

## AYTHORPE RODING - AN INTERESTING WILL OF 1711

Family historian Allana Inglis from New Zealand has been researching her Gapes ancestors - her great-grand-uncle, John Gapes who owned a lot of properties in the Aythorpe Roding area. The will can be found on the ERO website. John Gapes married twice - to Thomasine Elsom and Rebecka Stockes. Thomasine outlived John and her will names her Elsom relatives.

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### TRANSCRIPTION

*In the name of God Amen. I John Gapes of Aythrop in the county of Essex doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following: ffirst I comend my soule into the hands of God hoping for mercy and salvation through Jesus Christ. My body I commit to the earth to be buried att the discretion of my executor hereafter named, All my temporal estate I give & dispose of as followeth; viz I give devise and bequeath all and siegelor my marriages lands and tenements whatsoever holden of the overall Mannours of Eylhe Hall, Keeros and ffryors grange in Eythrop Roothing aforesaid to Thomasin my --- beloved wife to have and to hold unto her the said Thomasin my wife and her Assigns for during the term of her natural life: And after the decease of the said Thomasin my wife I give and devise my messuage and lands as followrth, viz I give and devise unto my cosen Thomas [L?odder?] of Hyfeild and his heirs forever my messuage and lands called [Cloma?] cocks or otherwise holder of the manor of Eythrop Hall aforesaid with the provisoers upon this condition that he the said Thomas Tedder his heirs and assigns doe pay or cause to be paid unto my two cosens Martha Battle and Hannah wife of John Paine the sume of ten pounds a piece within six months after the decease of Thomasin my said wife, and if either of them dye before the said legacy become due, then the said legacy or leagacyes to be paid to their heirs at the time aforesaid: I give and devise unto the eldest daughter of my cosen John Battle of Margetting in the county aforesaid and her heirs forever All that my parcel of Customary lands called Chapmars or otherwise holden of the Manour of Keeros aforesaid with this provisor and upon this condition that she and her heirs doe paye or cause to be paid unto her two sisters the sum of foure pounds a piece within six months after my wifes decease; I give and devise unto my two cosens Samuell Brasier and Thomas Brasier and their heirs forever share and share like All my lands holden of the ffryors Grange aforesaid with this provisor and upon this condition that they the said Samuell and Thomas Brasier doe pay unto all and every the children of my cosen William Martin the sume of twenty shillings a piece, that shall be living att the time of my wifes decease; And for the default of payment of all and singular the leagcyes aforesaid it shall and may be lawfull for the several legatees to enter upon and hold the lands charged herewith, until payment be fully made with all costs and damages: All and every my goods and chattells I give and*

*bequeath unto Thomasin my said wife, and I doe make oradine and  
appoint the said Thomasin my wife sole executrix of this my last will and  
testament: In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the  
eleventh day of September in the first yeare of her majesti's reigne Anne  
Queen of England po arrogs Dm 1702*

*John Gapes*

*Signed sealed published and declared in the pesons.*

*Francis Penwarne; the mark of Samuell S Stokes X; Jeremiah*

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