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mynde and will is that Christiane my wellbelovyd wyf shall have the kynges of the saide Johanne  
Eyes duringe the tyme of my saide dysease so that she may have them as good as I have in  
all respects as they were at the day of the laste daye of my lyf I have to Marie my daughter  
one tyme committable tyled Tythe Item I will and bequeathe the residue of my goodes consequen-  
tly to Christiane my foresaide wyf Item I ordeine and make my beloved wyf my executrix of  
this my presente laste will and testament and my brother William and John North to be  
my overseers in witness whereof I have caused this to be made in the presence of John North  
Richard Springham William Springham John Chapman and Henry Dighton Thomas  
a lye with the offyce &c

**Exo de** february anno Dni millesimo quingentesimo Sexagesimo primo emanavit  
commissio Christiane Springham Relicta Adulphi Springham ad administrandum bona  
sua et credita dñe des ad viam intestati dñi pro eo quod dicta Christiana Relicta et  
executrix in huius testamento nominata omni executionis dñi testamenti expressse renuntiavit  
de bene et facti administrando eadem de de plene inventario exhibendo. Necnon de facti compen-  
satione reddendo. Ad sancta dei Evangelia Jurat.

**In the name of God Amen** In the fiftenth day of September in  
the year of our lord god 1561 Edward the fiftie and mych And in the fiftie  
year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Ladie Anne Elizabeth & John Colpeper of Grayes  
Inne holle of bodie mynde and remembrance do make and ordeine my laste will and testament  
in manner and fower followinge I p'p'ose & committe my soule into the handes of my moste  
lovinge lord and sole saviour Iesu Christe who by his deare sonne deathe and precious payson  
hath paid the ranfome for my finnes and redeemed me from the captivite and bondage of  
my mortall foe the devill Item my bodie I will to be buried accordinge to the discrecion of my  
executor Item I give to my brother Richard Colpeper and to his heires and assigns all  
my landes tenementes rentes Annuities goodes chattells debts and duties willinge and re-  
quinge the same Richard to see me true and honestlie discharged againste all persons to  
whome I shall stande indebted or charged either in right or in conscience at the tyme  
of my deathe Item I make the saide Richard my sole executor of this my presente  
testament And if it fortune the saide Richard to die before me then I make my syster Edley myne  
executrix and all my saide landes rentes Annuities hereditamentes goodes chattells and  
duties I will then to remaine and be to my brother Thomas Colpeper and his heires  
so that he shall within thre monthes after my deathe put in sufficient bonde of re-  
compence to my syster Edley as my syster foresaide I meanie my deest syster shall name and  
appointe that he shall see me discharged againste all persons to whome I shall in conscience  
stande chargeable at the tyme of my deathe And also that he shall do his best to cause my  
brother Edwardes twoe sonnes well and vertuously to be broughte up in good learninge  
and that he shall give unto the younger of them xxv nobles a yere to fynde them  
tyme at the booke duringe his minoritye and nowadge the paymente thereof to becomme  
at the fyste michaelmas after my deathe and so to be paid annuallie at the saide feaste  
and the same monie to be bestowed upon the childe by the discrecion of my saide executrix  
and such other persons as she shall thinke meete provided alwaies that if my saide brother  
Richard do survive me that then the makinge of my saide deest syster myne executrix  
with the deathe made unto my saide brother Thomas and all the dependance thereof  
shall cleavelie void and of none effect And that no matter clause or sentence above  
written be taken or reputed for my will but onlie so muche as is beneficiall and  
available to the saide Richard in witness whereof I have written and subscribed  
this wille with my owne hande the yere and daye above written of me Johanne  
Colpeper De Grayes Junr. predicta George Dornell Edward Stanfoppe James

Johanne Colpeper

goode doctor of physike

**Probitum** erat superscriptum testamentum domini magno magistro Gallico legum doctoris at  
commissario decimo octavo die februarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo primo.  
juramento Richardi de Leppes executoris in eodem notat. Qui commissaria fuit administratio bonorum huius  
de bene et fideliter administrando eadem. Et de pleno iuramento exhibendo. Necnon de fidei bono mte  
reddendo. Ad sancta dei Evangelia iurat.

