

**Martha Looker of Andwell, widow, 1646**  
**Ref: TNA PROB 11/197/540**

**In the name of God Amen** I Martha Looker late of Andwell in the county of Southampton widow, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my creator, confidently believing that by the bitter death, passion and precious bloodshed of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, I shall have pardon and remission of my sins. **My body** I commit to the earth from whence it came, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. **And** considering the uncertainty of death and being at this time weak and infirm of body but of sound and perfect memory (thanks be to God for the same), my desire is to settle that estate wherewith the Lord hath blessed me in this life in form hereafter mentioned. **Item** I give and bequeath to my niece Barbara Butler spinster, the rents, issues and profits of my lands lying in Holt in the said county of Southampton in the tenure or occupation of [*missing*] Norgreve or his assigns, and she to take and receive the same until such time as she shall raise thereout the full sum of three hundred pounds. **And** after the same so raised, then I will and devise the same to Barbara Looker my daughter and her heirs forever. **Item** I give and bequeath to my said daughter Barbara and her heirs forever all that my parsonage of Hallibourne (Holybourne) in the said county and the tithes, rents, issues and profits thereof. **As for** the rest of my estate, real and personal, I will and devise the same unto my said daughter and her heirs forever. **And** of this my last will, I make and ordain her my sole executrix in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of September 1643 in the 19th year of King Charles. **Martha** Looker her mark. **Read**, published, sealed and delivered in the presence of us John Jefferys, John Thomas, Mary Wentwoorth.

And furthering, my will is that whatsoever due or owing unto me by my cousin Daniell Butler of Alton in the said county I do freely remit and forgive the same without any account to be made for the same.

Probate granted 16 October 1646 Barbara Dudeney alias Geale, William Wither junior and Joanna Wither alias Geale his wife to administer etc. Barbara Looker executor named in this will.