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In the name of god Amen the xiiiith daie of/  
Novembre in the yeare of our lord god, a thousand five/  
hundred three score and foure, And in the sixth yeare of the/  
rainge of our soveraigne ladye Elizabeth by the grace of/  
God, of England, Fraunce and Yreland Quene, defendor of/  
the faithe &c. I Michaell Francklyne late of the Towne/  
of Fordw[ic]he in the county of kennte, And now of the Borou[gh]/  
of Hothe in the parishe of Reculver in the said Countye/  
being sycke in Boddye, But of good and p[er]fecte remembrance/  
thankes bee unto Allmighty god, do ordeine and make this my/  
present Testament and last Will in manner and forme followinge/  
Firste I comende my soule to Allmighty god my creator &/  
to Jesus christe my redemer. And my boddie to be buried in the/  
church of Hothe aforesaide, Item I will towards the rep[ar]acions/  
of the parishe churche of [obliterated] pence/  
Item I will and give to the [obliterated] w[i]thin Fordw[ic]h/  
aforesaid and w[i]thin the parish of Sturrye tenne shillings the/  
same to be given unto them within one monethe after the daye/  
of my buriall, Item I give unto syxteine of the moste pooreste/

Inhabitanntes beinge housholders w[it]hin the Burroughe of Hothe/  
aforesaide, to every of the said Inhabitanntes one tolveth of wheate/  
To be paid and deliv[er]ed to ev[er]y of them w[i]thin one monethe next/  
after my deathe. Item I will and give unto Thomas Franclyn/  
my sonne syxe poundes of lawfull monney of Englande, To be/  
paid unto him in the feaste of all Saintes w[hi]che shalbee in the yere/  
of our lord god a thousande five hundrethe three score and five/  
And I will and give unto the said Thomas my sonne two kyne/  
and twenty ewes, and also my woorste fetherbede, one coverlet,  
ii pair of sheets, two blankettes, my shorte yoined table w[i]the/  
foldinge leaves, my little yoined cubberde, two pewter platters/  
ii pewter disshes, one Candlesticke, my shootinge bow and arrowes/  
and my sworde Item I will and give unto Fabian, Gregorye/  
and Valentine Franckelyne my sonnes to every of them syxe/  
poundes thirteine shillinges and foure pence of lawfull monnye/  
to bee paid to every of them, When as and as every of them/  
shall come to the age of xxi yeares. Item I will and give/  
unto James Francklyne the sonne of my brother Nicolas/

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Francklyn all my interest and terme of yeares yet to come of/  
and in one lease of the thirde parte of Hobes cloase in the parishe/  
of Reaculver [insertion - Item I will unto the said James Franklyn  
tenne shillinges of lawful money] Item I will and give unto Katherin my  
daughter/  
my mazer cupp, Item I will and give unto Thomas, Fabiane/  
Gregory and Valentyne my sonnes, and unto Agnes & Margery/  
my daughters to each of them a silver spoone, w[hi]che said Mazer/  
& silver spoones I will shalbe delivered to them, when & as/  
eche of them shall cum to the age of one & twenty yeares/  
Item I will that yf any of my foresaide sonnes doo dep[ar]te afore/  
the daye of payme[n]t of ther legaces or legacye, Then I will/  
that the legacye or legacyes of him or them so dep[ar]tinge shall/  
remayne to his or there brotherne or brother then being a live/  
Item I will to Agnes, Katherine and Margerit my daughters/  
to every of them twenty and three poundes, syxe shillings & eighte/  
pence of lawfull monnye of Englande, To bee paid to every/  
of them When [deleted - as] and as every of them shall come to the age/  
of one and twenty yeares or at the day of marriage yf yt/  
shalbe thought good by [insertion - my deletion - his] Wyf, my brother  
Nicolas Francklyn/  
and by my cosen Robert Knoller provided allwaies that yf/  
any of my foresaid daughters do marry w[i]thout the consent of/  
my said Wyf, my brother Nicolas Francklyn & my Cosen Rob[er]t/  
Knoller, or the more parte of them, or w[i]thout the consent of/  
suche of them, as shalbee alive at the daie of mariage of my/  
said daughters, or any of them, Or yf any of my said three/  
daughters do dep[ar]t this present Worlde afore the daye of/  
payment of ther [deletion - said] legacye as ys afore saide, Then I/  
will that the legacye or legacys of her or them so marrinyg/

