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In the name of God Amen. I GRACE HIGHAM of Islington in the Co. of Middlesex widow, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding, thanks be to God, do make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say:

ffirst and principally I commit my body and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And as to my worldly estates wherein it hath pleased God to bless me, etc., etc.

Imprimis I give to James Annis the brother of my cousin John Annis of Aldersgate Street, Stonecutter, the sum of £50, and to Eleanor Annis the sum of £50, sister of John Annis.

To John Yeo the son of my brother Thomas Yeo all my plate vizt: two silver tankrads, one silver salver and two silver salts, one silver mug and six silver spoons, one silver pepper box and one silver porringer.

I give unto Grace the daughter of my brother Thomas Yeo the sum of £50 and all my rings which are six in number and two of them diamond rings

[Then follow numerous legacies of clothes and undischarged bonds to her friends - named].

Unto the poor house keepers of Aldersgate parish the sum of £5.

Unto my cousin Mary Whitlock the sum of £10 and my black mantua silk gown; and whereas my sister Mary Yeo is lately dead, intestate, and I am by such death instituted to one moyety of her estate and effects and the other moyety belongs to my sister Izatt Trewin now, I do hereby give the moyety of my said late sister Mary Yeo's estate to which so lately fell to me as aforesaid and lyes in Devonshire and Cornwall amongst all my brother Thomas Yeo's children (except John), being seven in number, to be equally divided amongst them to share and share alike, and I give to the poor of Bradworthy out of the effects in Devonshire the sum of £4 to be distributed by Mr Elias Eastway to such as he shall think most needy. I give to the said Mr Eastway out of my effects in Devonshire the sum of 40 shillings for his trouble.

And the rest of my effects in Devonshire and Cornwall I give to my said brother Thomas Yeo's children (except John) as aforesaid.

I give to my good friends Mr Henry Hankin and Mr Zachary Hamblyn one Guinea each to buy them a ring and all the residue of my estate whether real or personal and wheresoever it is unto my said cousin John Annis who I make my full and sole executor of this my last Will performed in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 26th day of february A.D. 1725[1/6] and in the 12th year Lord George King

GRACE HIGHAM in the presence of us Kathrine Chandler Geo Worrall
& Mr ffoster of Castle Yard, Holborn

Probatum London 31st (sic) Aprillis AD 1726 to Johannis Annis legatoris &c.

Bolttons (Burial Reg) Aldersgate London 1726 Grace Higham buried 3rd May.

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