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Probate of Joan Lanfear of Heddington, Wiltshire

Will dated 18 Sep 1725

Proved: Archdeaconry of Wiltshire 4 Nov 1728

In the name of God Amen I Joan Lanfear of the parish of Hedington in the County of Wilts widow being in good health of body and of sound and proper mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God doe make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and Principally I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty Hopeing Through the Merrits Death and Passon of My Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free Pardon & forgiveness of all my Sins and to Inherit everlasting Life and my Body I committ to the Earth to Bently Buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as Touching all Such Temporall Estate as it hath Pleased God to bestow upon me I give and Dispose of as followeth first I will that all my Debts and funerall charges shall be paid and Discharged Item I give and Divide and bequeath unto my son Ambrose Lanfear my meadow ground Called or known by the name of Kingdom meadow which I bought of John Cooksey and Mary his wife granted unto me by and boarding and Of Cherhill in the tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George Lady Anne Anno Dom 1711to him and his heirs and Assigns in for over to the only proper for & behalf of the said Ambrose Lanfear his heirs and Assigns for ever more. Item I give and bequeath also unto my son Ambrose Lanfear an other meadow ground Called Kingdom meadow which I hold by a lease of years to him the said Ambrose Lanfear his Executors Administrators and Assigns and also another little meadow Called Buttons acre to him his Executors Administrators and Assigns during all the and of the terme to me granted Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Ambrose Lanfear the several acres of field land lying in the fields of Hedington which is held by my daughter Joanes Life to him his Executors and Assigns during her said Life Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joan Lanfear the sum of fourty fifty pounds of good and lawfull money of great Britain in full of all moneys that should or shall come to her from her late father deseased and also from me to her and her Executors and Assigns and also I give and bequeath unto her son Anthony the sum of ten pounds of like lawfull money Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ffell the sum of twenty pounds of good and lawfull money of great Brittain and also Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson Stephen Ffell the sum of tenn shillings Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Lanfear the sum of one shilling Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Lanfear the sum of one shilling Item I give unto my son John Lanfear the sum of one shilling Item I give and begeath unto my daughter Dorothy Bill (?) the sum of one shilling

...... Item I give and bequeath unto my three daughters my wearing Apparell to be Equally divided between them All the rest and Of my personall Estate goods and Chattels whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my son Ambrose Lanfear whom I Constitute and Appoint full and sole Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth day of September in the twelth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King defender of the ffaith etc Anno Dom 1725

Signed Sealled Published and to be my last will and testamant in the presence of

Jone Lemfer (seal)

Jane Tyzer John Crook Jospeh Chapman