

civit. Ebor.
J. Bridgetæ Hodgson nupt. de civit. Ebor.
15 Decr. 1605

The ninth day of September anno domini 1683.

In the name of God Amen, I Bridgett Hodgson
of the City of York Midwife beinge in ffeale health and of sound
memorye & understandinge but unmeffull of Deale, and desirous to
dispose of her estate with God pare blessed me, with her as nowe
differences may arise about the same after my death, I make & ordaine
this my last will & testament in manner & forme followinge, And first
e primitively I command my Soule unto Almighty God hoping for
salvation only by the meritts of Jesus Christ, And to comine
my body to the earth to be laid in St. Marys Churche in Stonegate in
yore of the Combe & bunt here truthe that at the generall resurrection
the same shall be raised incorruptible & remitteth to my soule to enjoy
eternal happiness, and I do desire that Mr John Newley Mr Henry
Tounson Mr Stephen Thompson George Driffield Esq Edward Thompson
Alderman Robert Walker Alderman in the Bectare Doctor of Lawes
and Edward Hafford Esq be invited to carry me to my grave, and give
to each of them A mourninge ringe upon & gaine prepared for that
purpose, and in case any of them dye or be absent at my funerals I
desire Alderman Wilfrid Herbert may supply such batans, and give
unto her heralde Painter wch shall order my funerall & make my
funerall A mourninge ringe, and I desire Christopher Harrison may
doe the worke, and it is my request that the Minister wch may tell
at my deale and that at my funerall there be A Scale of the Will
at the Minister wch shall be my Executrix to pay for, And give
to the Minister wch shall officiate at my funerall A large
mourninge ringe wch shall be wearre beare followed for care,
Item I give to the poore people in every ward of the City of York
twenty shillings to be distributed at the direction of the Lord Mayor
of the said City for the time beinge, immediately after my deale Item
I give to my servants wch shall live with me at my deale sum
of my weareinge & loutinge as may be fitt for them to weare, and even
of them in money twenty shillings evertre above their wages Item I
give unto the severall honest & reaste maners forwthout the Cittie
ten shillings A pece to wch m^r Bridgett Cowan, Bridgett Loun
Bridgett Morris Bridgett Wilberfose Thomas Tounson Edward
Watson & Thomas Horsley Item I give unto the Lady Thompson wife
to Mr Stephen Thompson my owne Picture p. Fram, and unto
Robert Catcorne Groter Captaine Robert n^r the boare Picture
of frame Item I give unto my Cousyn m^r Jane Hodgeson s^r livinge at my
deale A gold ringe with scarle stones in it and unto M^r Cart
a toppe wch was my manserant o my deale A large plaine gold
ringe wch shall be wearre on my hande Item I give unto John
Taylor q^r Gatsfords Esq^r my reddingate my bellett saddle &
trappings for accomodation of his children Item I give unto my sonne
in lawe Edward Stamford ten pounds, and to my daugther his
wife and her five children every of them Of pece of gold stalle of
Chymys wch I declare shall be in full satisfaction of all they
tan, or ought to claime out of my estate in regard they have been

Contracted unto me, in an extraordinary measure, And whereas
I have at intert two hundred pounds in severall summes by
A mortgagee bondes Agre the same to my Daugther Bridgett
together with what other money I shall have at my deatys,
thus I also give unto my said Daugther Bridgett my silver plate
consisting of. Six Dishes, A dozen of Spoons, A Ladle,
A salt, A large tankard two little tankards A pepper box
A mustard box three tumblers & A largeish steele & copper & iron wares
and also all my Pewter linnen, beddinge, and all my householde goods
what so ever, thus I also give unto my said Daugther Bridgett
my Corall necklace & bracelet, my Large Ringe with two & twenty
stones mit proddes & a weare the same as I doe, and also
A sealed ringe of gold with my late husband's roiall of armes
on my owne signature on the same, All the rest of my goods and
treasures not herein givene among bequeathed to give and bequeath
Unto my said Daugther Bridgett wchome I make sole executrix
of this my last will & testament In witness whereof I
have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day & year first
above written. /.

Signature sealed and published
In the presence of us. /.

James Brearay jurat.

Ellin Brearay
Bro. Waller
Jane Waller

Bridget
M. B. Waller

Civitas Ebos
testum Bridgitta Hodgesis nuz
civitalis Ebos dextra brachii
mro Walker surto ex 15^o
decembus 1605

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