

In the Name of God Amen The Twentieth day of January in the Thirtieth year of the Reigne  
of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender  
of the Faith &c in the year of our Lord god 1661 I Ann Brand at Oatley now wife of  
Edward Oatley of Honham in the County of Essex Taylor being sick of body yett of perfect  
minde and Memory praised be unto Almighty god for the same yett knowing that my tyme  
here upon Earth is but shewte and my Life uncertaine I doo therefore hereby make and  
ordaine this my Last will & Testament in manner and forme following first and  
principally I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker Saviour  
and Redeemer And my body I Commit to the Earth from whence it was taken and to be Buried  
at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named from I give and bequeath unto Mary  
Burke the wife of John Burke of Littlebury my best parterre to be delivered unto her within  
Two monthes next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named being Lawfully demanded  
from I give and bequeath unto Mary Hledy or the wife of William Hledy my best  
parterre to be delivered unto her by my Executors hereafter named being Lawfully demanded  
from I give and bequeath unto Edward Oatley my wellbelovd husband All that my two  
poore or poorells of Coppinants Land lying in Hlatsford and Coppertonford and Hlido  
containing by estimation two Acres and a halfe more or lesse To be and remaine  
the proper use and behoofe of the said Edward Oatley and to his heirs and Assignes forever  
Upon the Conditions hereafter named from I give and bequeath unto Thomas  
my husbande from the Summe of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull money of England to be  
paid unto him within one year next after my decease being Lawfully demanded of the said  
Oatley his Executors or Administrators from I give and bequeath unto Hester Oatley  
my husbande daughter the Summe of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull money of England to be paid  
unto her by my Executors hereafter named within Two years next after my decease being  
Lawfully demanded from I give and bequeath unto Edward Oatley my husbande from the  
Summe of Thirty Shillings of Lawfull money of England to be paid unto him within three  
years next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named being Lawfully demanded  
from I give and bequeath unto Mary Oatley my husbande daughter the Summe of Thirty  
Shillings of Lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within three years next after  
my decease by my Executors hereafter named being Lawfully demanded And if it shall  
happen that the said Edward Oatley refuse to pay or satisfie these Summes of money as  
aforesaid Then I give and bequeath the aforesaid two poore or poorells of Coppinants  
Land unto Edward Oatley his sonne and to his heirs and Assignes forever Upon  
Condition of the payments as aforesaid And if he refuse to paye them as aforesaid  
Then I give the said poorells of Land unto Thomas Oatley Hester Oatley and Mary  
Oatley and to their heirs & Assignes forever And I doo hereby make and ordaine  
my wellbelovd husband Edward Oatley my sole Executor of this my Last will and  
Testament In witness whereof I have caused this my will to be written  
and published & declared I have hereunto set my hand & Seale the day & year first  
above written

Sealed & published and  
declared in the presence of  
Richard a Hoy the Ox  
his marks  
Symon Hayward

Ann Brand at Oatley  
her marks





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Edm ayud hda cam  
24 die februarij Anno  
Dni (Milo Angli) 1603.  
Ord mro Thoma Carter  
Clero Surro ex curato  
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