

*Transcript of the will of Robert Le Mare (1734-1794)*

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This is the last will and testament of Robert Le Mare of Peter Street, in the parish of St Botolph, Bishopsgate in the city of London, Gentleman, being sick and weak but of sound and disposing mind ... and understanding and is as follows that is to say after all my financial expenses are paid and discharged and my just debts paid I give and bequeath unto my friends Peter Le Mare of Tooley Street in the borough of Southwark mathematical instrument maker and Thomas Dunn of Norton Folgate in the county of Middlesex weaver leave all and singular my estate and effects of every kind of which I may be possessed together with all my money bills bonds ... wearing apparel plate linen china and all my household furniture upon this special trust and confident that in the first place they my said trustees or the survivor of them do and shall out of my household furniture apportion and give so much thereof to my beloved wife Elizabeth and to my daughter Esther Dudley as may be sufficient to furnish a room for the accommodation of both of them. ... my said wife Elizabeth and my said daughter Esther Dudley at the distribution of my said Trustees all the rest residue and remainder of my effects I will and bequeath unto my said trustees (after paying or divesting themselves all my costs and charges that they may be put into in the execution of the trust hereby reposed in them) to be sold and disposed to the best advantage and the money deriving therefrom to be equally divided among and between my said wife Elizabeth and sons Robert Samuel Joshua and James and my daughters Esther Elizabeth and Ann Louisa. In witness whereof I the said Robert Le Mare have hereunto put my hand and seal this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four. The Mark of Robert Le Mare (mark) signed sealed published and ... as and for this last will and testament of me the said Robert Le Mare the Testator in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witness hereto Thomas Blandamar Thomas Vennell of Peter Street Half Moon Alley Bishopsgate.

This will was proved at London the twentieth day of November 1794 before the Worshipful ... Swaby Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynn Knight Doctor of Laws ... or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Peter Le Mare and Thomas Dunn Executors named in the said will to whom ... was granted of all and singular the goods chatels and ... of the ... having first sworn truly to administer.