In the name of god Amen I William Shakspeare of Stratford vpon Avon in the
county of Warr gent in perfect health & memorie god be praysed Doe make & ordayne this
my last will & testament in manner & forme followeinge That is to save first I comend
my Soule into the handes of god my Creator hoping & assuredlie beleeveing through
thonelie merites of Jesus Christe my Saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting
And my bodye to the Earth whereof it is made Item I give & bequeath
vnto my Daughter Judith One hundred poundes of lawfull English money
to be paied vnto her in manner & forme followeinge That is to
save One hundred poundes in discharge of her marriage porcion
within one yeare after my decease with consideracon
after the Rate of twoe shillinges in the pounde for soe longe time as the same
shalbe vnpaied vnto her after my decease & the Residewe of the saide
twoe hundred poundes (after my funeralles & debtes paied & discharged)
vpon her Marriadge or giving of such sufficient securitie as the executors &
this my will shall like of to Remayne dureinge the naturall life of the saide
Judith & the Interest thereof to be paied vnto her in the meane
Tyme after the Rate aforesaide And if the saide Judith shalbe lyving
att the end of the saide three yeares or att the Daye of her marriadge
duringe the saide three yeares That then & in suche case the saide
Hundred poundes to be sett forthe by my executors & overseers for the best benefytt
of the saide Judith & her children with the increase thereof for soe longe
as they shall Remayne in the handes & Custody of my saide executors
& overseers Item I give & bequeath vnto my saide Daughter Judith One
hundred poundes more if shee or any issue of her bodye be lyving att the end
of three yeares next ensueing the daye of the date of this my will during
which time my executors to paie her consideracon from
my decease according to the Rate aforesaide And if shee dye within the saide
terme without issue of her bodye then my will is & soe I devise & bequeath
One hundred poundes thereof to my Neece Elizabeth Hall & the residue
thereof to be sett forthe by my executors & overseers during the life of my Sister
Joane Hart & the use & profytt thereof Comminge duringe the life of my saide
Sister Joane to be paied vnto her for her maintenance & releefe
& from & after the decease of my saide Sister Joane the said One hundred
poundes shall Remayne & bee vnto the saide Children of my saide
Sister equallie to be devided Amongst them Item I
give & bequeath vnto my saide Daughter Judith the lyving att the end
of three yeares next ensueing the daye of the date of this my will
All that my Capitall messuage or tenemente with the appurtenances
in Stratford aforesaide called the New Place wherein I nowe dwell
& twoe messuages or tenementes with the appurtenances scituate lyeing
& being in Henley Street within the borough of Stratford aforesaide
And all other my landes tenementes & hereditamentes whatsoever
scituate lyeing & being or to be had receyved perceyved or taken
within the townes villages fieldes & groundes of Stratford vpon Avon
Oldstratford Bushopton & Welcombe or in anie of them in the saide
County of Warr And the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders
of all & singuler the premisses Together with all & singuler barnes
stables orchardes gardens landes tenementes & hereditamentes
whatsoever to the saide messuages or tenementes & premisses belonginge
or in anywise appertayninge And the yearelie profytts rentes & hereditamentes
whatsoever to the saide messuages or tenementes & premisses belonginge
or in anywise appertayninge & reversion & reversions thereof And all the
estate right title interest vse possession clayme & demaunde whatsoever
of me the saide William Shakspeare of in & to the premisses & every
parte & parcell thereof with their & every of their appurtenances
To have & to hold all & singuler the saide messuages or tenementes landes
tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with their & every of their
appurtenances vnto the saide Judith & her children for & during soe
longe time as the saide Judith shall lyve & after her decease vnto the
first sonne of her bodye lawfullie yssueing & to the heires males of the
bodye of the saide first sonne lawfullie yssueing & for defaulte of
suche heires vnto the second sonne of the bodye of the saide Judith
lawfullie yssueing & to the heires males of the bodye of the saide
second sonne lawfullie yssueing & for defaulte of suche heires vnto
the third sonne of the bodye of the saide Judith lawfullie yssueing
