

DIACW 19/98

In the name of God amen the birthday of March in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred  
 seventy & seven, Martha Cooper late of Nonham in the County of Devon being sick in body but of good and  
 perfect memory thanks be to allmighty God. She calling to remembrance y<sup>e</sup> uncertain estate of this transitory  
 life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, Do make constitute ordaine & declare  
 this my last will and Testament. In manner & forme following, making & annulling by these presents, every  
 Testament & Testaments will. I will have to force by me made & declared, either by word or writing. & this  
 to be taken only for my last will & Testament & none other, the first being pointed & sayd from the bottom of  
 my heart for my sins past, most humbly desiring forgiueness for y<sup>e</sup> same. I give & commit my soule unto allmighty  
 God my saviour & Redeemer in whom by the merits of Iesus Christ I trust & believe assuredly to be saved, & to have  
 full remission & forgiveness of all my sinnes. And that my soule with my body at y<sup>e</sup> general day, or resurrection,  
 shall rise againe with joy, & through the merits of Christ death & passion, possess & inherit the Kingdom of heauen  
 prepared for his elect & chosen. And my body to be buried in such place where it shall please my Executor hereafter  
 named to appoint. And now for the settling of my temporall estate. I such goods Chattells & Debts as it hath pleased God  
 for a bene my debts. to bestow upon me. I do ordaine give & dispose the same in manner & forme following  
 That is to say. first I will that all those debts & duties as I owe in Right or Controvers to any manner of person or  
 persons what so ever shall be with each contented & paid or ordered to be paid in a reasonable time after my decease  
 by my Executor hereafter named. Inp<sup>er</sup>miss I do give & bequeath to my Cousin Margaret. y<sup>e</sup> wife of Edward y<sup>e</sup> younger  
 one shorke booy of shorke Colston. a little Cattle holding about two quarts. & a little & pitt. and two k<sup>itt</sup>ies. such as my  
 my executor shall give her. Item I give to my Brother John Givoe one shilling. Item I give to John  
 Witherspoon the sonne of Alexander widows poore. one shilling & three pence. to bind him out to a Trade  
 Item for the rest of my goods & Chattells. & Monyes owing to me I do give & bequeath to my Cousin  
 Robert Underwood & Mary his wife: whom I make my whole & sole executor. the name of  
 Martha Cooper

Dealt & delivered in the presence of  
 witnesses of us ————— John S. Smyth

Martha Cooper



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20 New  
Groose 19/98

Mertha  
Herham

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Mertha Groves  
her mill  
Al. Coe  
at Sep. 19/98

John & Mary  
James  
John  
at Sep. 19/98

Richard wood owes unto me. 13 pounds. 4 shillings  
The two yeeres entrest due at Coals fair  
last past the date of this will. I own unto J<sup>r</sup> son  
Richard wood for 9 pound  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Cheese at  $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  pound  
& 2 pound  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Beefe at  $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  pound

the made of  
Mathew Groves

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Richard wood was into no. 13 pounds. 14 shillings  
The two yowes outwast us at Cocho-fawo  
Last part the date of this will. I was into 3 sars  
Richard wood for 9 pound 2 s of Cheese at 2. 2. 2 pound  
2 2 pound 2 a 2 of Books at 2. 2. 2 pound

the mark of  
Nathor Gwors

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Groose 19/98  
Martha  
of  
Neham

Martha Groose  
her will  
N. Col. ~~Martha Groose~~  
Neham  
27. Sep. 98

Apud Ward 24<sup>o</sup> Septembris 1698  
Coram oblige Robto Bullmer C<sup>o</sup>  
jurid<sup>o</sup> h<sup>o</sup> officiali B<sup>o</sup>spit<sup>o</sup> protulit<sup>o</sup> fact<sup>o</sup>  
injuriam<sup>o</sup> sup<sup>o</sup>amentis<sup>o</sup> Juramento<sup>o</sup> Subscribit<sup>o</sup>  
vni sui commiss<sup>o</sup> et d<sup>o</sup> Cur<sup>o</sup> et jurat<sup>o</sup> fact<sup>o</sup> et  
fit