

Henry Croker

1664/5

# The Will of God

grate of God, King of England, & Stolmudissu  
very age di audi wakē and infirme in body but of  
forme followinge first I comitt my soule to god  
be decently buried in such place as my Executor  
givē devise and bequeth unto my neffew John  
gotinge forth and payable and to bee had, recived and  
paid lande stituate and bringe in Steeple Burton  
benige in Steeple Burton and ther in talced or kno  
unto the said John Croker and assignd for and di  
bequeth virgin Mary and St Michael the archangell by  
said testō ab shall firste and next happen after my  
part or in all by the space of twenty dayes next oon  
lawfully demandede, that then and from thence  
with his pteinted or into any pte thereof to come  
and the same to dect dyne and kepe untill the said  
and paid Item I give devise and bequeth unto my neff  
yfndige gotinge forth and payable and to bee had  
ground in the shire of Northamptonshire stituate and bring  
annuity or yearly rent of thre pounds unto the  
year on the first day of January of the next  
year and the first of the said year to bee made on  
the same ought to bee paid, wherefore said bringe law  
helysignd into the said message and say and let  
to lade drive take carry away and upon him that  
shall happen to bee bee fully justifid and said he  
wife of John Hollroye blake thirty pounds to my  
widowe alitt of the said John Watson forty pounds  
bequeth unto my servante Elizabeth Weston  
Croker all those hōsh or intlost groud talced  
that lose or intlost groud talced & on thil the  
intlost groud belonginge to have and to hold unto  
him and assignd for ever subiect unto the  
Croker during his life Item I give devise and be  
appertinet stituate and bringe in Sandford  
ther and every of their appertinet stituate  
not before his death devised unto me London

Quelijen the sevende twentyfthe day of Januarij in the sixteenth yea  
nd ffraunce and Ireland defender of the faith annoq d 1664. I  
but of good and yfcl memory pased be god doe make unto o  
le to god that gave it trusinge to me fwe through the interc  
tutor shall thys be fitt to tenuinge my worldly estate I di  
e John Croker of Bookerton aforesaid gentlme & cluny or yea  
r die and taken yearly out of al those tlosd or intlosed ground  
Burton nesse said cluny of spowton out of the third parte of one  
or twoone by the name of stonhill lote to have & to hold in rete  
rand during the tyme of his naturall life to bee payable ym  
egell by equall paym<sup>t</sup> during the naturall life of the saide John  
after my decease and my will is that if the saide cluny or year  
next oder or after either or any of the said feasts or dayes of pay  
therefore it shall and may bee lawfull to and for the said  
to enter and distroyne and the distray and distress to him and  
the said cluny or yearly rent of leue pounds ambe the a  
my nephew Tharle Hogan of Hampton Court the cluny or yea  
be had & attaynd and taken yearly out of all that my neffew or  
be bringe in Sandford in the faid country of spowton only talled  
to the said Tharle Hogan and his assignes for and during the  
the blessed virgin Mary and st Michael thurthayngh by equall  
orde on hys of the said feasts as shall first and next happen after  
and lawfully be named that he and from thenceforth it shall  
yeard lands with the appurtenance into my xeate heredes  
and the same to dectyne & kepe until the said cluny or yea  
pysd Hau & give and bequeath unto my wch chell hearte pece fifti  
or to my sonne and goddaughter chell aughter of my sonne Joh  
ny pounds all wch regarde my will be stolbe paid by my tutor  
dividit pounds Item I give devise and bequeath unto my sonne  
talled Brieke lands situate and benn in the pish of Steple Ba  
hill lote situate and benn in the pish of Steple Barton afo  
re unto the said William Croker his heires and assignes for ever to  
thysse to the said cluny or yearly rent of leue pounds be  
paid bequath all that my neffew or tenuant and his yarld in  
Sandford in the faid country of spowton only talled the ffair  
tuate bennge and benn in Sandford aforesaid and adwells  
Lichfield william croker

