

John Woods of Newnham, husbandman, 1658

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In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred *and* fifty seven, I John Woods of the Parish of Newnham in the county of Southampton husbandman, being sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance, thanks be given to the Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my Maker and Jesus Christ who redeemed me and all the world by shedding of his most precious blood by whom I hope to inherit eternal happiness in the kingdom of heaven, and my body to the earth hoping of a joyful resurrection. **And as** touching these worldly goods wherewith God has blessed me I do will, bequeath and dispose of the same in manner and form following. **First** I give unto Margaret Wheeler and her three children four pounds to be equally divided amongst them within half a year after my decease. **Item** I give unto the children of John Woods of Aldershot deceased twenty shillings apiece to be paid within half a year after my decease. **Item** I give unto Frances Wrastler and her daughter twenty shillings apiece to be paid as aforesaid. **Item** I give unto Thomas Woodyer, and to his wife Anne, and to their children, every one of them, twenty shillings apiece to be paid within half a year after my decease. **Item** I give to the children of Thomas Eares twenty shillings apiece that are now living to be paid unto them within one year and a half after my decease. **Item** I nominate, authorise and appoint my well-beloved brother Thomas Woods to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And I** also give unto him and his wife for their use during their lives a feather bed, bolster and a bed stool, and after their decease those goods to go to the children of John Woods of Aldershot foresaid. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. John Woods his mark. Signed sealed and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of us John Chandler, Geo. Harmesworth.

This will was proved at London the seventeenth day of February one thousand six hundred *and* fifty seven before the Judges for Probate etc. by the oath of Thomas Woods the brother sole Executor.