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The last will and testament of Richard Copcot 1552

In the name of god Amen the xxvj day of Auguste the yere of oure lord god a thousande fyve hundrith two and fyftie And the sixte yere of oure [our] soverange [sovereign] lord King Edward the sixte [6th] I Richarde [Richard] Copcot of Pirton in the Countie [County] of Hartford [Hertford] beinge [being] hole [whole] of mynde [mind] and of memorye [memory] laude [lord] priese [praise] be unto god allmighte [almighty] do make and ordayn [ordain] this my present testament

Ffirst [First] I bequeathe [bequeath] my Soull [soul] unto god allmighte [almighty] my creatore [creator] and my redmare [redeemer] And my body to be buried [buried] wth [within] the Church porche [porch] of Pirton aforesaid

Item I bequeath to Elizabeth my wiff [wife] vj sh befor [before] the space of xx [20] yere [year] to be paid of the tenemency [tenancy] belonginge [belonging] unto the lordship and parsonage of Pirton And yf [if] at fortune the said Elizabeth my wiff [wife] to dye [die] within the yeres [years] above that they deathe [death] after hir [her] decease [decease] I will that Richarde [Richard] Copcoate my sonne [son] shall have the said sume [sum] of vj sh duringe [during] his lease

Item I bequeathe [bequeath] to Elizabethe [Elizabeth] my wiff [wife] all the appare [upper] ende [end] of my housse [house] during hir [her] liffe [life] that is for to saye [say] the greater porcone [portion] the buttre [buttery] and the chamber on the greate [great] parhone [portion] And she to occupye [occupy] all the stuffe and plate lying in the same during hir

[her] liffe [life] And after hir [her] deceasse [decease] I will that Richarde [Richard]

Copcote my sonne [son] shall have the sed [said] stuffe plate and ryngs [rings]

Item I bequeath to the sed [said] Elizabeth my beasts that I have in myn [mine] own keping
[keeping]

Item I will that the sed [said] Elizabeth shall have all hir [her] own stuffe and plate that she
brought unto me

Item I bequeath to Radolff [Ralph] Copcott my cosyn [cousin] xls [10 pounds]

Item I do geve [give] unto Richarde [Richard] Copcott my sonne [son] my lease of the
lordship and parsonage of Pirton with all other my goods not bequeathed

Now I do make my Sole exercutor [executor] of this my last will and testament Thes
[These] be my wnesse [witness] Elizabeth Copcott my wiff [wife] John Allwey gent
William Paryant gentleman with others.

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