

ampton called Spangstone, I earnestly require my executor and overseers to call upon the said John Balgoye for the amending of the said places, for that I have, long time heretofore, delivered into the hands of the said John Balgoye the sum of ten pounds of currant English money for the repairing of Preston Lane and twenty shillings for the amending of Spangston, for that only use and purpose. Also I will and devise that widow Compton shall have, hold, possess and enjoy for term of her life so much of one cottage as she now possesseth in Sulgrave, so as she well and honestly behave herself during her life, without making or doing any reparations thereupon and without paying any rent therefor, other than one red rose at the feast of Saint John Baptist yearly, if the same be demanded. And my further meaning and intent is that the said Robert and his heirs shall from time to time forever appoint some honest aged or impotent person to inhabit the same cottage for term of life, and that such aged or impotent person as shall not pay to my heirs any manner of rent therefor for term of his life other than a red rose payable as aforesaid, nor shall be charged to repair the same cottage during his or their lives. And my mind, intent and meaning is that if any doubt, ambiguity or controversy shall appear to arise or grow in respect of these presents then I will the same shall be decided and determined by my overseers or any one of them. And of this my last will and testament I constitute, ordain and appoint the said Robert Washington my sole executor, and of the same I make and ordain my well beloved and trusty friends the said William Baldwyn and William Fargiter my overseers, desiring them to call on my executor if any default or slackness shall evidently in him appear. for or towards the performance of this my last will and testament, and for their pains I will to either of them forty shillings. Witnesses, William Baldwin, William Fargiter, Robert Calcott, George Woodward. Brudenell, 5 (P. C. C.).

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Laurence Washington.

Inqⁿ taken at Rothwell in Co. Northt 24th day of August, 26 Eliz. [1584] before Arthur Broke Esq. Escheator, after the death of Laurence Washington gent., by the oath of Henry Moore, William Craddocke &c. &c. Jurors, who say that Laurence Washington was seised in fee of the Manor of Sulgrave with the appurtenances to the Monastery of St. Andrew in the town of Northampton [lately] belonging; also of all the messuages, lands &c. in Sulgrave & Woodford to the same Monastery belonging; also of one close of land &c. [here follows a long list of lands in various places].

He being so seised by an Indenture made the 10th day of Dec. 7 Eliz. [1564] made between himself of the one part and Walter Light of Radwey in Co. Warwick gent. of the other part, in consideration of a marriage afterwards Solemnized between Robert Washington gent. then son & heir apparent of the said Laurence and Elizabeth Light then daughter & sole heiress of the said Walter Light, agreed for himself his heirs & administrators with the said Walter Light, his heirs & administrators that before the Feast of Easter then next following that he (Laurence) would make with certain persons indifferently chosen a firm and sufficient estate in two messuages in the parish of Pattishill with their appurtenances: to hold the same to the use of the said Laurence so long as the said Robert should live; after his death, to the use of Elizabeth Light for life, for her jointure; after her decease, to the use of the heirs male of Robert Washington; for default of such issue, to the use of the heirs male of Laurence Washington, younger