& to the heires males of the bodye of the saide third sonne lawfullie
yssueing in like manner vntill for defaulte of suche heires males
the same shall come vnto the fourth fifth sixth & seaventh sonnes
of the bodye of the saide Judith lawfullie yssueing one after another
& to the heires males of the bodyes of the saide fourth fifth sixth
& seaventh sonnes lawfullie yssueing in such manner as it is before
limitted to be & for defaulte of such heires the saide messuages or
tenementes landes tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with
their appurtenances to be & remayne vnto the saide Elizabeth Hall
& the heires males of her bodye lawfullie yssueing & for defaulte of
such heires vnto the saide Judith the second daughter of me the saide
William Shakspeare & the heires males of her bodye lawfullie yssueing
& for defaulte of such heires vnto the right heires of me the saide
William Shakspeare for ever Provided always & my will & mynde
is & I doe hereby declare that all & singuler the saide messuages
landes tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with their appurtenances
which I the saide William Shakspeare nowe have in the saide Towne
of Stratford & elsewhere within the saide County of Warr or in anie
other place within the Realme of England or Wales or elsewhere
which I shall purchase or otherwise come vnto before my decease
shall from & after my decease remayne descende & come vnto the
saide Susanna Hall & the saide Judith & their children & issue
in such manner & forme & for such estates & interestes & to & for
such intentes & purposes & with such powers & provisoes as are
before in that behalfe limitted & declared of & concerninge the
same or as neere thereunto as the same can be devised & limitted
according to the Lawes of this Realme of England without anie
Fraude or Covyn Provided also & my will is & I doe hereby
declare that if it shall happen the saide Judith to have anie issue
of her bodye lawfullie yssueing at the time of my decease & that
such issue shall be a sonne or sonnes which shall live to attayne
his or their severall age or ages of twenty & one yeares or
Daughter or Daughters which shall live to attayne her or their
severall age or ages of twenty & one yeares or be married that
then & in such case I will & devise & bequeath vnto such sonne
or sonnes & Daughter or Daughters of the saide Judith soe
living att the time of my decease & attayning his or their
severall age or ages of twenty & one yeares or being married
as aforesaide all that my capitall messuage or tenemente with
the appurtenances scituate lyeing & being in Henley Street within
the borough of Stratford aforesaide & all my other landes tenementes
& hereditamentes whatsoever scituate lyeing & being within the
saide borough of Stratford or in Old Stratford Bushopton or
Welcombe or in anie of them in the saide County of Warr
To have & to hold the same vnto such sonne or sonnes & Daughter
or Daughters of the saide Judith severallie & their heires for ever
as tenantes in common & not as Joyntenantes & not by waie
of Survivorshipp & that they shall have & enjoye the same
accordinglie Provided also & my will is & I doe hereby declare
that if the saide Judith shall have anie such issue of her bodye
& shall happen to dye in the lyfetime of me the saide William
Shakspeare & all such issue shall dye before they shall attayne
their severall age or ages of twenty & one yeares & before anie
of them shall be married that then & in such case my will is
& I doe hereby devise & bequeath all my saide messuages landes
tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with their appurtenances
vnto the saide Elizabeth Hall & the heires males of her bodye
lawfullie yssueing & for defaulte of such heires vnto the saide
Judith the second daughter of me the saide William Shakspeare
& the heires males of her bodye lawfullie yssueing & for defaulte
of such heires vnto the right heires of me the saide William
Shakspeare for ever Provided also & my will is & I doe hereby
declare that if the saide Elizabeth Hall shall happen to dye
in the lyfetime of me the saide William Shakspeare & all such
issue of her bodye as aforesaide shall dye before they shall attayne
their severall age or ages of twenty & one yeares & before anie
of them shall be married that then & in such case my will is
& I doe hereby devise & bequeath all my saide messuages landes
tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with their appurtenances
vnto the saide Judith & the heires males of her bodye lawfullie
