

In the name of God Amen. The 14th day of June Anno Domini 1619 and in the 17th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James, by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland ... land of Scotland

Nycolas Spering -- and goldsmith of London being sick in body but nonetheless of good - - mind and in good ?memory? (thanks be to God) - - my present testament - - my last will in manner and form following. - I commend my soul to almighty God my maker -- painful passion and glorious -- faithfully --

And I will that my body be buried in the church of St. Andrew Undershaft in London wherein I am at this time abiding and as concerning the disposition of age such good chattels and lands wherewith it has pleased the Almighty to endow me And the messuages and lands and tenements FIRST I will that all such just duties and vowels of money that I owe at the time of my death shall be truly paid by my executors

- Inheritance in fee simple -

I hereby give bequeath and dispose the same

I give and bequeath to Alice Pennington, Elizabeth Hayward, Sara Ventris, Mary Spering, and Suzanna Sherman, my sisters, the sum of five pounds and bequeath to my cozen Elizabeth King, the daughter of John King [which means it's his niece not his cousin] ... the Ashe? of the Cardin? of Shardish? of gold of the company of Goldsmiths of London for divers years and and that the shall be made my executors and the money thereof be paid [He seems to say that the executors should sell this golden item at the best price and pay Eliz King]

... to the said Elizabeth King when she should attain the age of twenty and one years ... and of my good friend Robt. ??? forty shillings to -----

and ... to Elizabeth ball my mother's servant ... forty shillings and to Alice Skynner ... my mothers servant ... 20 shillings ...

Item I give and bequeath to my brother William Spering my ring of gould ...and my Arms? graven in the same ... and my best -- and my girdle ---

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother George Spering my ring of golde graven.. and ... in the same ...

Item I give and bequeath unto my good friend Edmund? fitch? five pounds .whom I desire .. to be aiding and assisting the executors to be performing of this will and testament...

Item I give and bequeath to my brother Robert Ventris my best suit of apparel and my best cloak and all the best of my apparel---- [Maybe Ventris was closer to his size than the Spering brothers!!]

I give and bequeath to the said William Spering and George Spering my brothers to be divided between them and --- divison of my lands for my well beloved mother Elizabeth Spering ...

And whereas I am now found in fee of lands and two tenements and appurtenances county of Kent and the - fields? of Stanstead and Ashe or one of them for the better enabling my executors for other matters to pay and perform all the legacies and bequests herein before by me given I give and bequeath two tenements and land and appurtenances and all other my messuages and lands and tenements in the said county of Kent and the rest and -- of my goods and chattels

Item: the legacies herein by me given paid and performed

Gold, stuffs, and other of my

I will bequeath and give to (previous 6 words struck out) the said Elizabeth Spering my mother her heirs and assigns forever whom of this my present in witness whereof the said Nycolas Spering I set my and seal