

John Rogers of Basingstoke, clerk 1696
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In the name of God Amen the seventh day of April AD 1696 and in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Third over England etc., King etc., I John Rogers of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clerk, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory (praised be God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following. **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins and to inherit eternal life, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried in the chancel by my dearly beloved wife Susanna at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **And as** for the disposition of such temporal estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows. **First** I will that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid and discharged. **Item** I give unto my daughter Mary Rogers the sum of eighty pounds lawful money to be paid her by my executors in three months after my decease.

Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Wilkinson two shillings and six pence, and to my grandson George Wilkinson two shillings and six pence, and to my granddaughter Katherin Wilkinson two shillings and six pence.

Item I give to my son Nicholas Rogers (for the term of six years) the sum of six pounds a year lawful money payable quarterly (vizt: thirty shillings a quarter to be paid him by my executors if in case he meet with no better preferment than that he now has. **But if** in the said time he happens to meet with better preferment then all the money, at such time of preferment from thence shall be paid and redound to my daughter Hellen, my son Richard, my daughter Anne and my daughter Mary Magdalen.

Item I give all my books and manuscripts unto my two sons Nicholas and Richard to be equally parted between them.

Item I give all my goods, chattels and freehold lands to my daughter Hellen, my son Richard, my daughter Anne and my daughter Mary Magdalen to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

Item I give unto my son Nicholas Rogers all my copyhold land and houses to and for his only use.

Item I give unto the poor of Basingstoke the sum of twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them in bread.

Item I give unto the poor of Eastrop the sum of ten shillings to be likewise distributed amongst them in bread.

And I do make and ordain my dearly beloved brothers Mr John White and Mr Charles White my executors in trust to see this my will performed and I do hereby empower them to let set and sell any of my aforesaid lands, tenements and chattels for the discharging of my debts and legacies, and to and for the use and behoof of my said children Hellen, Richard, Anne and Mary Magdalen. **And I** do give unto my said executors for their care and pains herein the sum of twenty shillings apiece.

And I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills by me heretofore made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but this my said last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Written on stamped paper with the stamp of sixpence

John Rogers of Basingstoke, 1696

and signed sealed published and declared to be the
last will and testament of the said testator in the
presence of

John Rogers

William Browne, Vicar
Richard Collins
Aquila Clapshew