w[i]thout the consent or dyinge as ys afore saide, shalle remayne/  
and bee to them or her, then being a live and marriage w[i]the/  
the consent as ys aforesaide. Item I will and give to/  
the foresaid Agnes and Margery my daughters to either of/  
them, one paire of sheets, three pewter platters, three pewter/  
dysshes, three sawsers, (All w[hi]che pewter to bee of my brode/  
brymed pewter) two kandlestickes, and one small kettle, w[hi]che/  
said severall p[ar]cells of housholde stuff as ys aforesaide, shalbe/  
deliv[er]ed to every of my said daughters When and as every of/  
them shall come to the age of one and twentye yeares or/  
at the daie of their marriage. Item I will unto Agnes my/  
daughter one Cowe. Item i will and give unto Margery/

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my daughter one heifer. Item I will and give unto Thom[a]s/  
Francklyne my sonne from and after the feaste of Saint Michael/  
tharchangell next comynge all that my intereste and terme of/  
yeares then to come W[hi]che I have of and in the Teneme[n]t or/  
messuage and certaine landes in Hothe, (W[hi]che I have by lease/  
of one Will[ia]m Lowes uppon condic[i]on followinge, That ys to/  
saye that the saide Thomas Wilbee ordered ruled and gov[er]ned/  
by Nicolas Francklyne my brother and by my Cosen Robert/  
Knoller aforesaide three yeares space nexte after my deathe/  
Item I will that yf [deletion - the, insertion - my] saide sonne  
Thomas will not be ruled/  
ordered and governede by my said brother and Cosen dueringe/  
the space of three yeares, as ys aforesaid, Then I will the/  
Resydue of the said yeares and lease, unto Fabyane, Gregory/  
and Valentyne my sonnes. Item I will that my lease for/  
Granntsley marshe in Chistelet aforesaide from and after the/  
feaste of Saint Michael the Archangell next comynge/  
shalbee employed to the use and behofe of all my fower sonnes/  
as by the discrec[i]ons of my said brother and my Cosen Robert/  
Knoller shalbee thought best. Item I will that myne Executor/  
shall take to and for the better repayringe of my messuage/  
called Botres so muche of the tymbre bordes lathes and/  
larswoode now at my said messuage as shall suffyse for newe/  
loftinge of the hall there newe bourding of the loughte over/  
the Parlor ther, making of a newe Wardashe in the hall/  
ther, And new planckinge of the stable ther W[hi]che saide/  
loughtinge planckinge and makinge of the wardashe shalbee/  
finisshed by myne Executor before the feaste of Saint JOhn/  
the Baptiste nexte comynge, And I will that the chardges of the/  
said repa[r]acions to bee doonne as ys aforesaide shalbee borne/  
and dischargd w[i]the the proffets and yssues comynge and/  
growinge of my foresaide messuage called Botres, and the/  
landes therunto belonginge from and after my deathe untill the/  
feaste of Saint Michael tharchangell then next comynge/  
And when the saide loughtinge planckinge and wardashe/  
ys finisshed, Then I will that the Resydue of the said tymbre/

bordes, lathe and lars shalbee solde for and towardses the payment/  
of my debts [insertion illegible] Item I will & give unto my Cosens  
Alys and/  
katherine Francklyn the daughters of my brother Robert/

