

Richard Wodrofe of Steventon, yeoman, 1641

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In the name of God Amen this six and twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred thirty and eight, I Richard Wodrofe of the parish of Steventon in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, for which I yield unto God most humble and hearty thanks, revoking all former wills heretofore by me made do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth desiring to be buried in the parish of Deane where I was Christened, and where all my ancestors have usually been buried. **As for** such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bestow on me I give and bequeath them in manner following. **Imprimis** I give unto the church of Steventon ten shillings and to the church of Deane ten shillings. **Item** I give unto every poor family in the parish of Steventon which do receive alms two shillings, and likewise unto every poor family in Deane which do receive alms two shillings. **Item** I give unto the poorest sort of such spinners which usually come to my house for spinning work ten shillings to be divided amongst them at my burial. **Item** I give unto my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Henrie Smith one ewe and one lamb. **Item** I give unto Elizabeth the daughter of my said daughter 20 pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her when she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years or at her day of marriage conditionally that she be ruled by her father and mother in bestowing herself in marriage. **Item** I give unto Henrie Smith my said daughter's son the sum of ten pounds of like lawful money of England. **Item** I give unto Margaret Smith the daughter of my said daughter Elizabeth ten pounds of lawful money of England, all which said sums of twenty pounds and ten pounds and ten pounds, my will and appointment is shall remain in the hands of my executor and be put forth by him to the best use, and to be by him together with the use, delivered and paid unto every of them when they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years or at their days of marriage whichever shall first happen. **And if** it shall please God that any of them do die before the said days of payment, my will is that the portion or portions of such as shall die shall be equally divided amongst such of them as shall survive. **Item** I give unto James Smith the son of my said daughter a ewe and a lamb. **Item** I give unto Alice Merriat my daughter a piece of gold of 22s and to each of her children a ewe and a lamb. **Item** I give unto the children Christopher Orchard, Rose and Alice, each of them a ewe and a lamb. **Item** I give unto Alice Dowse my servant the bedstead and bed whereon she used to lie with all things thereunto belonging. **Item** I give unto the before named Elizabeth Smith my daughter the bedstead and bed whereon I now do lie with all things thereunto belonging. **Item** my will is that she shall also have two platters and a pottinger heretofore given unto her by my father Nicholas Wodrofe deceased or others in their stead. **Item** I give to every one of my godchildren which shall be living at my decease two shillings. **Item** I give unto young Richard Wodrofe the son of my son Richard Wodrofe ten ewes and

ten lambs to be delivered unto him within one month after my decease. **Item** I give unto John Ewhens the father and John Ewhens the son each of them eighteen pence. **Item** I give unto Elizabeth Smith and Amy Smith widow each of them 18d. **Item** I give unto Joane Mason the wife of John Mason of Steventon 18d. **Item** I give unto Alice Smith and Elizabeth Smith her sister each of them 18d. **Item** I give unto Humphrie Smith and Robert Smith his brother each of them 18d. **Item** I give unto Olive the wife of Richard Gardiner 18d, all which said parcels of money my will is shall be given to them and every of them for their present relief within one month after my decease. **Item** my will is that all such things as I have given as aforesaid without specifying any time for the delivery of them shall be delivered and paid unto them to whom they are given as aforesaid immediately after my decease. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels whatsoever the expenses of my funeral being first discharged I give unto Richard Wodrofe my son whom I make my full and sole executor. **Item** I constitute and appoint Henrie Hall of Deane and Charles Covie of Steventon my neighbours to be overseers of this my last will and testament and for their pains therein to be employed I give unto each of them two shillings. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the
presence of these subscribers
Simon Holdip
Andrew Holdip

The mark of Richard Wodrofe

Probate granted 19 May 1641

An inventory taken the 2nd day of November 1640 of all the goods and chattels of Richard Woodrof of Steventon deceased.

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse	3	0	0
Item two beds, two bedsteads, three bolsters, four pillows, three coverlets, five blankets, an under bed and mats and cords	3	0	0
Item four coffers, one press	0	13	0
Item a parcel of wool, about 4 tod	4	5	0
Item butter and cheese and apples	0	5	0
Item a parcel of dredge malt	0	13	4
Item a winnow sheet, two sacks and a [willon] at	0	5	0
Item four pairs of sheets, five napkins, three table cloths, two pillow beres at	1	6	8
Item two brass pots, three kettles, one warming pan, one brass pan, two skillets, two brass candlesticks	1	13	4
Item one and twenty pieces of pewter at	1	3	4
Item one table, one frame, one cupboard, one form, two chairs, one joined stool	1	0	0

Item one salting trough, four firkins, one tub and bucket and other lumber in the house	0	13	4
Item a stack of wood and other lumber in the backside at	0	10	0
Item one stack of wheat, about four quarters at	5	12	0
Item one stack of barley, about eight quarters at	5	6	8
Item one stack of hay, vetches and dredge	1	0	0
Item six acres of wheat sown	3	0	0
Item four score and fourteen sheep at	20	0	0
Item four kine at	8	0	0
Item 2 hogs and two shoots	2	0	0
Item debts due upon specialty and other debts desperate	26	0	0
Sum	89	6	8

Appraised by Michael Marriott
Henry Smith
The mark of Henery Hall
The mark of Charles Cove
John Collman

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