

In the name of god Amen I the xxvij<sup>th</sup> day of February. In the year of our lord 1602. I the  
 Harding of Stroussam in the County of Berke of the County of Berke of the County of Berke  
 bequeath to you for it. Do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following  
 I bequeath my soul to god the Father Almighty my body to god the Son my blood to god the Holy  
 Ghost my benefice, and my land to god surely from my heirs it remaine to be buried in the church of  
 Stroussam, from I give and bequeath to the church of Stroussam - vij<sup>th</sup> John I give and bequeath to the  
 church of Stroussam - vij<sup>th</sup> John I give and bequeath to my son Robert Harding - ij<sup>th</sup> John I give  
 and bequeath to my son William Harding my table in the parlour, ij<sup>th</sup> in the parlour and the  
 bedstead in the parlour, the press in the lath. I give and bequeath to my son John Harding  
 one of the best beds in the lath, one sword and all my apparell. I give and bequeath to my  
 daughter Alice Harding twenty pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be paid to her by my  
 wife within twelve months after my decease. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Baker one fourth part  
 of two years of age to be sold publicly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Constance one fourth  
 part of one year of age to be sold publicly. I give to my daughter Margaret one fourth part  
 of one year of age to be sold publicly. I give to my kinswoman Elizabeth Baker one cow  
 and one lamb. I give to Elizabeth my kinswoman one cow and one lamb. I give to my wife  
 the residue of my goods and chattels. I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels  
 to my wife Constance. I make my wife Constance my sole executrix to see my debts paid, my will  
 and my funeral and my funeral expenses. And I appoint and constitute my wife Constance my  
 sole executrix and my son John Baker, and give you for your pains in this behalf a pound and your  
 charges. I give to my last wife, the day and year first above written.

Witness  
 John Harding of Stroussam  
 John Baker  
 John Pigg  
 William Wilkin, Secretary

*[Large decorative flourish]*  
 I the said John Harding do hereby certify that the  
 above written is a true and correct copy of the  
 original as the same is contained in the  
 original book of the said John Harding  
 and that the same is a true and correct  
 copy of the original as the same is  
 contained in the original book of the  
 said John Harding.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

