

Lyddington Manor History Society

Richard MORICE, Yeoman of Caldecott

Will proved 1660

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1 **In the Name of God Amen**

2 I Richard Morice the elder of Caldecott in the County of Rutland yeoman being sick and
3 weake in body but of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for the same and
4 knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order doe
5 make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say
6 first and principally I commend my soule to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing
7 I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sinns and be saved by the
8 precious death and Merritts of my blessed saviour and redeemer Christ Jesus and my
9 body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent and Christian
10 manner as my Executor hereafter named shall think meete and Convenient And as
11 touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me My wish and meaning
12 is the same shalbe impoyed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Expressed And
13 first I doe revoke renounce frustrate and make void all wills by me formerly
14 made and declare and appoint this my last will and Testament Also I give
15 and bequeath unto my second sonne William Morice the sume of Fifty pounds
16 of lawfull English money to be paid to him by my Executor hereafter named
17 Att or within Twelve months after my decease And also one bay Mare and Fole
18 and one browne Cow Also I give and bequeath unto Robert Morice my Fifth son
19 the sume of Fifty pounds of lawfull English money To be paid to him by my *Executor*
20 hereafter named when he shall attaine the age of One and Twenty yeares Also
21 I give and bequeath unto Richard Morice my eldest sonne Anne Woodcock my
22 Eldest Daughter Elizabeth Hill my second daughter Twelve pence apeece of lawfull
23 English money to be paid to them within six months after my decease by my Executor
24 If itt be demanded Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandchildren Robert
25 Woodcock William Woodcock John Woodcock Elizabeth Woodcock and Anne
26 Woodcock the sonns and daughters of Robert Woodcock my sonne in law
27 and Anne Elliott to each of them one Ewe Also I give more unto my aforesaid daughter
28 Elizabeth Hill One Cowe which formerly was her owne Also I give and bequeath unto
29 my welbeloved wife Elinor Morice One greate Chest, one livery Cubbord Two Tables, One
30 Chaire One Tannkard two burrells standing and being in the parlor for ever And

31 also the bedd in the Parlor During her naturall life Also I give and bequeath unto
32 my aforesaid wife Two Cowes and she is to chuse them out of all my stock and one
33 Mare and fole Also I doe give and bequeath unto my aforesaid sonne Robert Morice
34 One bay Colt Also I do give and bequeath unto my servant Anne Barrett the
35 sume of Tenn shillings of lawfull English money Also I do give and bequeath
36 unto the poore of Caldecott the summe of Five shillings of like lawfull money Also I do
37 give and bequeath unto my God children One Shilling a peece if it be lawfully demanded
38 And as for all other my Goods Cattell and Chattells mooveable and unmooveable
39 whatsoever unbequeath I doe give and bequeath unto my Third sonne Nicholas
40 Morice he paying all my legacies and discharging my funerall Expences
41 whom I do Constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last will & Testament
42 In Witnes whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seale the First day of September
43 in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Six hundred Fifty and Eight
44 Memorandum what onderlineing above written were before the sealing hereof
45 Richard Morice the elder his marke // Sealed and delivered in the presence
46 of Walter Newbon his marke *Christopher Wabelin* //

Proved at London on the 19th April 1660 by Nicholas Morice

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