


# The Will of William Lakin of Ruddington

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In the name of God Amen the vij<sup>th</sup><sup>1</sup> daye of februarie, Annon Dom[ini] 1632<sup>2</sup> I Willi[a]m Lakin of Ruddington in the County of Nott[ingham] husbandman being sicke in body, but of good and p[er]f[e]c[t] memory thanks be unto god therefore have made this will and testament in mann[er] and forme following. Vidz<sup>3</sup> I give and bequeath my soule in to the hands of Almighty [God] my maker and redeemer, in whose mercy by the meritts of Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour I trust to be saved [words faded] body to the Earth and to be buried in the p[ar]ishe churchyard of Ruddington aforesaid and comending my wordly goodes that the Lord hath bestowed on mee, ffirst I give and bequeath unto Thomas Lakin my father my best suite of App[ar]ell and my best Coat. It[e]m I give and bequeath unto William Lakin my eldest sonne ffifteene Pounds of lawfull money of England to be payd unto him by my executrix when hee shall Accomplishe the full Age [of] three and twentye yeares, and I give unto my said sonne William the table and frame nowe standing in the house, and two framed formes belonging to the said table and one [Carpen?] Cloth belonging [to the] said table for and in full consideration of his childs p[ar]t and portion, And my will is hee shall not have the said Chattells untill the decease of his mother but that shee shall have the use of them during her naturall life. It[e]m. I give and bequeath unto John Lakin my youngest sonne, ffifteene Pounds of lawfull money of England, to be payd unto him by my executrix when hee shall Accomplishe the full age of three and twentye yeares, And I give unto my said sonne John the Cubborde now standing in the house, and one framed [Chis.? - faded] for and in full affirmation and Consideration of his Childs p[ar]t and portion, And my will is that my wife shall have the use of the said Cubbord [words faded] [Chise?] during her naturall lyfe as aforesaid, And my will and meaning is that if either of my said sonnes shall dep[ar]t this worlde [words faded] be fore they shall Accomplishe the said age of twentie [three]<sup>4</sup> yeares, that their p[ar]te soe deceased shall be and remain to and for the use of [words faded]<sup>5</sup> then living, **And if both my said sonnes shall depart this worlde before they shall Accomplishe the said sev[er]all<sup>6</sup> ages, then my intent and meaning is, their p[ar]ts and portions shall be and remayne to the use and behoof<sup>7</sup> of their mother during her naturall lyfe, if shee shall live soe long unmarried, And if shee shall be marryed then my will and meaning is that my saide sonnes p[ar]ts and portions shall be and remayne to and for the use and behoof of all the children of Richard Bludd<sup>Sen[ior]</sup> to be equally devided amongst them and to be payd unto them att such tyme as the same should have beene due [to] my saide sonnes, if they had lived.** And I doe make Mery Lakin, my well beloved wyfe, my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testam[en]t: unto whom I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and Chattells, shee paying my debts, fullfilling this my last will and [arranging?] my funerall as I trust shee will [I.....] whereof I gave [.....] [to?] [several more uncertain words] sett my hand and seale, in the p[re]sents of this witnesses vidz.

Richard Bludd

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The Seale and marke of  
the said testator

Antho[ny] Longworth<sup>8</sup>

And I give to either of this my witnesses \_\_\_iip



<sup>1</sup> Seventh in Roman numerals. The final i was often turned into a j to show this was the end of the number.

<sup>2</sup> Old Style (Julian) date. As the date falls before 25 Mar, the year is 1633 on the modern (Gregorian) calendar.

<sup>3</sup> Abbreviation for *videlicet*, Latin term meaning 'to wit,' 'namely,' or 'that is.' Other versions are vitz and viz.

<sup>4</sup> Note that the age here is 20 and not 23 as previous. But the writer placed three bold tick marks (""') above the word 'twentie.' I am inclined to believe this is either his abbreviation for 23 or he forgot to write the 'three and' part beforehand and this was his way to correct the error.

<sup>5</sup> The faded part presumably says 'the son' or something similar.

<sup>6</sup> Several is used here in the archaic meaning of singular, particular, or specific.

<sup>7</sup> Obsolete word meaning 'benefit.'

<sup>8</sup> This witness signed his own name, therefore no mark was made.