Will of Thomas Dicey aka Dizey (c1670-1705)

Note: Paragraph breaks have been added to make the will easier to read; underlines _____ indicate words that I could not read; square brackets [] are words where I am uncertain of the transcription.

In the Name of God Amen The seaventeenth day of October Anno Dni One thousand seven hundred and three I Thomas Dicey¹ of Basingstoake in the County of Southton Taylor being sick and weak of body but of sound mind sense and memory (thanks be to Almighty God for the same) And calling to mind the uncertainty of this life it being appointed for all men once to dye do hereby make and declare this to be my last Will and testament in manner and forme following (that is to say)

ffirst I give and recomend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it trusting through the merits death and passion of my only Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to inherit eternall life

And as touching such worldly Estate as the Almighty God hath been pleased to bless me withall I give devise and bequeath the same in manner hereafter following (that is to say)

I give devise and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife Maragarett ffifty pounds in manner following (that is to say) Two shills a week to be paid her until the full sume shall be up being weekly demanded and fetcht from and of my Executors hereafter named and not otherwise

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Children (vizt) Thomas Mary Ann and Willm one hundred pounds betwixt them share and share alike which is twenty five pounds to each of them And my will and meaning is that the same money shall be paid to each and every of them at their respective ages of one and twenty years or dates of marriage which shall first happen

Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of John Clower twenty shills

Item I give to my daughter Margarett the Wife of Nathaniel Ward twenty shills

Item all the rest and residue of my personall Estate after my debts legacies and ffuneral expenses are fully paid discharge and satisfied and the charges of Administration to my Estate being also first reimbursed I give devise and bequeath the same to my Son Thomas

And my will and meaning is and I hereby nominate constitute and make my Son Thomas and my Cous: William Mathews of Waltham Brazier joint and only Executors of this my last Thank Will and testament

¹ Thomas Dicey (c1670-1705), the testator, husband of Elizabeth Cluer (1671-?).

In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Dicey have hereunto sett my hand and Seal the day and year first above written ./. *Tho: Dicey ./*. Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names hereunto in his presence ./. *John Paty Richard Johnson* the marke of *Mary Smith ./*.

Proved at London 22 January 1705/6 — the probate is in Latin and I have not transcribed it.

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