the yere of the reigne of his myne lord ordynale the secounde by the  
4. I Henry the roker of Hooke Norton in the County of Esse<sup>e</sup> xij<sup>o</sup> being  
ordained this my last will and testameyn maner and  
writte of Jesu Christ my body to the Earth from whence it came  
I dispose of the same in maner & forme followinge sumptuous  
yearly rent of tyme<sup>popnde</sup> of tuncant mony of Englan<sup>d</sup> to bee assynged  
ponido with thappintmente talle<sup>d</sup> or Poume by the name of a  
one close or in the said grounde, with thappintmente stimate and  
take and enjoy the said demy or yearly rent of tyme pone  
yearly and every yere on the first daye of Januarye of the  
John Croker the first of the said paymēt to bee made on summe of the  
yearly rent of tyme ponido to bee bethindyd and unpaid in  
paymēt whereton the same ought to bee paid abaforsaid beinc  
vbi John Croker and his assignes into the said close or intlosed  
and thereto bounde to keade drive take away and impone  
the avertaged thereto if any shall happen to bee fully satisfe  
yearly rent of tyme poneido of tuncant mony of Englan<sup>d</sup> to bee  
ge or tenuit in six yeres lande of unable meadowe and pastur  
le<sup>e</sup> Sandforde surue to have sholdē retaine and enjoy the sa  
ge the tyme of his naturall life to bee payable yearly and every  
yeal paymēt duringe the naturall life of the said tharle  
for my decease chyng will is that if it happen the said chym  
shall an dmy be lawfull to and for the said tharle Hogan an  
d distayne ambe distach and distress him and thare for  
yearly rent of tyme poneido and the avertaged thereto if any  
fifty poneido of tuncant mony of Englan<sup>d</sup> to my nece Elizabeth  
John Watson decesser fifty poneido to my sonne ffraunce Watson  
itor within one yere next after my decease Item I giue and  
lodeinge ffraunce William Croker sonne of my nephewe John  
Bartou in the said County of Esse<sup>e</sup> and the third parte of all  
aforsaid wth all pfitto and appyntmente to the said close or  
do the only use and booke of him in the said William Croker his  
before mde to be payable out of the same to the said John  
lire of unable meadowe and pasture grounde wth the  
same and all other my lande tenement and hereditamē to the  
vll or in chace of them or elsewher in the said County of  
John Croker late

and the same to be done and keepe vntill the saide  
and paid Item 7 greate deuise and beynarde unto my nre  
yssende godis ge forth and payable and to bee had  
grounde with the p[ro]p[ri]et[y]e of the said stituate and being  
annuity or yearly rent of thence poundes unto the  
yeare on the first daye of January next of the b[ea]t  
man and the first of the said yere unto to bee made on  
the same ought to bee paid before said bringe law  
therby signed into the said message and by her to  
be tolde drive take away and upon the said  
shall happen to bee bee fully justif[ied] and paid the  
wife of John Wollway blanke thirty poundes to my  
widowe relitt of the said John Watson forty poundes  
bequeth unto my servant Chonradus Vtterdewerty  
broder all those h[er]est or iutlost grounde talced  
that those or iutlost grounde talced be to all the  
iutlost grounde belonginge to have and to hold unto  
her and assignd for ever subiect unto the said  
broder during his life Item 7 greate deuise and be  
appurtenance of the stituate and beinge in Sandford  
their and every of their appurtenance stituate by  
not before he die by devise unto my godis ge  
William Broder and from and immediately after  
begotten child for default of such yssende to the said  
broder in dede to bee yssende and payable out  
of the p[ro]p[ri]et[y]e of Steple Buntone aforesai d[re] the sume o  
out of of the poore of the said p[ro]p[ri]et[y]e from time to  
the poore of the said p[ro]p[ri]et[y]e shall haue fitt Item 7  
unto my said heynp[ri]nce John Broder all such debte  
my godis ge and that he did not thereby before gi  
sume of my said heynp[ri]nce John Broder whiche in

Henry

the said Community or yearly rent of leuine pounds and the a  
my nuptiale shalld Hogan of Hampton Court the Community or ye  
are had, rettained and taken yearly out of all that my messenger o  
the bringe in Guildford in the said County of Sowton only talle  
unto the said shalld Hogan and his assynd for audit and bringe eth  
the blessed virgin Mary and St. Michael thurh angel by counc  
lde on behalf of the said ffrust wch shall first and next happen after  
the same day by the grace of God and the day of his birth  
age lawfully be named that he and from thenceforth it shall  
garden lande wch apperteneth unto my yte hereof enter an  
d und the same to dectynge & kepe until the said Community or yearly  
pounds Item I give and bequath unto my sonne Willm Healepeate fifti  
tho my shord and goddaughter Anne daughter of my son John  
ty pounds all wch regardis my wch I shall bee paid by my executors  
dividit pounds Item I give devise and bequath unto my son  
talled Bred lande stituate and beinge in the pise of Steeple Bi  
hill those stituate and beinge in the pise of Steeple Barton afor  
med unto the said William Throter his ffrust and assynd for ever to  
thralle to the said Community or yearly rent of leuine pounds le  
and bequath all that my messenger or tennant aud his gardin  
lande in the said County of Sowton only talle the ffair  
tuate lyng and beinge in Sandford aforesaid and adwelt  
the said William Throter sonne of my said nuptiale John in  
ly after his decease do Gerard Throter sonne of the said William  
the said and assynd of the said William Throter for ever e  
ble out of the pennisd unto the said shalld Hogan during  
esone of five pounds to him aye as a stote for ever audit and  
time to time to the use of the said poore in such sorte and man  
Item I give to the eight daughters of my said shalld Hogan William  
th debth and sonnes and sonnes of meyn as are due or owing  
fore givin or bequatheth I do make give devise and bequath  
me and make constitude and apoynt sole executor of this my l  
the 2d day of October 1571 written:

