

John Thorpe of Basingstoke, clothier 1684

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In the name of God Amen I John Thorpe of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier being sick and weak in body but of good sound and perfect mind and memory, God be praised therefore, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and being minded to settle the estate which God has given me in this world do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First and** principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator relying only on the merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ for the pardon and remission of all my sins, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently and Christian like interred at the discretion of my executrixes and executor herein after particularly named and dispose of my worldly estate as follows. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Shelsbury, the wife of Isaac Shelsbury, all that my messuage or tenement in Basingstoke aforesaid in a street there called Church Street and now in the possession of James Heather and also all those my two houses or tenements in Basingstoke aforesaid in a lane there called Potters Lane being the one of them in the possession of John Jackson and the other of them in the occupation of the widow Smith, together with all gardens, backsides, ways, profits and commodities whatsoever unto the said several and respective messuage or tenements any or either of them belonging or in anywise appertaining with their and every of their appurtenances to have and to hold the said messuages or tenements and premises and every part and parcel thereof thereof with their and every of their appurtenance unto the said Anne Shelsbury and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life. **And from** and after the decease of the said Anne Shelsbury my will is and I do hereby give and bequeath all and singular the said messuages or tenements and premises with their and every of their appurtenances every part and parcel of the said premises unto Anne Shelsbury my grandchild, daughter of the said Anne Shelsbury my daughter, and to the heirs of the body of the said Anne Shelsbury, the grandchild lawfully to be begotten forever. **And for** want of such issue of the body of the said Anne Shelsbury the grandchild, I give and bequeath the said three several messuages or tenements and premises thereunto belonging with the appurtenances to my three children John Thorpe, Amy Thorpe and Mary Thorpe to be equally divided between them and to their several and respective heirs and assigns forever. **Item** I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife Ann Thorpe, my daughter Amy Thorpe, my daughter Mary Thorpe and my son John Thorpe executors of this my last will and testament to whom I give and bequeath all and singular my household stuff goods, cattle, chattels, ready money and personal estate whatsoever, and I do hereby give full power and authority to my said executors or any three of them to sell and dispose of my stock and all my arable lands in the common fields in Basingstoke aforesaid, which said arable lands with the appurtenances I hereby give and bequeath unto my said executors to be by them or any three of them sold and disposed of as aforesaid payment and discharge of my debts and legacies hereby bequeathed. **And my** further mind and will is that the overplus that shall remain out of my [missing] and stocks and arable lands upon sale and disposal thereof after my debts and legacies paid and discharged shall be equally divided between my children James Thorpe, Amy Thorpe, John Thorpe and Mary Thorpe share and share alike. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said executors Anne Thorpe my wife, Amy Thorpe, John Thorpe and Mary Thorpe my said children all and singular my messuages and tenements in Basingstoke

aforesaid, that is to say the messuage or tenement wherein Mr Joseph Worting now lives; the messuage or tenement wherein [missing] Buckston and [missing] Bursted now live with the appurtenances and the messuage or tenement late in the occupation of William Bath and now in my occupation; the messuage or tenement wherein John Mortimer now lives; the messuage or tenement now in the tenure of George Watts; the messuage or tenement in the occupation of William Silver; the messuage or tenement now in the occupation of William Budd together with the piece of meadow ground belonging or appertaining to the messuage or tenement in the occupation of William Silver and George Watts and also all gardens, orchards, outhouses, backsides and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said several and respective messuages or tenements any or either of them belonging or appertaining or to or with them any or either of them used held occupied belonging or enjoyed.

Item I also give and bequeath unto my said executors Anne, Amy, John and Mary Thorpe all the right and tithe which I have either by way of mortgage or otherwise of, in, or to the messuage or tenement wherein I now live in Basingstoke aforesaid with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging and all other my messuages, lands or tenements with the appurtenances whatsoever in which I have any manner of estate not before in and by this my last will and testament devised, all which said messuages and tenements with their and every of their appurtenances in and by this my last will and testament given and bequeathed or intended to be given and bequeathed unto the said Anne Thorpe my wife, Amy Thorpe, John Thorpe and Mary Thorpe my children my will is shall be equally divided between them to have and to hold the said messuages or tenements and premises and every of them with the appurtenances unto them the said Anne, Amy, John and Mary and their several and respective heirs and assigns forever according to the true intent and meaning of this my will. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son in law William Herne twenty shillings and to his wife my daughter twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Herne son of William Herne forty shillings and to every other child of the said William Herne twenty shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto my daughter Barbara the wife of James Thorpe twenty shillings and to their son John Thorpe twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my son George Thorpe one shilling. **Item** I do nominate and appoint Hugh White of Basingstoke aforesaid and my son in law William Herne of Basingstoke aforesaid overseers of this my last will and testament and give to each of the five shillings to buy them gloves and desire them to be assistant to my executors. **In witness** whereof I, the said John Thorpe, have hereunto put my hand and seal and published this present writing to be my last will and testament this seven and twentieth day of September in the six and thirtieth year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second that now is over England etc., AD one thousand six hundred eighty four.

John Thorpe. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Thorpe as and for his last will and testament in presence of John Wynchall. The mark of John Craught, Ralph Boham.

Memorandum that the several interlineations in the above mentioned will were all of them interlined before the sealing and executing the said will by the said John Thorpe, Ralph Boham, John Wynchall, the mark of John Craught.

Probate granted 3 December 1684 to the four executors named.