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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN WHITE

In the name of God Amen. The twenty sixth day of July in the eleventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland being Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven. I John White of Witcomb in the parish of Hilmarton in the County of Wilts yeoman being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory (Thanks be to God) Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following. Ffirst I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to be buried in Christian and devout manner by my Executrix herein after named. And as for Counting and Concerning such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to Blefs me I Give Devist and Dispose therof in manner following ffirst I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter Anne White the sum of fifty pounds of good and lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executrix herein after named within six months most after my decease Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Trusty and wellbeloved ffriends William Gale Clerk and Stephen White of Compton Bassett yeoman as a token of my Love the sum of ffive shillings each to be paid by my Executrix within One month after my Decease. All the rest and residue of my Goods, Chattles and Estate of what kind or nature so ever the same be (after discharging the several legacys herein before by me given my ffunerall Expenses and all such Just Debts which I shall Owe at the time of my decease) I Give and Bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Wife Hester (?) and to my Daughters Elizabeth White, Hester (?) White, Jane White, Sarah White and Mary White whom I make joint Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. And I do hereby Constitute and Appoint the said William Gale and Stephen White Trustees of this my Will to see the same performed and more particularly in seeing that an Equal Division be made of my Goods Chattles and Estate so as aforesaid by me Given and bequeathed to my said Dear Wife Hester (?) and to my said Daughters Elizabeth, Hester (?), Jane, Sarah and Mary And my Will and I do hereby declare that my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivor shall be reimbursed all such Charges and Expenses as they or either of them shall Expend or be lyable unto in or about the Execution of this Trust in them reposed by this my Will. And Lastly I do hereby revoke disannull and make void all former and other Wills by me at any time made and do declare this to be my Last Will and Testament in Witnefs thereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and published by the said Testator Last Will and Testament in his presence we have hereunto sett our names in his and in the presence of one another

Nath James
Thomas Panting
? Efsington

John White (seal)

At Chippenham this nineteenth day of November 1737 Elizabeth White and Hester (?) White two of the Daughters and Executrix (the like sponsor being reserved to the others) were duly sworn before me

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