John

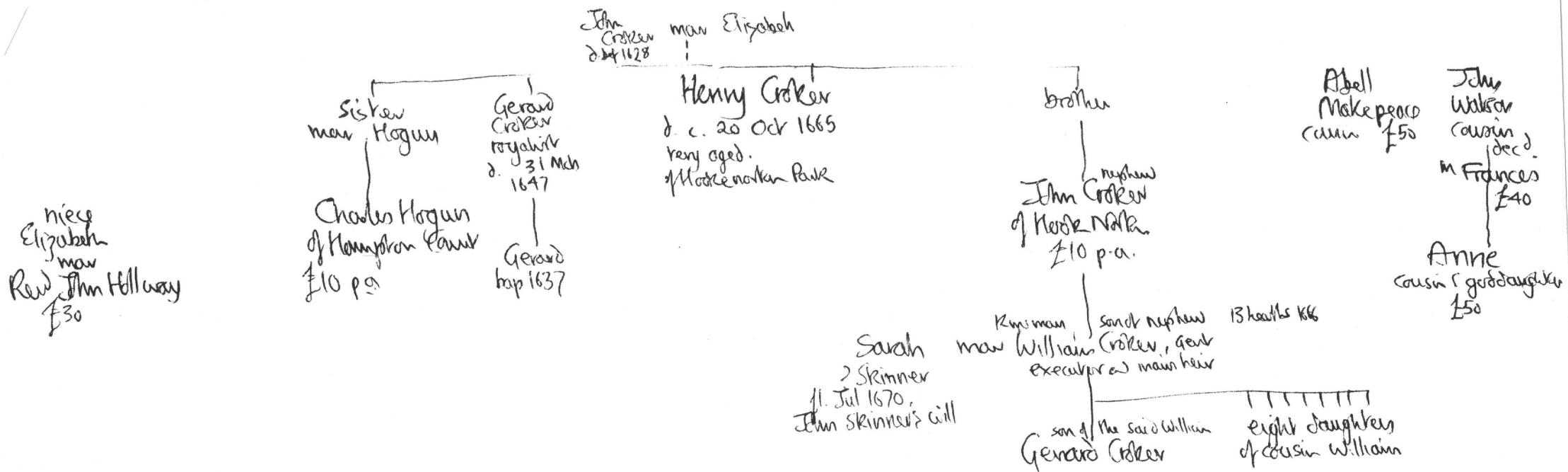
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and therfore to leade drive take away and impone  
the a vexage thereof if any shall happen to bee fully satisfied  
e yearly rent of tenuis pounds of turrent mony of england to bee  
ge or tenuit in six yarde lande of unuseable meadowe and pasture  
le & Sandforde havinge to have hould retaine to be undevoy the sa  
ge the termes of his naturall life to bee payable yearly and eodomy  
quall paym<sup>t</sup> duringe the naturall life of the said thurde  
for my decease chyng will is that if it happen the said chyng  
shall and may bee lawfull to and for the said thurde Hogan an  
e and distreynge and the distreynge and distresseth them and therfore  
nearly rent of tenuis pounds and the a vexage thereof if any  
fifty pounds of turrent mony of england to my neare elizabeth  
John Watson deceas fifty pounds to my warden Watson  
ator ioth in one year endt after my decease Item I give and  
louinge kyffman William Croker sonne of my nephew John  
le Bartor in the said County of Excester the thirde yere of all  
aforesaid iot shall offitt and appynted to the said warden or  
to the only vse and bosome of him the said William Croker his  
before mentionedt payble out of the same to the said John  
louinge kyffman William Croker sonne of the said John  
and all other my lande tenement and hereditam to the  
wch or in either of them or elsewher in the said County of  
John Croker for and duringe the naturall life of him the said  
William Croker and the tenuit in alld of his body lawfully to be  
or subject nevertheless to the said County or yearly rent here  
nge his naturall life Item I give and bequeath unto the poor  
bee sett out and disposed on by the minister thereward and in an  
manner as the said minister thereward and in an obiect  
an twenty pounds apcde Item I doe hereby give and rebab  
nge out of me by the said John Croker and all the rest of  
quide unto my said louinge kyffman William Croker  
my last will and testam<sup>t</sup> fulfilled wch of the said hi

