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In the Name of God Amen I Wm Rookings of f Lymington  
in the County of Sarum being in perfect Sense & memory, do make  
this my last Will & Testament, first whereforever it shall please  
God to take me out of this mortal life, I bequeath my Soul  
to God my Creator my body to the Earth from whence it came  
Certains hope of resurrection: for in wofully Estate it hath pleased  
the Almighty God of Heaven to possess me: It is my desire that it  
be disposed of as followeth after my death being paid

I give I do give unto my Son William my house & Land him  
his heirs forever, Secondly it is my Will & desire that all  
the rest of my whole Estate in general be equally  
divided between my three Children it is to say my Daughter  
Elizabeth & my Son William & my Daughter Jane,  
But if in case my Son Wm should dye without Issue & they  
said house & Land shall return to my said two daughters &  
their heirs forever, likewise if my Daughter or  
either of them should dye in their minority that then  
their Estate return to the Survivor, but further if in  
case all my three Children should dye in their minority  
that then their Estate return to the Children of Say: Nicholas  
Wyatt & their heirs, only my two old Negroes if it Tony &  
Mandah his wife to be sett free & finally after the  
decease of my said three Children, And likewise one of  
the young Negroes if any be then living to be given to  
my Son Mary Thork Children & their heirs, And  
further it is my Will & desire that none of the Negroes  
be sold or taken away from off the plantation nor  
none of the Tools be sold but their continued for the use  
of the house & Children, & likewise that the Negroes may  
be kept to maintain manning & make crops upon the  
plantation that the produce of their labour may  
satisfy my debt & likewise maintain my Children  
in Cloathing & Schooling It is my Will & desire that my  
Son Wm be brought up to good Education, & that my  
two daughters may have w Education may be fitting  
for them, And further it is my Will & desire that  
Wm Badger in Martin's Brandon may be admitted to  
live at my plantation to look to the Negroes & make  
crops with them & to look after the plantation that  
it may be preserved & kept in Reparation, And lastly  
I do hereby request Authorise & Appoynt my loving  
friends Say: Nicholas Wyatt, in case of his Decease his  
wife Francis and William Simonds & Jn: King my Overseers  
& Guardians of my Children to see this my last Will and  
Testament

I testam<sup>t</sup> & forw<sup>d</sup> This so<sup>r</sup> God w<sup>l</sup> my Souls in Heaven whensoever it  
shall please him to take me out of this Mortall life, given  
under my hand & Scale this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno 1676

Teste Edward Greenwood

Wm Rookings Scale  
wax

John <sup>his</sup> Gallout  
marke

And further it is my desire  
y<sup>t</sup> if any one of my Children have a desire to  
live upon y<sup>e</sup> plantation at y<sup>e</sup> age of six years y<sup>t</sup> that  
they shall and y<sup>e</sup> all my books may be equally  
divided amongst my three Children

At a Court held for the County of Sarry July 1<sup>st</sup> 1679  
This Will was proved in Court by y<sup>e</sup> oaths of Edward  
Greenwood D<sup>n</sup>: Jn<sup>o</sup>: King

Test W & Seal  
Verar record: July 19<sup>th</sup> 1679

J W & Seal

Jn<sup>o</sup>: King aged 33 years Examined & Sworne saith  
That this deponent about y<sup>e</sup> 13 day of July in y<sup>e</sup> year  
1676 being requested by Wm Rookings to make this Will  
did accordingly draw y<sup>e</sup> said Rookings a Will according to his  
owne Dictation & desire, y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> deponent did read y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>  
Rookings say y<sup>t</sup> he would carry y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Will unto his Brother  
Wyatts, and there he subscribed it after he had conferr<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup>  
him the further this deponent saith not  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1679 Jn<sup>o</sup>: King

Sworne in Court July 1<sup>st</sup> 1679  
Test William Edwards Sec<sup>ro</sup>

Verar record: July 19<sup>th</sup> 1679  
J W & Seal