mortgages, or either of them, which shall or may be due, at the time of my decease; but she shall be, and is hereby freed and discharged of, and from the said interest money due, or demandable of her, at such time of my decease, if she shall be then living, she paying the interest thereof, as the same shall grow due for the future, to commence from the time of my decease, during her life, and keeping the premises in good tenantable reparation. And further, my mind and will is, that this present codicil is, and shall be taken as part of my said last will and testament, hereby confirming all and every the devises and bequests therein contained, which are not repugnant to this present codicil.

In Witness whereof, I, the said John Norman, the testator, have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

JOHN NORMAN.

Signed, sealed, published. and declared by the said John Norman. as part of his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, in his presence, and at his request, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereof, Sarah Agas, Judith Elliott, Chris. Hardwick. Edmund Hooke.

THE END.

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