In the name of God Amen the seaven & twenty n<sup>t</sup> day of January in the sixteenth yeare  
of the reigne of our Sovereigne lord Charles the second by the grace of god, King of  
England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the faith &c. Annoq<sup>e</sup> Domini 1664

I Henry Croker of Rockerton in the County of Oxon Esq<sup>r</sup> being very aged and weake  
and infirme in body but of good & perfect memory prayed bee god doe make w<sup>t</sup>  
ordaine this my last w<sup>t</sup>ll & testament in manner and forme following

First I committ my soule to god that gave it trustinge to be saved through the  
meritts of Jesus Christ my body to the Earth from whence it came to bee decently  
buried in such place as my Executor shall thinkes fitt As concernings my  
worldly estate I dispose of the same in manner & forme followinge Imprimis I  
give devise & bequeath unto my nephew John Croker of Rockerton aforesaid  
gent One Annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds of currant money of  
England to bee yssuing & geunge forth at payable and to bee had received  
and taken yearly out of All those closes or inclosed ground with thappurtenances  
called or knowne by the name of Brier lands scituate and being in Slepe  
Barton in the said County of Oxon and out of the third parte of one close or  
inclosed ground with thappurtenances scituate and being in Slepe Barton  
as aforesaid called or knowne by the name of Stonehill Close to have hould  
receive take & enjoy the said annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds unto  
the said John Croker and his assignes for and dureing the terme of his  
natuall life to bee payable yearly and every yeare on the feast day of th'annunciation of the  
blised virgin Mary and St Michael th'archangell by equall paymentes durieng the natuall life of  
the said John Croker the first of the said payment to bee made on such of the said feasts as  
shall firste and next happen after my decease And my will is that if it happen the said  
annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds to bee behind anere or unpaid in part or in all  
by the space of twenty dayes next over or after either or any of the said feasts or dayes of  
payment wheran the same ought to bee paid as aforesaid being lawfully demanded that then  
and from thenceforth it shall & may bee lawfull to and for the said John Croker and his  
assignes unto the said closes or inclosed ground with thappurtenances or unto any parte  
thereof to enter and distreyne and the distres and distresses then and there found to late  
drive take away and impound and the same to distreyne and keepe untill the said  
annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds and the arreages thereof if any shall happen  
to bee bee fully satisfied and paid ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew  
Charles Hogan of Hampton Court One Annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds of  
currant money of England to bee yssuing geunge forth and payable and to bee had  
received and taken yearly out of all that my Message or Rement and six yard  
lands of arable medow and pasture ground with thappurtenances scituate and being  
in Sandford in the said County of Oxon commonly called Sandford Farme to have hould  
receive take and enjoy the same annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds unto the  
said Charles Hogan and his assignes for and dureing the terme of his natuall  
life to bee payable yearly and every yeare on the feast days of th'annunciation  
of the blised virgin Mary and St Michael th'archangell by equall paymentes durieng  
the natuall life of the said Charles Hogan the first of the said payments to bee made  
on such of the said feasts as shall first and next happen after my decease And my  
will is that if it happen the said annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds to be



