

GEORGE SPERINGE In the name of God amen. The fourteenth Daie of Februarie One thousand Sixe Hundred and Tenne and in the eighth yeare of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of god Kinge of Great Brittain France and Ireland and Defender of the faith &c I **GEORGE SPERINGE** of London Gouldsmithe beinge in good and perfect memorie (thankes be unto Almightye god) therefore and callinge to minde that all men are mortall and that no man knoweth the time of his visitation And also that I finde by experience That for want of settinge of things in good order much variance and strife hath growne thereby The which to prevent and to the intent I may the better provide for my wife and children Doe make and declare this my present Testament conteyninge herein my last will in and forme following ffirst and principallie I commende my Soule to Almightye god my Creator and maker and to his sonne Jesus Christ my onlie Redeemere and Saviour by whose precious deathe and glorious resurrection I faithfullie believe and trust to be saved and have everlastinge life in his glorious kingdome And my bodie I desire maybe buried in the parishe churche of Andrew Undershafte in London soe nye the bodie of my late lovinge brother **NICHOLAS SPERINGE** of London gouldsmithe as concerneth may be and of all and singular my goodes and chattles plate householde stuffe and all other things whatsoever which I am nowe possessed I give the same (my debtes beinge first paid and my Funerall discharged in manner and form following First I to my lovinge wife **ELIZABETH SPERINGE** according to the laudable custom of the Cittie of London One thirde parte of my goodes Anothere third parte of my goodes I give to and amonge my three sonnes **NICHOLAS SPERINGE WILLIAM SPERINGE** and **GEORGE SPERINGE** and to my twoe daughters **MARY SPERINGE** and **SUSAN SPERINGE** so as my two saide daughters **MARY** and **SUSAN** be unmarried and not advanced by me before my deathe The other third parte my legacies being performed I do give the same in manner following two third parts thereof to be equallie devided amonge my lovinge wife **ELIZABETH SPERINGE** and my three sonnes **NICHOLAS SPERINGE WILLIAM SPERINGE** and **GEORGE SPERINGE** The other third parte of this last thirde parte belonging unto me I give the same unto **MARYE SPERINGE** and **SUSAN SPERINGE** my two daughters in full satisfaction of all such giftes and legacies as were given them by the last will and testament of their grandmother **ALICE HANBURIE** of London widowe deceased soe as my twoe saide daughters **MARIE** and **SUSAN** be unsatisfied by me for the said legacies given them by their grandmother before my deathe

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto my daughter **ALICE PENNINGTON** the wife of **JOHN PENNINGTON** of London mercer in full satisfaction of all her childe portion having been advanced by me one liverie pott silver and guilt wayinge thirtie and sixe ounces

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto my daughter **ANNE KINGE** the wife of **JOHN KINGE** of London mercer in full satisfaction of all her childe portion havinge beene likewise advanced by me in marriage one silver salt with a cover parcell guilte wayinge thirtie and sixe ounces

ITEM I give and bequeath to **ELIZABETH HAYWARD** the wife of **ROBERT HAYWARD** of London gouldsmithe in full satisfaction of all her childe portion havinge likewise been advanced by me in marriage three frenche bowles with a cover being silver and guilte with a ?Boare in the bottom of everie one of them wayinge fortie sixe ounces

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **SARA VENTRIS** my daughter the wife of **ROBERT VENTRIS** of London haberedasherin full satisfaction of all her childe portion havinge likewise been advanced by me in marriage three bowles of silver and parcell guilte wayinge fourtie and sixe ounces

ITEM I give and bequeathe to **JOHN PENNINGTON** junior **GEORGE PENNINGTON** **MARY PENNINGTON** **ELIZABETH PENNINGTON** and **REBECCA PENNINGTON** the children of my daughter **ALICE PENNINGTON** five poundes to either of them

ITEM I give unto **JOHN KINGE** **THOMAS KINGE** and **ELIZABETH KINGE** the children of my daughter **ANNE KINGE** five poundes either of them

ITEM I give and bequeathe to my cosin **ELIZABETH BLUETT** the wife of **ROBERT BLUETT** of London Fishmonger five poundes

ITEM I give unto **Cosin Jane** ?..... widdowe five poundes

ITEM I give unto the **POORE** of the parishe of **ST.ANDREW UNDERSHAFT** in London fortie shillings to be bestowed amongst them upon the day of my buriall

ITEM I give unto the **CHURCHWARDENS** and **PARSON** of the said parishe of **ST.ANDREW UNDERSHAFTE** five poundes to remmaine as a Stocke for ever to the use of the **POORE** or else to be bestowed on buyinge somethingefor their yearlie reliefe by the good discretion of the **PARSON** and **CHURCHWARDENS** for the time beinge

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto the **COMPANIE OF GOULDSMITHES** in London Tenn Poundes to be bestowed upon a dinner for them upon the daie of my Burial

ITEM I give to and amonge the **POORE AGED PEOPLE** as well men as women of the **COMPANYE OF GOULDESMITHS** in London fortye shillings to be bestowed upon them upon the day of my buriall or at anie tyme after by the good discretion of the **WARDENS** for the tyme being.

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto the **TREASORER** and **GOVERNORS** of the **HOSPITAL OF BRYDWELL** five markes to be bestowed upon a repaste for them upon the day of my buriall.

