

Anthony Spittle of Basingstoke, innkeeper, 1633

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In the name of God Amen the thirtieth day of May Anno Domini one thousand six hundred thirty two and in the eighth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc. I Anthony Spittle the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton inn holder, being of perfect health and of good mind and memory (thanks be given to God), do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commend my soul unto God my maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom and be numbered amongst his elect children through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer. **And my** body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried at the discretion of my executors and overseers hereafter named. **And for** such temporal goods wherewith the Lord of his bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in manner and form following. **First** I will that all the debts which I duly and truly owe unto any person or persons shall be paid unto them within as convenient time as may be after my decease by Anthony Spittle my oldest son whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executor of this my last will and testament, which being done and performed then I will and bequeath to Joane my now wife, for the term of her natural life, the messuage or tenement, backside and garden with the appurtenances in Basingstoke aforesaid sometimes in the occupation of John Greene deceased, and now in the occupation of my said executor. **And I** will and charge and command my said executor that he give and yield unto her, my said wife, the quiet and peaceable possession thereof within six days next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said wife Joane Spittle the best chest in the chamber wherein I now lie with six pairs of sheets, three pairs of the six to be of the finest and best sort, and the other three pairs of the six pairs to be of the ordinary sort. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Joane my wife all the featherbeds I now lie on with six pillows and six pillow beres, the bedstead and all the furniture thereto belonging with the truckle bed, bedding and furniture thereunto belonging. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife twelve pewter platters and twelve lesser dishes of pewter, three flaxen table cloths, two dozen of napkins, one dozen whereof to be of diaper and the other of flax, one of my brass pots of the middle sort, one of my brass kettles as shall contain and hold about twelve gallons, and a little brass skillet. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife all my plate in her custody and keeping and that is not usually and commonly used, and frequented about my said house with a gilded salt cellar that is called the lottery salt. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Joane my wife the some of twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her by my said son and executor Anthonie Spittle within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my two daughters vizt. Grace and Joane by the body of me, the said Anthony on the body of Joane my now wife lawfully begotten, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be equally divided between them and to be paid unto the said Joane my wife within one year next after my decease by my said executors for the use and behoof of my said children to be employed for their best benefit and advantage against they shall accomplish their several ages of one and twenty years or several days of their

marriages. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife and to my said daughters Grace and Joane my three cows or kine. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife a bald nag now being in my stable and which I ever reputed to be hers which she bought of my neighbour William White. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife two of my best hogs now being about my backside and two shoots with two flitches of bacon in my house, one of which flitches to be of the best sort and the other of the same flitches to be of the second sort. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Joane my wife all the wooden dishes upon the grate in my chamber with four earthen pictures of lions. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Joane my wife the cupboard with the press and all the boxes in the chamber which I now lie in with her wearing apparel. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife all my crop of wheat, peas and other grain now standing, growing and being in and upon the further part of my ground in the great [Haizes] from the rails which divide the same ground with all the barley standing growing and being in the hither part of the same ground called the [Haizes]. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife two iron racks with the iron bar thereto belonging now being in the said chamber wherein I lie with a little wicker chair in the same chamber. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife the press in the room called the Half Moon next to the street. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane my said wife three loads of good cord wood to burn.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Spittle now living at Winchester with the Lady Pawlett, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England which I will shall be paid unto her when and so soon as she shall accomplish her full age of twenty and one years or on the day of her marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Frauncis and my said daughter Anne the chest in my chamber with all the linen in it which was provided for them by my first wife and their mother before her decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto her, my said daughter Anne, one feather bed and two bolsters. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Frauncis Spittle the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England which I will shall be paid unto him by my said executor within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Shipman, the late wife and relict of Richard Shipman, the sum of forty shillings of lawful money of England and to be every of her children vizt. John, Joane, Katherine and Grace twenty shillings apiece of lawful money of England, which said legacies of forty shillings I will shall be paid to my said daughter Marie within one year next after my decease. **And I** will that her said children's portions or legacies shall be paid unto them when and so soon as they shall accomplish their several full ages of one and twenty years or on their several days of marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease by my executor.

The rest, residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid, the legacies in this my will performed and my funeral expenses discharged, I wholly give and bequeath unto the said Anthony Spittle my son and executor. **And I** do make overseers of this my last will and testament my trusty and well beloved friends John Hall, William Hearne the younger, Richard Brackley and William White desiring them to be aiding and assisting unto my said executor to see this my will performed. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made. **And I** will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my will. **In witness** whereof I have

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hereunto set my hand and seal the day and years first above written by me, Anthony Spittle.

This will consisting of five sheets of paper was read, signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Anthony Spittle the elder in the presence of Arthur Hawkins.

The mark of Henry Carter witness and John Borne Snr.

Memorandum that these words (and two sheets) in the third sheet (Richard) in the fourth sheet and (Richard Brackley) in the fifth sheet were interlined and amended before sealing in the presence of Arthur Hawkins.

The mark of Henry Carter witness and John Borne Snr

Probate granted 8 July 1633.