yssueing & for defaulte of such heires vnto the first sonne of
the bodye of the saide Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing & to the heires
males of the bodye of the saide first sonne lawfullie yssueing
& for defaulte of such heires vnto the second sonne of the bodye
of the saide Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing & to the heires males
of the bodye of the saide second sonne lawfullie yssueing & for
defaulte of such heires vnto the third sonne of the bodye of the
saide Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing & to the heires males of the
bodye of the saide third sonne lawfullie yssueing in like manner
vntill for defaulte of such heires males the same shall come vnto
the fourth fifth sixth & seaventh sonnes of the bodye of the saide
Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing one after another & to the heires
males of the bodyes of the saide fourth fifth sixth & seaventh
sonnes lawfullie yssueing in such manner as it is before limitted
to be & for defaulte of such heires the saide messuages or
tenementes landes tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with
their appurtenances to be & remayne vnto the saide Judith
& her children & issue in such manner & forme & for such
estates & interestes & to & for such intentes & purposes & with
such powers & provisoes as are before in that behalfe limitted
& declared of & concerninge the same or as neere thereunto as
the same can be devised & limitted according to the Lawes of
this Realme of England without anie Fraude or Covyn Provided
also & my will is & I doe hereby declare that if the saide
Elizabeth Hall shall happen to dye in the lyfetime of me the
saide William Shakspeare & all such issue of her bodye as
aforesaide shall dye before they shall attayne their severall
age or ages of twenty & one yeares & before anie of them
shall be married that then & in such case my will is & I doe
hereby devise & bequeath all my saide messuages landes tenementes
& hereditamentes & premisses with their appurtenances vnto
the saide Judith & the heires males of her bodye lawfullie
yssueing & for defaulte of such heires vnto the first sonne of
the bodye of the saide Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing & to the heires
males of the bodye of the saide first sonne lawfullie yssueing
& for defaulte of such heires vnto the second sonne of the bodye
of the saide Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing & to the heires males
of the bodye of the saide second sonne lawfullie yssueing & for
defaulte of such heires vnto the third sonne of the bodye of the
saide Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing & to the heires males of the
bodye of the saide third sonne lawfullie yssueing in like manner
vntill for defaulte of such heires males the same shall come vnto
the fourth fifth sixth & seaventh sonnes of the bodye of the saide
Elizabeth lawfullie yssueing one after another & to the heires
males of the bodyes of the saide fourth fifth sixth & seaventh
sonnes lawfullie yssueing in such manner as it is before limitted
to be & for defaulte of such heires the saide messuages or
tenementes landes tenementes & hereditamentes & premisses with
their appurtenances to be & remayne vnto the saide Judith
& her children & issue in such manner & forme & for such
estates & interestes & to & for such intentes & purposes & with
such powers & provisoes as are before in that behalfe limitted
& declared of & concerninge the same or as neere thereunto as
the same can be devised & limitted according to the Lawes of
this Realme of England without anie Fraude or Covyn Provided
also & my will is & I doe hereby declare that if the saide
Judith shall happen to dye in the lyfetime of me the saide
William Shakspeare & all such issue of her bodye as aforesaide
shall dye before they shall attayne their severall age or ages
of twenty & one yeares & before anie of them shall be married
that then & in such case my will is & I doe hereby devise
& bequeath all my saide messuages landes tenementes & hereditamentes
& premisses with their appurtenances vnto the right heires of
me the saide William Shakspeare for ever And I the saide
William Shakspeare doe covenant promise & graunte to & with
the saide Thomas Russell & Francis Collins & their heires
by these presentes That I the saide William Shakspeare att
the time of my decease shall stand & be seized of & in all &
singuler the premisses with their appurtenances which I have
herein before given & devised vnto the saide Judith & her
children & issue & of & in such other landes tenementes &
