

**Gilbert Lookar/Looker of Andwell, gentleman, 1592**

**Ref: TNA PROB 11/79/16**

**In the name of God Amen** I Gilbert Lookar of Andwell in the county of Southampton gent, do make and ordain my last will and testament in manner and form following.

**First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and the tuition of Jesus Christi his only son, my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried at Basingstoke in the schoolhouse at the Holy Ghost Chappel. **I will** and bequeath to my three daughters Agnes, Barbara and Johane one hundred pounds apiece to be paid each of them at the days of their marriage or at the age of three and twenty years. **If any** of them die before they be married or come to the age of three and twenty years then their portions to be divided amongst the rest of the daughters then living as well married as unmarried. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son William all my lands in Rotherwick and also ten pounds yearly forth of my lands in Basingstoke, provided that if my son William shall not content himself with this portion of ten pounds by year over and above my lands in Rotherwick, then my meaning is that he shall not enjoy my purchased lands in Rotherwick but the same shall remain to my wife for term of her life and after her decease to [missing].

**Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John the sum of sixteen pounds yearly until he be sufficiently preferred and then one hundred pounds in current money at his age of three and twenty years. **Item** I will and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Johan so many years in my farm of Andwell with all the demesnes thereunto belonging with stock and store, as she shall live unmarried and sole if the years of the same lease so long continue. **And the** reversion of the same lease and years after her decease to remain to my son Roger Lookar and his assigns with the stock and store thereupon of horse, oxen, kine, sheep, swine and all manner of cattle, saving my executrix shall have full power to bestow a hundred sheep, six kine and four oxen at her good will and pleasure in as good sort as I do now leave it to my wife, or the value as the same shall be now appraised by two indifferent men to be chosen by my said wife and Roger and the two overseers; provided always that my said wife shall not surrender nor alien the same lease or stock but suffer the same wholly to remain to my son Roger according to this my will with the saving of the said hundred sheep, six kine and four oxen aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Gilbert the stock of one hundred pounds which his Master has, the same to be delivered unto him at the beginning of the last year of his apprenticeship if he live so long, otherwise the said hundred pounds to be bestowed upon my son John Lookar. **And** my son John receiving the same hundred pounds, then he shall not require a hundred pounds of my executors for his legacy. **Item** my will is that my wife Johane shall have the use of the two livings, this of Andwell and the other of Basingstoke, the space of five years wholly to the discharging of the legacies, she paying all rents and services due for the farms of Andwell as I am bound to do by my lease thereof which is to begin at Michaelmas next. **Item** my will is that my son Roger shall after five years have my farm at Basingstoke with two hundred sheep stock and thirty acres of wheat and thirty acres of barley, having also one horse team and such peas, vetches and oats as are growing upon the same farm of Basingstoke, and ten loads of hay (himself paying for the cutting and making thereof), and paying yearly ten pounds rent for the same farm so many years as Johane my wife shall live sole and unmarried and enjoy Andwell. **Item** I give and bequeath to my cousin Thomas

Barnarde the sum of ten pounds or a lease for one and twenty years of my house at Cliddesden. **Item** I give five pounds in money to be bestowed on the poor of Basingstoke at my burial. **Item** I give to the reparations of the schoolhouse and Chapel of the Holy Ghost four nobles. **Item** if it fortune my wife Johane to depart this life or to be married and not to live sole so as my son Roger do come to Andwell farm as by my will I do appoint, then I will he shall leave the two hundred sheep stock at Basingstoke to his brother William with the farm. **Item** I give to my daughter Alice a heckferth and a calf by her side at two years hence. Item I do pray and do ordain my good friends Roger Searle of Warnborough and William More of Basingstoke to be overseers of this will. **And if** any question or doubt shall arise upon this my last will, I will that the same shall be decided and ordered by one expert in the civil law. **And what** charges so ever my overseers shall bestow herein I will the same be paid by my executrix whom I ordain Johane my wife my sole executrix, this 24th of September a thousand five hundred ninety one. **By me** Gilbert Lookar signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us Thomas Lerys Richard [Luke] and Simon Smithe.

Proved in London 14 Jan 1591-2 Johane Smith came to prove will.