

William Ryme Senior of Basingstoke, 1670

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In the name of God Amen, I William Ryme the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton being sick in body but of good and perfect memory and understanding (thanks therefore be given unto Almighty God), and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all people must yield unto death when it shall please God to call them, do therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me made and this to be taken for my last will and testament and none other. **And** first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God from whom I received the same, trusting and assuredly believing that by and through the passion and merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ I shall receive pardon for all my sins and be made a partaker of his heavenly kingdom, and my no other ways or means whatsoever. **And** as for my body, it being earthly I will the same to the earth again to be interred in such decent manner as shall be thought fit by my executors hereafter named. **And** as concerning that temporal estate which God has given me I do dispose of the same in manner following. **First** I give unto my two daughters which are as yet unprovided for Dorothea and Jane two hundred pounds apiece. **That** is to say each of them two hundred pounds for their portions. **Item** I give unto my beloved wife Dorothea Ryme the use and the rents, issues and profits of all those lands and tenements in Basingstoke now being in my possession or my assigns which I bought and purchased of *missing* Lambert, gent., to have and to hold unto her my said wife and her assigns during the term of her natural life. **Item** I give unto her my said wife and unto Robert Ryme my son the use and occupation and the rents, issues and profits of all other my lands and tenements whatsoever to have and to hold unto them my said wife and son jointly together during the term of the natural life of my said wife. **And** after the decease of my said wife I give the said lands and tenements with the appurtenances (except the said lands and tenements which I purchased of the said Mr Lambert), unto my said son Robert and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten. **And** for want of such issue to the right heirs of me the said William Ryme forever. **And** as for and concerning all those lands and tenements with the appurtenances which I so bought and purchased of the said Mr Lambert, I give the same unto William the son of my son William Ryme and to the heirs males of his body to be begotten. **And** for want of such issue unto the right heirs of me the said William Ryme forever. **Item** I give unto all other my children five shillings apiece, that is to say unto each and every of them five shillings. **Item** I give to my kinswoman Anne Ryme twenty pounds. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels (my debts and legacies being paid and funeral expenses discharged), I give and bequeath to my said wife and son Robert, whom I make joint executors of this my last will and testament (except for and concerning all household goods in my now dwelling house), all which household stuff I give wholly unto my said wife. **In testimony** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fourth day of October 1668.

Read, sealed and delivered as my last will and testament in the presence of the mark of Ambrose [*illegible*], William Elliotts senior.

Probate granted in London 29 January 1670 to Dorothea Ryme, relict named and Robert Ryme. 4 March 1673 William Ryme the natural son of the deceased declared that Dorothea Ryme the widow was deceased and Robert Ryme acted as executor.