hereditamentes as I shall purchase or otherwise come vnto
before my decease to such estate & estates & to & for such
intentes & purposes & with such powers & provisoes as are
before in that behalfe limitted & declared of & concerninge
the same or as neere thereunto as the same can be devised
& limitted according to the Lawes of this Realme of England
And that the saide messuages landes tenementes & hereditamentes
& premisses shall from time to time & at all times hereafter
be holden & enjoyed accordinglie without the lett suite trouble
interruption or eviction of me the saide William Shakspeare
my heires or assignes or of anie other person or persons
whatsoever lawfullie claymeinge or to claime the same or
anie parte thereof by from or vnder me my heires or assignes
Item I give & bequeath vnto my saide Sister Joane xij^li & all my
wearing Apparell to be paied & delivered within one yeare
after my decease And I doe will & devise vnto my saide
Sister Joane the Lease & Demise of my Messuage or Tenemente
wherein I nowe dwell in Stratford aforesaide for & during
the residewe of the terme & yeares therein to come & vnexpired
vpon & vnder & subiect to the yearelie Rente & Covenantes
& thereafter vpon & vnder & subiect to the yearelie Rente
& Covenantes & Agreementes reserved & contayned vpon & vnder
the Lease & Demise thereof made or mentioned to be made
thereof vnto the saide Thomas Greene Gent Item I give
& bequeath vnto my saide Sister Joane one Purse & the
Apparell that then shalbe vpon my bodye Item I give
& bequeath vnto the saide Thomas Greene my Sword
Item I give & bequeath vnto my Neece Elizabeth Hall
All that Plate that I shall have att the time of my decease
Item I give & bequeath vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth
Hall the some of Three hundred & fifty poundes of lawfull
English money to be paied vnto her within one yeare
after my decease Item I give & bequeath vnto my saide
Neece Elizabeth Hall the some of Fyve hundred poundes
of lawfull English money to be paied vnto her within
one yeare after my decease Item I give & bequeath vnto
my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All those my Messuages
or Tenementes with their appurtenances wherein one
John Robinson dwelleth scituate lyeing & being in the
Blackfriers in London nere the Wardrobe Item I give
& bequeath vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All
that Capitall messuage or Tenemente with the appurtenances
wherein I nowe dwell scituate lyeing & being in Stratford
aforesaide called the New Place Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All those my
Messuages or Tenementes with their appurtenances
scituate lyeing & being in Henley Street within the
borough of Stratford aforesaide Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All my Barnes
Stables Orchardes Gardens landes tenementes & hereditamentes
whatsoever scituate lyeing & being or to be had receyved
perceyved or taken within the townes villages fieldes
& groundes of Stratford vpon Avon Oldstratford
Bushopton & Welcombe or in anie of them in the saide
County of Warr Item I give & bequeath vnto my
saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All that Messuage or
Tenemente with the appurtenances scituate lyeing
& being in Stratford aforesaide in the saide County
of Warr called the Dagger Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All that
Messuage or Tenemente with the appurtenances
scituate lyeing & being in Stratford aforesaide
called the Sign of the Cross Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All that
Messuage or Tenemente with the appurtenances
scituate lyeing & being in Stratford aforesaide
called the Horse Head Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All those
Tythes of Corne Grayne & Stravve with their
appurtenances that I have or shall have or
anie parte or parcell thereof scituate lyeing
& being within the townes villages fieldes
& groundes of Stratford vpon Avon Oldstratford
Bushopton & Welcombe or in anie of them in the
saide County of Warr Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All that
Messuage or Tenemente with the appurtenances
scituate lyeing & being in Stratford aforesaide
called the Horse Head Item I give & bequeath
vnto my saide Neece Elizabeth Hall All those
Tythes of Corne Grayne & Stravve with their
appurtenances that I have or shall have or
anie parte or parcell thereof scituate lyeing
& being within the townes villages fieldes
& groundes of Stratford vpon Avon Oldstratford
Bushopton & Welcombe or in anie of them in the
saide County of Warr