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In the name of God Amen I Thomas Hunte the yonger of Wythersley(?) yeoman beinge of whole and perfect mynde and remembrance praysed be God doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soule to Almightie God my Creator in Jesus Christ my redeemer trustinge [illegible] of all my sinnes in whose precious bloud I hope to obtayne eternall lyfe and my bodye to be buried in the churcheyarde of Wythersley(?). Item I give and bequeathe and my will is that because my sonne Nicholas Hunte is a suckinge(?) childe that my brother Nicholas Hunte shall have the use and occupation of all my landes during the minoritye of my sayde sonne and heyre that is untill he attayne to the age of xxj yeares makinge neither stripe nor waste but onely for necessary reparacions and use of the howses payinge all duetyes to kinge and lorde and xxs every yeare to Elizabeth my beloved wyfe towards her maynten[ance] and the bringinge upp of my sayde sonne Nicholas but yf it shall happen my sayde sonne to [illegible] or to be taken away from my sayde wyfe to be placed as an apprentice to some honest trade as I herein referr my whole trust to my sayde brother then my will is that my sayde brother shall from thence forthe paye to my sayde wyfe for the same and [illegible] my sonne shall [illegible] have bene of full age but five poundes [illegible]. Further my sayde brother shall in the ende and determination of xxj yeares the full age of my sonne [illegible] paye in way of a stocke to be raysed of the [illegible] of the value of my landes thirty poundes. Item my will is that nevertheles my sayde wyfe Elizabeth shall have the use of the fire of my howse wherein I dwell in and the chamber and lofte on the side duringe her widdowes estate. Item I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Crowther my apprentice in money twenty shillinges within two yeares after my decease. Also I bequeathe him then my starke my [illegible] handles and all other my workinge tooles. Item I give and bequeathe to the poore of the parishe of Wythersley(?) [illegible] shillinges. Item I give unto every of my godchildren iiijd a peice. All the rest of my goodes and chattells moveable and immoveable I give and bequeathe unto my beloved wyfe Elizabeth and to my brother Nicholas to be equally divided betweene them they to be both my executors payinge my debts payinge all my funeralls and all suche lyke duetyes and I constitute them my joint executors of this my last will and testament. And I entreate my lovinge neighbours [illegible] Gyles and Henry Bryzett(?) to be overseers of this my will to see it kept and performed in consideration whereof I bequeathe to eyther of them iijs iiijd. In wittnesse whereof I have sett to my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written In the presence of

John Hartlie(?) marke

John [illegible] Goddard(?) his marke

et mei Richardi Fosna(?)

Thomas Hunt

Probatum fuit huius testamentum in com[muni] forma coram Magistro Johanne Ridley legum doctore vicario generali reverendi patris domini Thome [illegible] Episcopi et vicesimo [illegible] die Maij Anno Domini 1604. Commissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum et Elizabethe relicte et Nicholao Hunt fratri dicti defuncti executoribus supranominatis De bene et [illegible] ad sancta Dei Evangelia jurat salvo iure cuiuscumque.

[illegible] Nicholas Hunt de Witherslye(?) yoman et [illegible] Gyles de eadem [illegible] et David Bryzett(?) de eadem [illegible]

bound in [illegible]