**Will of Richard Brettell of Romsley in the parish of Halesowen & County of Sallop Yeoman 5 May 1665**

In the name of god amen I Richard Brettell of Romsley in the parish of Halesowen & County of Sallop Yeoman being sick in body but whole in mind and of good & perfect memory thanks be given to god do appoint & make my last will & testament in manner & form following. Firstly I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker hoping to be saved by the death and merits of Jesus Christ and my body to the earth. Item I give & bequeath unto Mary my now wife Seven pounds of lawfull English money to be paid her yearly & every year during the life of the said Mary my now wife by my executors hereafter named at four usual days or times of the year that is to say on the Feast day of Saint John Baptist the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel the feast of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the Anunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by equal and even portions. And the first payment to begin the next festival Day after the death of the said Richard Brettell. Item I give & bequeath unto Mary my wife one bedstead standing in the little chamber with one feather bed things thereon the best coverlet one pair of my my best blankets two pair of my best flaxen sheets two pair of hurden sheets one flaxen table cloth one pillow bayer my best Coffer my lesser brass pott three dishes of pewter my best kettle excepting two one pewter candlestick two pieces of woollen cloth being fifteen yards or thereabouts one piece of flaxen cloth being twenty ells or thereabouts one piece of hurden cloth being four & twenty ells or thereabouts. Item I give & bequeath unto John Brettell my second son one two year heifer the best excepting one. Item I give and bequeath unto my first son John Brettell one acre of Oats growing in a field called Nurfurrow. Item I give and bequeath unto Mary my eldest Daughter thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence of lawfull English money to be paid to her, her executors or appointees within one year after my death by my executors hereafter named. Item I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Mary some of my household goods to the value & worth of six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence to be set out and proved by my overseers hereafter named to be delivered to her, her executors, administrators or appointees within one year after my death. Item I give and bequeath unto my second daughter Joyce Brettell thirteen pounds & six shillings and eight pence of lawfull English money to be paid to her, her executors administrators or Appointees by my executors hereafter named within two years after my death. Item I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Joyce some of my household goods to the value .& worth of six pounds thirteen shillings & eight pence to be set out and proved by my overseers hereafter named and to be delivered.unto her, her executors or Appointees within two years after my death. Item I give & bequeath unto Allice my youngest daughter thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence of lawfull English money to be paid to her, her executors administrators or Appointees by my executors hereafter named within three years after my death. Item I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Allice some of my household goods to the value of Six pounds thirteen shillings four pence and to be set out and proved by my.overseers hereafter named and to be.delivered to her, her executors administrators within four years after my death. All the rest of goods movable and immovable cattle and chattells debts & ready money of what nature sort or quality soever the same to my debts and Legacies being first paid and my funeral rights discharged and my body decently brought to the ground I give & bequeath unto William Brettell my eldest son & Richard Brettell my youngest son. And I do ordain and appoint them executors of this my last will and testament. And I do also ordain and appoint my wellbeloved friends George Harris of Hunnington in the parish of Halesowen and county of Salop yeoman and Richard Brettel the younger of Romsley in the parish and county aforesaid yeoman overseers of this my last will and testament to see it truly performed. And I do give unto them for and in lieu of their pains taking thereon two shillings and six pence apiece. And my will is that if any difference suit or controversy should arise between my sons William Brettell and Richard Brettell that my overseers aforesaid shall hear and examine the same and the differences between them and whichever of my sons shall refuse to stand to the award shall forfeit to the other the sum of forty shillings. In witness thereof I the said Richard Brettel have hereunto put my hand and seal the fifth day of May in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of god of England, Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith the year the seventeenth [1665]

Richard Brettell

His marke

Witnesses heareunto

The marke of Adam Powell

Richard Hadley

Adam Melley

Probate Worcester 1 June 1665