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The Will of Robert Best of the Parish of Linkinhorne in the County of Cornwall, written 22 Jan 1601/2, will proved 22 Apr 1602. (slightly abridged)

In the name of god Amen the xxiith daye of Januarie in the yere of our Lorde god 1601 I Robert Best of Linkenhorne in the Countie of Cornwall yeoman being weake of bodie but stronge in mynde do make this laste will and Testament in manner and fourme followinge.

First I geve and bequeath unto **Robert Cundye my son in lawe William Cundye his sonne** xx^l to be paid him when he shall accomplish the age of Sixtene yerres and seale and deliver as his Deed unto my Executors or unto one of them or to the Executors or Administrators of them or one of them a sufficient Acquittance of Discharge for the same.

Item. I geve unto **Anne Cundye the saied William Cundies daughter** sixe poundes xiijs. iiij^d. to be paid unto her when she shall accomplyshe the age of Sixtene yerres and seale and deliver as her Deed unto my Executors or unto one of them or to the Executors or Administrators of them or one of them a sufficient Acquittance of Discharge for the same.

Item. I geve and bequeath unto **Katherine Cundye one of the daughters of the saied William Cundye** vi^l xiijs^s iiij^d to be paid unto her when she shall accomplyshe the age of xvi yerres and seale and deliver as her Deed unto my Executors or unto one of them or to the Executors or Administrators of them or one of them a sufficient Acquittance of Discharge for the same.

Item. I geve and bequeath unto **Elizabethe Cundye one of the daughters of the saied William Cundye** vi^l xiijs^s iiij^d to be paid unto her when she shall accomplyshe the age of xvi yerres and seale and deliver as her Deed unto my Executors or unto one of them or to the Executors or Administrators of them or one of them a sufficient Acquittance of Discharge for the same.

Item. I geve and bequeath unto **Joan Cundye one of the daughters of the saied William Cundye** vi^l xiijs^s iiij^d to be paid unto her when she shall accomplyshe the age of xvi yerres and seale and deliver as her Deed unto my Executors or unto one of them or to the Executors or Administrators of them or one of them a sufficient Acquittance of Discharge for the same.

And if it foretune any of the aforenamed daughters of the saied William Cundye to dye before the age of sixteene yeares, That then I will that her porcion so dyinge shall remayn to the residue of her sisters survivinge.

Item. I geve to **my daughter Elinor Cundy wief to the saied William Cundy** one annuitie or yearly rent of xx^s. to be payed unto her duringe the joynt naturall lives of the saied William and Ellinor provided allwaies that if the saied William happen to dye livinge the saied Ellinor That then the saied annuity or yearely rent shall cease and be no longer payd. And will that my executors shall paye unto the saied

Ellinor x^l. And if the saied Ellinor happen to dye before the saied William then my will is that my Executors shall pay unto the aforenamed Daughters of the saied William the saied x^l. they a sufficient acquittance or discharge for the same.....

Item. I geve and bequeath unto **John Best my Sonn** one Table Boarde in the Parler one Cubboard one Bedstead and xls. in monye.

Item. I geve unto **Robert Best sonn of the saied John Best** and unto **John sonn of the saied John Best my sonn** vi^l. a peece, to be payd unto them or other of them when they shall accomlishe the age of sixteene yeares and seale and deliver as their Deede unto my Executors or unto one of them or to the Executors or Administrators of them or one of them a sufficient Acquittanncce of Discharge for the same.

Item. I geve and bequeath unto William Congdon sonn of Edmond Congdon iij^l.

Item. I geve unto John Marke my servannt xl^s.

Item. I geve unto a poore mayde which William Cundy is to mayntayne iij^s. iiij^d.

Item. I geve to the poore of Linkenhorne vi^s. viij^d.

Item. I geve to the poore of Lezant iij^s. iiij^d. provided allwayes and my will intent and meaning is That if the saied **William Cundy and Ellinor his wief** or any one of them doe at any time hereafter Challenge Clayme or Demand the porcion I gave unto the saied William Cundy in marriage with Ellinor my Daughter and by satisfied, or any parte of any other my goods then is by this my last will and Testament unto them geven, or Commence any suite agaynst my saied Executors or make any question Clayme or Title to any Corne I have sowed and growinge in and uppon a Tenement called Lanwarke, That then the saied **William Cundy, Ellinor Cundy his wief, Roberte Cundy his sonn, Ann Cundy, Katherine Elizabeth and Johane their Daughters** and everie of them to lost the benefitt if all suche Legacies and other Commodities unto them hereby geven and bequeathed, and the same to remayne to my Executors, provided likewise that if **John Best my sonn** aforenamed doe make any Challenge Clayme or Demand to any the residue of my goods or Chattels or to any Corne as well by me sowed and groweing or to be growen in or commence any suite agaynst my Executors concerning the same That then the saied **John Best my sonn Robert Best and John Best his sonns** to take no benefitt of the legacies or other Commodities hereby unto them geven but shall lose the same

I make and ordayne John Stephens gent and Edmonde Congdon my Executors of this my last will and Testament gevinge and bequeathing unto them all the residue of my goods and Chattells not heretofore geven graunted bargayned or solde And doe hereby revoke and adnull all wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In wittness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us hereunder written:

Teste me: Christofero Nanscawen, Joh'nis Best, Joh'nis Congdon, Michl. Lucas,
Samp: Congdon