behind arrears or unpaid in parte or in all by the space of twenty days next over  
or after either or all of the said feasts or days of payment wherein the same ought to  
bee paid as aforesaid being lawfully demandede that then and from thenceforth it  
shall and may bee lawfull to us for the said Charles Hogan and his assignes into the  
said messuage and six yard lands with thappurtenances or into any parte thereof to  
enter and distreyne and the distreses them and there found to leade  
drive take away and impound and the same to detayne and keepe until the  
said Annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds and the arrearages thereof if any shall  
happen to bee, bee fully satisfied and paid ITEM I give and bequeath unto my  
cozen Abel Makepeace Fifty pounds of currant money of England To my neece  
Elizabeth wife of John Holloway Clarke Thirtie pounds To my cozen and goddaughter  
Anne daughter of my cozen John Watson deceased Fifty pounds To my cozen  
Frances Watson widdowre relict of the said John Watson Forty pounds All which  
legacies my will is shalbee paid by my Executor within one yeare next after my  
decease Item I give and bequeath unto my servant Thomas Lucas twenty  
pounds ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my loveinge kinsman William  
Croker sonne of my nephew John Croker all that those Closes or inclosed groundes  
called Brier lands scituall and being in the parish of Steeple Barton in the said  
County of Oxon And the third parte of all that close or inclosed ground called Stonehill  
Close scituall and beinge in the parish of Steeple Barton aforesaid with all profits  
and appurtenances to the said Closes or inclosed groundes belonging To have and to  
hold unto the said William Croker his heires and assigns for ever To the only use  
of and behoife of him the said William Croker his heires and assignee for ever subject  
neverthellose to the said Annuity or yearly rent of tenne pounds before mentioned  
to bee payable out of the same to the said John Croker during his life Item I  
give devise and bequeath all that my messuage or tenement and six yard lands of  
unable meadow and pasture ground with the appurtenances scituall and  
beinge in Sandford in the said County of Oxon commonly called the Farme and all  
other my lands tenements and hereditaments with their and every their  
appurtenances scituall lyinge and beinge in Sandford aforesaid and Leadwell  
or in either of them or elsewhere in the said County of Oxon not before hereby  
devised unto my loveinge kinsman William Croker sonne of my said nephew  
John Croker for and during the naturall life of him the said William Croker and  
from and imediately after his decease to Gerard Croker sonne of the said William  
Croker for ever subject nevertheless to the said Annuity or yearly rent here before  
mentioned to bee yesowing and payable out of the premises unto the said Charles Hogan  
during his naturall life Item I give and bequeath unto the poor of the parish of  
Steeple Barton aforesaid the sume of five pounds to remayne as a stocke for ever  
and to bee sette out and disposed of by the Minister churchwardens and  
overseers of the poore of the said parish from time to time to the use of the said  
poore in such sorte and manner as the said Minister churchwardens and overseers  
of the poore of the said parish shall think fitt Item I give to the eight daughters of  
my said cozen William Twenty pounds apiece Item I doe hereby give and release  
unto my said nephew John Croker all such debts and sommes as sommes of money  
as are due or oweinge unto mee by the said John Croker and all the rest of

An Inventory of all y<sup>e</sup> Goods Chattels & Cenerall  
of the late Mr. John Marston in the County of  
H<sup>r</sup>shire gentleman late deceased takene appraisid the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of October in the Y<sup>r</sup> of our Lord  
the Y<sup>r</sup> of Christ 1665

Imrimis his uocatus. Alured H.	20-00-00
Item by purfle & white in the ymme	25-00-00
Item money att use upon hand	350-00-00
Item in chayre of lthr	100-00-00
Item in the chyrch	000-10-00
Item one Stole & Biale	000-7-00
Item one little pister in chyrch	002-00-00
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	427-17-00

John Marston Esqrs  
John Luckett

Exhibit erat hoc Inventum  
apud Oppn 24<sup>th</sup> die mensis Martij  
Ano Domini juxta etiab*et* anno  
Julianum Doctorum & Indemnorum  
vniuum ex d<sup>e</sup> re vero de perfecto Int*er*  
cium et singulorum bonorum vero qua hanc videtur  
Debet et debet etiam de addendo pro Cura  
M. - 1665

An Inventory of all the goods & Chattels of Henery  
Croker late of Hacknotton in the County of  
Oxford gentl deceased taken & apised the  
Twenty fifth day of October in the yeare  
of Lord 1665

Imprimis his weareing Apparel  
Item his purse & girdle & money  
Item money att use upon bond  
Item on Mergages of Land  
Item two Truncks  
Item one Saddle & Bridle  
Item one little picket in Quills

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John Hawwood praiser  
John Buckett

Exhibit at the Inq[ue]ri  
24 March 1665/6  
William Croker

my goods cattle & chattels not hereby before given or bequeathed I do  
give devise and bequeath unto my said loveinge Kinsman William Croker/  
Sonne of my said nephewe John Croker whom I make constitude and apoynt  
sole Executor of this my last will and testamant In witness whereof I the  
said Henery Croker have hereunto sett my hand and seale the daye and yeare  
first above written:

Henry Croker