

This is the last will and testament of me John King of Pirton in the county of Hertford yeoman I devise to my dear son John King his heirs and assigns my messuage and twelve acres or thereabouts of land with the appurtenances being at Apsley and in the parish of Shitlington on which I purchased of John Oliver and is now in the occupation of my said son on condition that he do surrender and assure to my son James – heirs and assigns to much of the allotment piece or part of land hereinafter be devised to my said son James as was set out in lieu of seven acres or thereabouts of land in the common fields of Pirton and which seven acres of and were surrendered to his use after the decease of my wife and myself by John King and in case he should refuse or neglect so to surrender the same upon

Application and at the expence of my said son James then I revoke the devise to him and devise my said messuage and land at shitlington to my said son James his heirs and assigns I devise to my said son James King and to his heirs and assigns my copyhold house at Pirton with the appurtenances which I purchased of Whiltingstall with the homestall and appurtenances so belonging together with an allotment piece or parcel of land situate in North Mead field in Pirton aforesaid which was set out and awarded by the commissioners for the inclosure of the parish of Pirton also in view of my common field lands and common rights and of the said seven acres of common field land so as aforesaid surrendered by the said John Wright and I devise to my daughter Ann the wife of Charles Kingsley and her heirs and assigns my cottage and wheelrights shop at Shitlington aforesaid in the occupation of Robert Upton which I purchased of John Taylor and James Crouch .I appoint my sons John James and William Executors of this my will and I bequeath to them all my farming stock goods chattels and effects money and securities for money and all other my personal estate and whatsoever and wheresoever upon trust to convert into money such part thereof as shall not consist of money and the want? In the first place to pay my debts funeral and mortuary expences Having already assured to my son William and to my daughter Ann seventy pounds and to my son Joseph seven hundred pounds to be paid to them as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. I give the residue of the produce of my personal estate into and equally between my said five children and the issue of such who may have died in my lifetime having issue such issue to take in equal proportions the share of the deceased parent I declare that it shall be lawful for my executors to deduct and retain and each to pay to the other all such costs charges and

expences as they or either of them shall sustain or be put into in the executions or default of this my will or the trusts thereof and that all of them shall be answerable for the other or others of them or for the

or receipts of the other or others and neither of them accountable for anything more than shall actually come to his or their hands nor for any loss which shall happen without his or their neglect or wilful default

In witness whereof I the said hand the tenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty three John King

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John King the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribe and attest the same as witnesses in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other John Hawkins, John Throssell, George Garrett

Proved at London 26th May 1824 before the worshipful Charles Coote Doctor of Laws and sworn by the oaths of John King, James King, William King the sons the executors to whom admon was granted being first sworn