

**Richard Hall of Basingstoke, clothier, 1669**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1669A/49**

**In the name of God Amen** I Richard Hall of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory and understanding (thanks be given to 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 and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking and making void all former wills and testaments by me made either nuncupative or in writing, and this present to be taken for my last will and testament and none other. **And** first and principally I commend my soul unto 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 and by no other ways or mercies whatsoever I shall receive remission and pardon for all my sins and be received into His heavenly kingdom there to live with His blessed saints forever. **And** my body being earthly I will the same to the earth again and there to be interred in such decent and Christian-like manner as shall be thought fit by my executor hereafter named. **And** as concerning that temporal estate which God of His mercy and bounty has bestowed upon me I do dispose of the same in manner following. **And** first I will that all such debts and dues as in right and conscience I owe unto any person or persons shall be well and truly satisfied and paid by my executor hereafter named within convenient time after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Hall fifty pounds which was formerly given unto him by his uncle Georg Lee and appointed for me to pay him. **Item** I give unto him my said son John twelve pence in full of all legacies or portion to be claimed by him from me. **Item** I give unto my son William Hall twenty pounds. **Item** I give unto my daughter Anne Hall thirty pounds the said twenty pounds and thirty pounds to be paid unto the said William and Anne respectively within twelve months ensuing after my decease. **And** the said fifty pounds to be paid likewise unto my said son John within twelve months next after my decease. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels herein before not by me given or bequeathed (my debts and funeral expenses being paid and discharged), I give and bequeath unto Richard Hall my eldest and loving son whom I make and appoint to be my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the three and twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord Christ 1665 and in the 17th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Charles the Second by the grace of God of England etc., King etc.,

Read, sealed and delivered in the presence of William James, Laurence Roomes, William Elliotts.

Probate granted 5 May 1669 to the nominated executive. Obligation on the same of Basingstoke, yeoman.