

**Will of John ADAMTHWAITE, woollen draper of Maldon, Essex**

*Buried 12 December 1625 at All Saints, Maldon*

In the name of Good Amen the eleventh daie of December Anno Dom 1625 I John ADAMTHWAITE of Maldon in the County of Essex woollen draper being sick in my bodie but nonetheless of a good and perfect remembrance I give most humble and hartly thanks unto all my ..... Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following.

First and principallie I command my soul in to the hands of Almighty God my creator and maker And to his onlie sonne Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer by whose bitter death suffered for me and all mankind I trust to be saved and to be accommodated amongst the number of his faithfull and ..... at the dreadful daie of Judgement

And my bodie I commit to the Earth from whence it was taken to a decent and Christian burial at the discretion of the executors of this my Last will

And for the outward goods whence ... it hath pleased god to endow me .... I dispose thereof as followeth

First I give unto my two brothers Richard and William the sum of forty shillings a year to be paid unto them yearlie during their natural lives

Item I give and bequeath unto my cossen Thomas Williamson the sum of four pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to be paid to him at the determination of his apprenticeship

Item I give and bequeath unto Reynold Pearson my kinsman the sum of four pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to be likewise paid to him when his Apprentishipp shall be expired

Item I give unto my oldest brother Richard Adamthwaite above mentioned my best sute of apparel and all the rest of my apparel except one cloak I give to my brother William

Item I give to William Walker of Maldon aforesaid my best cloak and I also acquit my said brothers all those debts and bonds due to me from them

And of this my will I make constitute and appoint my loving and dear mother Elizabeth Adamthwaite and my good friends William Walker aforesaid joint executors unto whom I give and bequeath all the ..... of my goods chattels debts and readie money not formalie given by this my will

In witness whereof I the said John Adamthwaite have to this my last will set my hand and seal this daie and year first above written

The mark of John Adamthwaite

Sealed and delivered published and declared

by the said John in the presence of Ruben Robinson

Edward Mooree and

William Dods

*[transcribed by Sue Mastel from the image available on the SEAX website]*