Margarette Countesse de Bathe

Cause of Care for the  
the Countess of Devon  
it will that the Countess  
of Devon should remain

**In the name of God Amen** The tenth day of December in the year  
of our lord god A thousand five hundredth threescore and one after the translation of the  
body of England & Margarette Countesse of Bathe late wife of the right honorable John  
Earle of Bathe deceased beinge in good part of her remembrance and in good helthe of bodye hande  
and prynces be to almighty god make this my laste testament and laste will in manner and forme  
followinge. That is to saye fyrste and principallie I bequeathe my soule to almighty god my maker  
and redeemer and my bodye to be buried wher soe it shall please god to take me oute of this transitorye  
lyfe and accordinge to the discrecion of my excoutors. And I give and bequeathe unto the Countesse  
of Bathe one hundredth poundes of lawfull monie of Englande and his grandfathers Dignite with  
a scalle of Armes. And all furthe stuffe and appoyntment of householde as do nowe remaine in the  
custodie of my daughter Katherine his mother untill she shall attaine unto the age of one and  
twentye yere. Also I give unto my daughter the ladye Susan and Bridget eight hundred  
markes. That is to saye to either of them my hundredth markes to be paid at thier  
severall ages of tynghen yeres or at thier severall daies of marriage whiche shall firste  
happye oute and besides the hundredth markes forenamed by the said late Earle before marriage  
betweene him and me shal be paid to the daughter that shal be had between us duringe  
the said marriage as by a point of futuritye therof shal and made more plainlye apperente.  
And I will the same severall legacies of my hundredth markes shall remaine in the meane  
tyme in the custodie of my excoutors to be employed to such use as with the profit and  
conmodite of the said daughter the charges of the keepinge of my said two daughters may be borne  
with some furthe advancement of it may be so raysed. And if anye of them shall fortune  
to departe oute of this worlde before thier marriages or beinge of the said age of tynghen  
yeres then I will that the other of them overlyinge shall have the said legacye of eight hundred  
markes to be paid as is aforesaid. And if it fortune that they bothe departe  
oute of this worlde before they shal be married or be of thier age of tynghen yeres then  
I will that all thier said legacies aboute written by me given to them shall remaine to all  
my children overlyinge then and equalle to be divided amongest them. And I give also to  
my said daughter the ladye Susan my tablett of gowde of the forme of Doble Durell  
And I give unto my said daughter the ladye Bridget my best booke of gowde sett with  
diamondes and emeralles. Item I give to my daughter in dowrye the ladye Elizabeth Dowryer  
two hundredth markes of lawfull monie of Englande. Item I give to my sonne in lawe George  
Dowryer esquire fourty poundes of lawfull monie. And wher as my late husbande Syre  
Richard de Leppes knight deceased gave and bequeathed in his laste will and testament unto  
Jane his daughter and Anne his daughter to everye of them in hundredth markes whiche I  
will be paid unto them accordinge to the said laste will. And furthe I give unto the said  
Jane his daughter and Anne his daughter besides the aforesaid bequestes of thier father to  
everye of them Syre hundredth markes of good and lawfull monie of Englande to be  
paid unto them with thier fathers bequest at such age they or anye of them shall come  
to thier severall ages of tynghen yeres or at thier severall daies of marriage whiche  
shall firste happye. And I will that if anye of them shall fortune to departe oute of this  
worlde before thier marriages or beinge of the said age of tynghen yeres then I will  
that the survivor or survivors of them shall enjoye thier legacies so devised. And I  
will that my excoutors take such order withall the said bequestes that is to saye to put  
all the monie to such use that the profit therof maye fynde them untill such tyme as  
thier legacies be paid to them wherbye no parte of thier legacies in bequestes shal be