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Francklyn to eche of them xxs To bee paid to them at/  
the daye of their marriage. And yf anye of the said Alys/  
and Katherine dye before marriage, Then I will the ov[er]liver/  
to have the parte of her so dyeinge. Item I will that Fabyan/  
my sonne shalbee rueleed ordered and governed by my brother/  
Nicolas Francklyn untill the said Fabyane shall come/  
to the age of one and twenty yeares, And I will that my/  
said brother shall provide that the said Fabyane shortly after/  
my deathe be bounde to som crafte scyence or occupac[i]on, as/  
by the discrec[i]on of my said brother shall seeme best until he  
shall come to the age of one and twenty yeares, or longer/  
yf my said brother shall thincke yt goode. Item I will/  
that Beatrix my Wyf shalhave free dwellinge in the/  
Teneme[n]t at [deletion - Hythe] Hothe w[hi]che I now dwell yn until/  
Michaellmas next comyng after my deathe. Item I will/  
that my brother Nicolas Francklyn shall receive all the/  
proffets & yssues of all my p[ro]pre lanndes and Tenneme[n]ts or/  
messuages whatsoever I have in the County of Kent/  
And also the p[ro]ffets of all other those landes and marshe lands/  
what so ever I have in lease comyng and growing from/  
and after the daye of my deathe untill the feaste of Saint/  
Michaell tharchangell then nexte comyng for and towards/  
the payments of my debts and legaces and towardses thexecuc[i]on/  
of this my present Testament and laste Will, and for and/  
towards the kepinge of my housholde at Hothe, and bringing/  
up of my children, from and after the daye of my deathe/  
untill the feaste of Saint Michaell the archangell/  
then next comyng. And I will that my said brother/  
Nicolas from and after the said feaste of Saint Michaell/  
tharchangell shall receive the proffets of all my landes &/  
Teneme[n]ts and of the partes and p[ur]partes of the lands &/  
Tenneme[n]ts hereafter by this my present Testament and laste/  
Will willed and given to Fabyane Gregory & Valentyne/  
my sonnes or to any of them unto the use of the said Fabyane/  
Gregory and Valentyne untill and as evrye of them shall/  
cum to the age of xxi yeares, [deletion - And then to make]/

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And then to make accompts unto the said Fabyan Gregorye/  
and Valentine of the saide yerly proffets. Item I will/  
that Beatrice my Wyf, from and after the feaste of Saint/  
Michaell tharchangell next comyng shalhave the order rule/  
and governme[n]t of Gregory and Valentyne my sonnes, and of/  
Katherine my daughter, and of every of them so longe and untill/

every of them shall come to the age of twelve yeares w[hic]he/  
said Gregory and Valentyne [deletion - my] and katherine, I will that/  
my said Wyf shall setto scoole untill and as everye of them/  
shall cum to the age of xii yeares And I will that /  
my said wyf shalhave then paid unto her yerlye by my/  
brother Nicolas aforesaide all suche farme of monnye, corne/  
and other thinges as by the space of twelve yeares aforesaide/  
shall yerly ryse and growe uppon the yerlye p[ro]ffets of/  
the landes and tenneme[n]ts, and uppon the partes and p[ur]parts/  
of the landes and Tenneme[n]ts hereafter by this my Testame[n]t/  
and last Will willed and given to the said Gregory and/  
Valentyne and to either of them for and towards the yerly/  
chardges of my said Wyf in and about the kepinge of the said/  
Gregory and Valentyne [deletion - my] and of Katherin my daughter to/  
scoole, And also of fyndinge them meate and Drincke and/  
cloathinge So long and untill as they and every of them/  
shall come to the age of twelve yeares. Item I will.  
that after and as my said three children or any of them/  
have accomplished the [deletion - age] full age of xii yeares Or els/  
yf yt happen my said Wyf to departe this present World/  
before all or some of them shall come to the said age of/  
twelve yeares, Then I will that from hensforthe the/  
said three children and every of them shalbee ruelede/  
governed and ordered by my brother Nicolas aforesaide so/  
longe and untill as every of them shall come to the age/  
of xxi yeares And that then and from thensforthe my/  
said brother shall setle the said gregory and Valentyne or/  
one of them to scoole untill the saide age of twenty & one/

