

In the Name of God Amen This is the last Will and
Testament of me James Goodeham of Scote otherwise Esmondston
in the County of Norfolk Farmer Being of sound mind memory
and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same
First I revoke all former and other Wills and Testaments by me made
and make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament I give unto
my Son Ezekiel Goodeham or his Heirs all first Messuage or Doublement
Cottage together with the remaining part of Land my property containing
about four acres more or less lying in Scote otherwise Esmondston
which I purchased of Philip Collett formerly the property of John Sypple
and others my said Son Ezekiel Goodeham is not to have possession
of the aforesaid Tenement or Cottage Land or Hereditaments till the
Eleventh day of October after my decease and I give and bequeath
unto my Son William Goodeham of Scote otherwise Esmondston
aforesaid or his Heirs for ever all my other real Estate Lands Tenements
and Hereditaments situate in Scote otherwise in Esmondston
aforesaid or elsewhere also all my personal property or estate of
what nature or kind soever I may die possessed of subject to pay
all my just debts Funeral expences Probate of this my Will and
legacys hereafter made viz, unto my said Son Ezekiel fifty
pounds of good and lawful money to be paid within six Months
after my decease also unto my Daughter Elizabeth the Wife of
James Worts of Bungay in the County of Suffolk or her Heirs

lawfully begotten the sum of two hundred pounds of good and lawful money also to be paid her within twelve Months after my decease my said Daughter having had Two hundred pounds during my life also unto my two Sons Thomas and Horace Gooderham the sum of Four hundred pounds each to be paid them when they attain the age of twenty five years and not before but that my said Son William Gooderham shall pay to my two Sons Thomas and Horace twenty pounds a year each every year till they attain the age of twenty five years to be paid half yearly the first payment to be made within six Months after my decease but if either of my two Sons Thomas or Horace depart this life before they attain the age of twenty five years then their share or shares to be equally divided between all their Brothers and Sister or their Issues and unto my Son Joel Gooderham twenty pounds a year during his natural life to be paid half yearly the first payment to be made within six Months after my decease if my said Son Joel Gooderham should come to England and claim the same in person and not otherwise also unto my Son John Gooderham Twenty pounds a year during his natural life to be paid half yearly the first payment to be made within six Months after my decease and unto my Mother in law Sarah Rodwell who live with me eighteen pounds a year during her natural life to be paid half yearly the first payment to be made within six Months after my decease also unto her Sister Susannah Welton who live with me nine pounds a year during her natural life to be paid half yearly the first payment to be made within six Months after my decease and lastly I nominate and appoint Mr William Eaton of Bardonoe in the County of Suffolk Farmer and my said Son William Gooderham Executors of this my last Will & Testament [who I desire should be paid for their necessary trouble and expences in executing the same] In witness whereof I the said James Gooderham the Testator have to this my last Will & Testament containing in one

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Much of paper set my hand and seal this twenty day of March
one thousand eight hundred and twenty

Signed James Gooderham

Signed sealed and delivered published and declared by the said
James Gooderham the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in
the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses
to the same

Signed James Cooper Robert Lusham Thomas Peck

Personal under £450. £8 per.

23 Sheets

Proved 23rd September 1823 by the Executors
named in the said before the Reverend
James Williams Newton Minister ^{and} ~~Minister~~ to
the Woolsthorpe William George Clerk
M.A. Officer Jr
Examined the day of 182

In the goods of James Gooderham
deceased

William Eaton of Bradwell in the County of Suffolk gentleman and
William Gooderham of Asmondiston otherwise Scote in the County of
Norfolk Farmer the Executors named in the last Will and Testament
of James Gooderham late of Asmondiston aforesaid Farmer deceased
sverally make oath as follows And first the said William Eaton for
himself saith that the said James Gooderham deceased departed this
life on or about the second day of April and that the paper writing
hereunto annexed marked (A) purporting to be the last will and
Testament of the said deceased was in his lifetime believed to be the
document being sent to him through the post office and remained
in the custody of the deponent until his death that the
deponent produced the same paper writing marked (A) at the

Funeral of the deceased and then and there openly read the same in the presence and hearing of the said William Gooderham and of the persons then and there assembled And the said Deponent William Eaton further saith that he took the said paper writing or last will and Testament of the said deceased to the Dwellinghouse of the said deponent and deposited the same in a drawer there and that on or about the fifth day of June last by the falling of a Bottle which contained Oil of vitriol near the drawer in which the said Will was deposited some of the Oil entered the drawer and came upon the said paper writing or will by means whereof several parts of the said will became obliterated as now appears in six several parts of the same will And the said William Gooderham for himself saith that the said Testator a short time before his death gave the deponent instructions by word of mouth to make his will and the deponent accordingly wrote a draft of such will and made a fair copy of the same to be signed and executed by the Testator and having now viewed the said paper writing marked (A) he the deponent saith that the same is the said fair copy or will which he so wrote as aforesaid for the purpose of the same being executed by the said James Gooderham as his will And the deponent William Gooderham further saith that the paper writing marked (B) was also written by the deponent and is a true copy of the Draft of the said will as written by him from the instructions of the said Testator and that the same also contains a true copy of the original paper writing marked (A) which was executed by the said Testator (as the deponent in his conscience verily believes) having been present at the Funeral of the deceased when the said William Eaton read the same to the persons then assembled and that the said copy or paper writing marked (B) was written by the deponent sometime in the Month of July last before obliteration of the said will was communicated to or known to the deponent And lastly the said

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William Eaton saith that the said paper writing, marked (B), is a true copy of the Will of the said Testator, as contained in the said paper writing marked (A), to the Deposents knowledge & information and belief.

William Eaton,

William Godderham,

The said William Eaton and William Godderham signed this affidavit and were sworn to the truth thereof at the City of Norwich this twenty third day of September 1828.

before me,

James William Newton Esq^r Surrogate