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Dorse in Latin: Oswestry. Testament of David Blodwell deceased. Probate was granted 30 March 1643. Registered.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the nyneteenth daie of February in the yeare of our lord God one thowsand sixe hundred fortie and twoe I David Blodwell of Oswestrie in the county of Salop and dioces of Saint Asaphe gentleman being sicke and weake in bodye yett of good and perfect mynde and memorie thanks bee to God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge FIRST I commend my soule to the handes of allmightie God my maker and creator hopeinge assuredlie through the merittes and mediacion of Jesus Christ my onlie saviour and redeemer to bee saved and my body to bee buried within Christian burial within the parishe church of Oswestrie afforesaid according to the discretion of my frindes. ITEM I geve devise and bequeath unto Mary my welbeloved wief all that my messuage burgage or tenemente with the appurtenaunces wherein I doe nowe dwell and inhabite scituate lying and being within the towne of Oswestrie and county of Salop aforesaid in a certaine street there called Crosse Street alias Myddle Street and all buildinges houses stables backsides courtes waies and garden to the same messuage or tenemente belonging and adioyninge and in as lardge and ample manner as I doe nowe houlde the same; ymediatlíe from and after my decease for and during the terme and space of her naturall lief and from and after her decease then I give devise and bequeathe the said messuage burgage or tenemente and all buildinges houses stables and backsides cortes waies and garden unto my daughter Abigall Blodwell to have and to holde the said messuage burgage or tenemente houses and all other the premisses unto the said Abigall Blodwell her heires and assignes to the only proper use and behoof of her the said Abigall and of her heires and assignes for ever together with all deedes evidences and wrytinges touchinge and concerninge the same; and if it happen that my said daughter happen to dye without issue of her bodie lawfullie begotten then I geve devise and bequeath the said messuage burgage or tenemente houses buildinges stables and all other the said premisses unto Robert Lloyd son of my brother in lawe Thomas Lloyd of Oswestrie afforesaid gentleman to have and to houlde the said messuage burgage or tenemente and all other the premisses unto the said Robert Lloyd and the heires of his bodie lawfully to bee begotten and for default of such issue or heires then to

the use and behoof of everye other of the children of him the said Thomas Lloyd and the heires of their severall bodies lawfullie to bee begotten for ever; successivelie one after another as they shal bee in seignioritie and priorite of birthe and in default of such issue or heires then to the use and behoof of the right heires of mee the said David Blodwell for ever Item my will and true intent and meaninge is that Mary my wief shall keepe and mayntaine my said daughter Abigall Blodwell with meate drinke bedding cloathing and all other necessaries for and during <the terme and space of> the naturall lief of her the said Mary and doe nominate and appointe my said wief to be my sole executrix In wyttnes whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale Geoven the daie and yeare within written *David Blodwell* signed sealed read and published in the presence and sight of David Lloyd, Hugh Huxeley, the marke of Moyses Davies glasier Richard Williams and Samuell Robertes scrivener

Latin: 30th day of the month of March in the year of the Lord 1643 before the venerable man George Griffith, Professor of Sacred Theology, surrogate etc. Probate was granted of this same testament and administration was committed etc. Mary Blodwell widow the relict of the said deceased and sole executrix etc. to well and faithfully administer etc. on account of which she was duly sworn saving all rights etc. For an inventory to be exhibited in the next feast of St John the Baptist.

The day aforesaid the lord decreed the original testament of the said deceased to be handed over to the aforesaid executrix, for the sake of certain allegations etc. and thus first sufficiently cautioned.

A true copy agreed with the original testament of the deceased examined by us Peter Roberts, Robert Mesham notary publics