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yeares yf the said Nicolas shall thincke yt meete Or els/  
to sett the said Gregory and Valentyne, or one of them untill/  
the said age of xxi yeares to some scyence, craft, or/  
occupac[i]on, And to setle the said katherine too scoole untill/  
shee accomlishe the age of twelve yeares, yf shee shalbee/  
thoughte apte therunto by my saide brother, And I wille/  
that my said brother shalhave towards his chardges in bringing/  
up of my children aforesaide, or of suche of them livinge/  
above the age of twelve yeares to scoole as ys aforesaide/  
the yerly proffets and Revenues of all the lanndes & Tenneme[n]ts/  
and of the partes and purpartes of the landes and Tenneme[n]ts/  
of the said gregory or Valentyne as by this my prese[n]t/  
Testament and laste Wyll ys willed and given to the said/  
Gregory and Valentyne my sonnes, so long and untill as/  
eche of them the said Gregory and Valentyne shall come/  
to the age of twenty & one yeares, or shalhave so muche/  
therof as shalbee suffycient to satisfye and dischardge the/  
Costes and chardges of the said Nicolas expended in and about/  
the bringing up of my [deletion - children] said three children in  
mann[er]/

and forme as ys abovesaide, And to make accompte of the/  
Resydue therof yf anye bee unto the said Gregory and/  
Valentyne, When and as they & eche of them shall cume to/  
the age of twenty and one yeares, And to make payme[n]t of/  
the said Resydue yf anye bee, to my said children then/  
ymediatlye. Item I will that ymmedyatlye after mye/  
deathe all my Wrytinges Evydences and other bookes, now/  
beinge in a newe cheste shalbee putte into a cheste wythe/  
two lockes for the better and more safer kepinge of mye/  
said Wrytinges evydences & other bookes to the use of all my/  
children, w[hi]che said Wrytinges, evydences and other/  
bookes shalbee put into the said cheste in the presence of my/  
Cosen Robert Knoller and of Thomas Francklyn my sonne/  
And then the said cheste to bee locked up w[i]th the saide two/  
keys, And afterwards the said cheste w[i]th the one key shall/  
remayne w[i]th the my Cosen Robert Knoller, And the other/

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key therof shalbe delivered to Thomas my sonne, And the saide/  
Wrytinges Evydences and Bookes so locked up I will that/  
they shall remayne in the saide Cheste untill my youngest/  
sonne shall cume to the age of twenty & one yeares, And I/  
will that then the said cheste shalbe opened And ye saide/  
Wrytinges, evydences and Bookes to bee deliv[er]ed to my said/  
sonnes or to their heyres, Provided allwaies that yf all/  
my said sonns dye before they shall [deletion] accomplyshe thage/  
of twenty and one yeares, And w[i]thout yssue of ther boddye/  
lawfully begotten, Then I will the saide cheste and other/  
the premisses shalbee deliv[er]ed to my said daughters then/  
beinge a live and to ther heyres. Item I will & give/  
unto Beatryxe my Wyf tenne poundes of lawfull monnye/  
three of my Beste keyne, twentye of my Beste Ewes, syxe/  
quarters of wheate and syxe quarters of barlye, mye/  
gray amblinge mare w[i]th the her suckinge colte, one Sowe/  
twoo of my beste hoges, all my haye now in the stable/  
Barne at Hothe, And also all the strawe of all the/  
corne that ys ymbarned this yeare at Hothe Barne for/  
to finde yno this Wynter all the Cattell afore willed/  
unto the said Beatryxe, Thomas my sonne, Agnes and/  
Margery my daughters, the p[ro]ffets of w[hi]che said Cattle/  
shalbee employed towards the fyndinge of my housholde/  
at Hothe untill Michellmas next comynge after my dethe/  
Item I will and give unto my said Wyf all the Resydue/  
of my Fewell woode now remayninge at Hothe after/  
Michaellmas nexte comynge. Item I give unto my said/  
Wyf all my Wollen yarne, lamb wooll, Poultrye pease/  
cheese and butter And the one half of all my household/  
stuf, even suche half therof as my Wyf shall chose/  
So that shee chouse none of that as by this my Testame[n]te/  
and laste Will ys given to Thomas [deletion - my sonne] Agnes/

