

**William Hearne of Basingstoke, dyer, 1634**

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**In the name of God Amen:** the one and twentieth day of March Anno Dom 1633 and in the ninth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., I William Hearne the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton dyer, being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do ~~therefore~~ make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say): **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom and be numbered amongst his elect children through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or means whatsoever. **And for** the temporal goods which God of his goodness hath bestowed on me in this life, I do dispose of the same in manner as follows: **first** as conscience binds me I will that all the debts which I duly and truly owe unto any man shall be duly paid unto them in as convenient time as maybe after my decease, which being done and performed **item** then I give and bequeath unto the church of Basingstoke aforesaid twelve pence of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to the poor people of Basingstoke aforesaid five pounds of lawful money of England which said sum of five pounds I will shall be employed as a stock by the discretion of my executor and overseers hereafter named during their lives, and afterwards by the discretion of the more part of the approved men of the same town for the use and benefit of the said poor. **And the** use and benefit thereof arising from time to time I will shall be paid unto them yearly at the feast of Easter in every year by the discretion of my said executor and overseers during their lives and afterwards by the more part of the said approved men of the said town. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son John Hearne ten shillings of lawful money of England and a gold ring with these letters J and H thereon engraved. **Item** I give and bequeath to George Hearne my son twenty pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Olliver Hearne twenty pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son James Hearne fifty pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Richard Hearne fifty pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah the wife of John Cooper ten pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Avis the wife of Thomas Kewe fifty pounds of lawful money of England. **All which** legacies before by me given and bequeathed to my said children I will shall be paid to them by my said executor hereafter named within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to the children of my said daughter Sarah by John Cooper (viz.) Alice, Agnes, William and Sarah ten pounds apiece of lawful money of England which said legacies of ten pounds apiece I will shall be put forth and employed by my executor for the use and benefit of my said daughter Sarah, her children before named, and paid unto them by my said executor with the use and benefit thereof arising within one month next after that they shall severally accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years or days of marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to the children of my son William Hearne (viz.) Margerie, Alice and William five pounds apiece of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to Alice the daughter of my said daughter Avis by Thomas Kewe five pounds of lawful money of

England. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son James, his child, five pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to the children of William Fixar begotten on the body of Clara my daughter (viz.) William, John and Mary five pounds apiece of lawful money of England, which said legacies before by me given and bequeathed to the children of my said sons and daughters (viz.) of William my son, James my son, Alice my daughter and Clara my daughter I will shall be likewise put forth and employed by my said executor and paid unto them by my said executor with the use and benefit thereof arising within one month next after that they shall accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years or days of marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my kinsman Solomon Goodwyn five pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him within three months next after my decease by my said executor. **Item** I give and bequeath to Joane Swaine, the servant of my son in law John Cooper, ten shillings of lawful money of England to be paid unto her by my said executor within three months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Richard Hearne and his heirs all that my messuage or tenement situate, lying and being in Northbrook Street in Basingstoke aforesaid, which the orchard, garden or piddle of ground thereto belonging now in the occupation of Olliver Abbott, to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement, orchard or piddle of ground unto the said Richard Hearne his heirs and assigns to the sole, only and proper use and behoof of the said Richard Hearne his heirs and assigns for ever to be holden of the chief lord or lords of the fee or fees of the premises by the rents and services therefore due, and of right accustomed. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattles of what nature, kind, quality or condition soever, the same be of ~~and~~ now being and remaining in and about the chamber I now lie in being of the messuage in the occupation of the said John Cooper, or elsewhere within the realm of England and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments within the said realm, I wholly give and bequeath to my said son William Hearne whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executor of this my will. **And** I do make as overseers of this my said will my well beloved friends William Moore of Chineham in the county of Southampton clothier and my said son in law John Cooper desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executor to see this my will performed, unto each of which for their pains to be therein taken I give and bequeath ten shillings apiece to make them rings. **And** I do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made, and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and years first above written Wm Hearne.

**This** will consisting of six sheets of paper was signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said William Hearne the elder in the presence of John Wheateland, the mark of William Mersham. **Witness** John Borne Senior.

Probate granted 2 May 1634 to William Hearne the natural son.