ITEM I give more unto the **TREASORER** and **GOVERNORS** of the saide **HOSPITAL OF BRYDEWELL** fortie shillings to be bestowed upon the **POORE CHILDREN** and other **POORE PEOPLE** harbored there in warme meate upon the day of my buriall

ITEM I give unto the **POORE** and **FIRERS** [sic] and **MATRON** of the saide **HOSPITAL** Twentie shillings to be bestowed amongst them by the good distretion of the **TREASORER** for the time beinge.

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto **JOHN BARFOOTE** of London mercer one ringe of goulde of the value of Fortie shillings

ITEM I give unto **MR JOHN DIXE** doctor of divinities one ringe of goulde of the value of fourtie shillings

ITEM I give unto **THOMAS FITCH** of London Scrivenor one ringe of goulde of the value of Fortie shillings

ITEM I give unto **JOHN PENNINGTON** of London mercer my sonne in lawe one ringe of goulde of the value five marks

ITEM I give until **John KINGE** of London mercer one ringe of goulde of the value of Five marks

ITEM I give unto **ROBERT HAYWARD** my sonne in lawe one ringe of goulde of the value of give markes

ITEM I give unto the Treasurer of Christs Hospital in London for the releife of the poore children there Fortie shillings soe as they do accompanie my bodie unto the churche
 ITEM I give unto my late servant ROBERT ?MARRETTO of London Gouldsmithe fortie shillings

ITEM I give unto my nowe maidservaant AMY PARR Fortie shillings soe as she bee dwellinge with me at the time of my deathe in regard of her paines she is to take nothinge and of her attendance uppon me in tyme of my sickness which it shall please Almightye god to visitte me ?nothall

And as touchinge the disposinge of all and singular my lands and as well as freeholde and copieholde landes messuages and tenements whereof I am possessed I give and bequeathe them in manner following First I give and bequeathe unto NICHOLAS SPERINGE my sonne AND HIS HEIRES FOREVER All those now tenements and landes with their appurtenances llying in the parishes of STANSTEED ASHE in the Countie of KENT which I purchased of JOHN YOUNGER [sic] WOODS THE YOUNGER and JOHN KNOWE and are now in the occupation of the forenamed JOHN KNOWE and ROBERT CROMER

ITEM I give and bequeathe the [sic] unto my saide sonne NICHOLAS SPERINGE and HIS HEIRS FOREVER All my landes llying in the parish of SPALDING in LINCOLNSHIRE

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto my saide sonne NICHOLAS SPERINGE and HIS HEIRS FOREVER (after the death of ELIZABETH my nowe wife All those three parcells of freeholde landes llying in the parish of STEPNEY which I purchased of THOMAS ?GEORGE and WILLIAM ?GEORGE his sonne

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto my saide son NICHOLAS SPERINGE and HIS HEIRS FOREVER all those Tenementes and Cottages and landes whatsoever being coppieholde and Customarie landes llying in the mannor of ?STABENHOATEY alias STEPNEY which I purchased and had of the surrender of DAVID WOODDROFFE Esquire and of WILLIAM ?GEORGE gentleman

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto WILLIAM SPERINGE my son and HIS HEIRS FOREVER all that messuage or Tenement with all the appurtenances thereunto belonginge being in the parish of ST ANDREW UNDERSHAFT in LONDON wherein DOMINICKE ?BOWERS marchant stranger now dwellethe in as ample manner as I purchased the same of JOHN ?PERCHE late of LONDON mercer and then Inhabitant in the towne of SHREWSBURY in the countie of SALOPPE and RICHARD FOXE citizen and clothworker of LONDON And whereas by one deede bearinge date the fifteenth March 1608 uppon good consideration me thereunto ?movinge I have passed over unto GEORGE SPERINGE my sonne all ?unid..... of ?late Tearne of yeares to come of my nowe dwellinge house and foure small tenements or cottages in SHAFTE ALLEY in LONDON whiche I holde by the Lease of the WARDENS and COMMYNALTIE of ROCHESTER BRIDGE in KENT I doe hereby ratifie my saide deede unto my above named sonne and alsoe give unto him all the painted Clothes that be nowe hanginge about my dwellinge howse

ITEM my minde is That my Executors hereafter named shall not bestowe about one hundreth poundes (yf convenientlie they may) uppon my Buriall, besides that money I have given awaie before mentioned. And do make and ordaine of this my last will and Testament my lovinge wife ELIZABETH SPERINGE and NICHOLAS SPERINGE my

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sonne myne Executors desiringe them to see my two sonnes WILLIAM and GEORGE to be brought up in the feare of the Lord And for Overseers I doe nominate and devise JOHN PENNINGTON and JOHN KINGE of LONDON mercers An witness that this is my last will I have written it with my owne hand and sette my name and sealle the daie and yeare first above written per me GEORGE SPERINGE

ITEM I give and bequeathe unto ELIZABETH HAYWARD daughter of ROBERT HAYWARD of LONDON Clothsmithe Five poundes

ITEM unto VENTRIS of ROBERT VENTRIS [sic] of LONDON haberdasher the like summe of five poundes per me GEORGE SPERINGE Sealed and delivered in presence of us JOHN DIXE JOHN BARFOOTE THO FITCHE signat
21 Aug 1611

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum supra scriptum Apud London coram Magistro
?EDUARDO POPE Legum Doctore Surrogato venerabilis {etc}