and Margery my children, And so that shee chose none/  
of that that ys refounde and letten to farme w[i]the my message/  
at Botress. The Resydue of all my housholde/

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not willed nor [deletion] referred as ys aforesaide, i will and/  
give unto Gregory and Valentyne my sonnes, and to/  
Katherine my daughter equallye to bee shifted amongste/  
them. The kepinge of w[hi]che said Resydue I will/  
that my Wyf shalhave to thuse of my said three children/  
Item I give unto Joanne Baldwyne my servannt/  
syxe shillinges and eighte pence & one Ewe [insertion - Item I give  
to Agnes ..... my servannt vs & a Ewe Item I give unto John Maxted  
my servannt one Ewe] Item I/  
will and give unto Thomas, Fabyan, Gregorye and/  
Valentyne my sonns, from and after the feaste of St Michaell/  
tharchangell nexte comynge, All that my intereste & terme/  
of yeares yet to come, w[hi]che I have of and yn eighte/  
acres & a half of arable grounde lyinge in Chistelet in a/  
fealde thear called churche fealde, p[ar]cell of the mannor of/  
Chistelet Item I will and bequeath to Mr Roberte/  
Aldcocke of Cannterburye gentlema[n] tenne shillinges of/  
monnye. Item I will & give to mye Cosen Mr/  
Thomas Peers tenne shillinges of monnye. Item I give/  
unto my brother Nicolas Franklyn my beste gowne/  
lined w[i]the Bodge, and five poundes of lawfull monnye/  
w[hi]che said Nicolas I make sole Executor of this mye/  
present Testame[n]t and laste Will, And I do ordeyne/  
& make my Cosen Robert Knoller aforesaid Overseer/  
therof, And I will and give unto the said Robert twenty/  
shillinges of lawfull monnye, And I will that myne/  
Executor and Overseer aforesaide shalhave ther Costes/  
and chardges borne in taking of paines about my matter/  
or things concerninge thexecuc[i]on of this my Testame[n]t and/  
laste Will. The Resydue of all my moveable/  
goods and Cattells, my debts legaces and funerall expenses/  
fully satisfyed contented and paide I will and give to my four/  
sonns aforesaide, equally to bee shifted amongste them/  
When the youngeste of them shall come to the age of/  
twenty & one yeares. And yf my said sonnes do all/  
dye, Then I will that the said moveable goods and/  
Cattells, my debts and legaces & funerall expenses dischardged/

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and paid as ys aforesaide shall remayne holleye unto my daughters/  
then beinge a live. Item I will that w[i]thin fourteene/  
dayes nexte after my deathe a true and p[er]fect Inventarye of/  
all my moveable goodes & Cattells shalbee taken & apprised/  
by my Cosens Robert Knoller and John Knoller, James/

Wylkynson or the over liver of them, And by Thomas/  
Franncklyn my sonne, This beinge Wytressed Valentyne/  
Norton gentillma[n], John Willinson jurats of the Towne of/  
Fordw[i]che aforesaid, John Knoller of Hothe & James/  
Wylkynson. p[er] me p[re]dictum Michelem Franncklyn/

#### Suggested Glossary/

bodge - budge, the skin of lambs prepared for trimming clothes/  
kyne/keyne - cattle/  
mazer cupp - cup without a foot, originally made of hard woo, but  
later of various metals/  
tolvet - tovet, a half a bushel/

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