

Edward Mooring of Cliddesden, cleric, 1673.

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In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of September AD 1673 and in the five and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., I Edward Mooring of Cliddesden in the county of Southampton clerk being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or means whatsoever. **And for** all such temporal means and estate whereof the Lord of his bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed then I give and bequeath unto my nephew Robert Mooring one bond or obligation of four score pounds which he stands indebted to me conditioned for the payment of forty pounds. **And** also I give unto him twenty pounds more of current English money to pay his debts. **And** to John Mooring, son of the said Robert, I give and bequeath forty pounds of like money to be paid him at his age of twenty and one years. **And** to Elizabeth Mooring, the daughter of the said Robert, I give and bequeath forty pounds of like money to be paid unto her at the age of eighteen years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my nephew John Shephard of Speen in the county of Berkshire my silver tankard, a pair of flaxen sheets and a tablecloth all marked with the letters BM. **And** to John Shephard, son of the said John, I give and bequeath the sum of forty pounds of current English money to be paid unto him at his age of twenty and one years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Cliddesden aforesaid the sum of three hundred and twenty pounds of current English money for the purchasing of sixteen pounds a year yearly forever in messuages, lands and tenements according as I myself by some deed or codicil under my hand and seal shall order and appoint it. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Dorothy Mooring widow, the wife and relict of my brother John Mooring of Andover, the sum of five pounds of current English money and also my bed bedstead and furniture thereto belonging in my best chamber and two Turkey work carpets the one of them lying upon my table in the parlour and the other of them on my table in the hall of my now house; and also a pair of andirons standing and being in the chamber as I now lie in. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my cousin Andrew Mooring of Andover aforesaid the sum of ten pounds of current English money upon condition that he, my said cousin Andrew, shall give security to the executor of this my will to pay the said sum of ten pounds immediately after his decease to his two sons, Thomas Mooring and John Mooring, or to the survivor of them. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my servant Richard West the sum of twenty pounds of current English money which I will shall be paid him out of the last year's rent or money as shall be due unto me by the mortgage of Mr Alfield. **And** five pounds more of the same last year's rent or money I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth White, the daughter of Mr Hugh White of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton, and five pounds more of the same last year's rent or money I give and bequeath unto Bernard Wright my godson, the son of Barnard Wright of

Basingstoke aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath to my nephew Joseph Mooring and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten all that my land situate, lying and being in Stoke in the parish of Hurstbourne Priors in the said county of Southampton now held by the life of George Rumbold. **And** for default of such issue I give and bequeath the same to the heirs males of the body of my nephew John Mooring lawfully to be begotten. **And** for default of such issue to John Mooring, the son of my nephew Robert Mooring, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten forever. **Item** my will and meaning is and I do hereby so ordain and devise, that for the money by me due to my servant Elizabeth Olliver by bond, fifty pounds thereof shall be paid unto her within three months after my decease and the other fifty pounds within six months after my decease. **And** all the rest of my goods and chattles unbequeathed by this my will or that shall be unbequeathed by me, I give and bequeath to my nephews John Mooring and Joseph Mooring whom I make and ordain to be executors of this my last will and testament equally to be divided between them. **And** overseer of this my said will I do make my well beloved friend Mr John Sefton Rector of Winchfield in the said County of Southampton, and I do give him such power and authority by this my said will that in case my said executors do not pay my debts and legacies according to this my said will, that then my said overseer Mr John Sefton shall do the same by my estate and retain and take all monies as shall arise, come or be by borne and debts due to me and to dispose of it to the same purpose. **Item** I give and bequeath to my said servant Elizabeth Olliver all these my goods and chattels hereafter particularly mentioned (that is to say), a drawing table in my hall, the bed and bedstead in the chamber wherein she now lies with the curtains and valance belonging to the said bed, and one bolster, one pillow, a new green rug, two blankets, a pair of sheets, a red pied cow, one of my great barrels and two small barrels in my cellar. **And** she to take the choice of them and also I give unto her a spinning wheel, a pillow and a little roundish table in her chamber. **Item** whereas there was an agreement made between the said Mr John Sefton and myself that be of us which died first should give the other ten pounds to be paid within six months after the death or decease of the first person upon the condition that the survivor of us must preach the funeral sermon of the deceased or else give forty shillings to him who shall perform it, my will now is that the said agreement be performed for my part by paying the said ten pounds. **He, the** said Mr Sefton, for his part preaching my funeral sermon or paying forty shillings to one that shall do it. **And** I do further order that the first year's payment of Mr Ashfield's mortgage which will be on the Feast day of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary next and ensuing be paid to my said executors towards the discharging of my debts and legacies in case I die before that time. **And** for my burial I leave it to the discretion of my said executors and overseer, or either of them, which shall be at hand when that is to be done. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Edward Mooring

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Edward Mooring after all the interlinings and amendments in this will in the presence of Geo White, Lawrence Reeves, John Bourne Senior.

Probate granted 28 October 1673.