

Richard Wattmore of Basingstoke, clothier 1692
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In the name of God Amen the eight and twentieth day of December in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of England etc., Defenders of the Faith etc., AD 1691 I Richard Wattmore in the county of Southampton clothier being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory (praise be therefore given to Almighty God), knowing the uncertainty of this life and being desirous to set my house in order before I die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say **first** and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator, Saviour and Redeemer in whom I believe and trust assuredly to have full commission and forgiveness of all my sins. **And my** body I commit to the earth whence it was taken to be buried by my executors hereafter named in such decent manner as to them shall seem meet hoping that at the last day my soul with my body shall rise again with joy and inherit the kingdom of heaven proposed for the saints. **And as** touching such worldly estate as God in mercy has lent me my will and desire is that the same may be employed and bestowed in manner following. **Imprimis** I revoke, enounce, frustrate and make void all wills by me formerly made and declare and appoint this to be my last will and testament. **Item** I will that all those debts and duties which I owe in right and conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid in convenient time after my decease by my executors hereafter named. **Item** as, for and concerning all that my messuage or tenement situate, lying and being in Basingstoke aforesaid in a street there commonly or known by the name of Chappel Street, my will and intention is that partition shall be made of the said messuage or tenement between my said executors hereafter named in manner following (that is to say), that my son John Wattmore shall have and enjoy the hall of the said house, the shop, the gatehouse and the chambers over the shop, gatehouse and buttery of the said house which the said John Wattmore shall have and enjoy after my deceased and the decease of my now wife Elisabeth Wattmore to him and his heirs forever. **And my** said son Richard Wattmore shall have and enjoy the other part of the house lying southward that is to say the malt house, the kitchen and kitchen chamber and the chamber over the entry and chamber over the hall to have and to hold the said to my said son Richard Wattmore from and after my decease and the decease of my said wife Elisabeth Wattmore to him and his heirs forever. **And also** for and concerning my two acres of arable land lying and being in Northdown Feild my will is that my said sons shall divide the said two acres between them to have and to hold to them the said two acres in severalty as the same shall be divided between them from and after the decease of my said wife to them and each of their heirs and assigns forever. **And as** and concerning the backside and garden my will and meaning is that the same shall be divided into two parts from the well to Knight's house my son Richard to have and enjoy the south part thereof and my said son John Wattmore to hold and enjoy the north part from and after my and my wife's decease to each of them and their heirs forever. **And for** and concerning the buttery of the said house my will and meaning is that the same shall be divided between them. **And as** for and concerning the entry of my said house my will and meaning is that my said sons shall have and enjoy the same in common between them and have free passage through the same into each of their particular divisions provided that my will and meaning is that neither of my said sons John or Richard Wattmore or any or either of them shall have or claim any

right to the premises or any part thereof till after my and said wife's decease and that my said wife Elisabeth Wattmore shall have and enjoy the same after my decease for and during the term of her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Elisabeth one shilling of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to John and Richard sons of my said son John Wattmore five shillings apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath to Richard [Griffiths] son of Thomas [Griffiths] the like sum of five shillings apiece, and to Edward, Mary and Elisabeth children of my daughter Mary five shilling apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath to Dorothy Waterman daughter of my daughter Mary the like sum of five shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to every child of my daughter Hannah five shillings apiece also. **Item** I give and bequeath to my said son John Wattmore's wife the bed, bedstead, valance and curtains thereto belonging standing in the room over the shop. **And as** for and concerning all and singular other my goods and household stuff in the said house my will and meaning is that the same shall be divided equally between my said sons John and Richard Wattmore. **And it** is my will and meaning that neither my said sons John or Richard Wattmore shall not claim any right or title to anything herein mentioned till after mine and my said wife's decease. **And I** do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my said sons John and Richard Wattmore joint executors of this my last will and testament who are to pay and discharge all the above mentioned debts and legacies and funeral expenses and also the funeral expenses of my said wife if she shall happen to die before me. **Item** I give and bequeath to Mr Richard Lamb and Mr Walter Barefoot half a crown apiece to buy each of them a pair of gloves. **And it** is my will and meaning that if my said son Richard Wattmore shall die without issue of his body lawfully begotten then the said messuage or tenement and land and all and singular the before mentioned premises shall come to my said son John Wattmore his heirs and assigns forever. **And lastly** it is my will and meaning that no legacy hereby bequeathed shall be paid to any of the legatees herein mentioned till after the decease both of me and my said wife. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
to be the last will and testament
of the said Richard Wattmore in the
presence of the

the marke of Robert Wattmore
John Scrive
John Farley
Robert Mitchener

the marke of
Richard Wattmore

Probate granted 12 May 1692 to John Wattmore executor.

An inventory indented of the goods and chattels of Richard Wattmore of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier deceased made, taken and appraised the second day of May in the year of our Lord God 1692 vizt.

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In the kitchen

Item one table, five stools, one cupboard, three chairs,

a pair of andirons, fire pan and tongs, two pairs of
cotterells, a roasting jack, one spit, nine pewter dishes,
two pewter candlesticks, four pottingers, one dripping
pan, a warming pan and ladle and skimmer

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In the brewhouse

Item one furnace, one brewing vat, two kivers, two
tubs, one stand

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In the buttery

Item four barrels, one stand, one long kiver, two brass
pots, one skillet

0 17 0

In the chamber over the kitchen

Item one feather bed, one bolster, one pillow, one
coverlet, two blankets, one bedstead, three cofferes,
one chest, one table, curtains and valance

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In the chamber over the shop

Item one flock bed and trundle bedstead, a form,
two cofferes, one pewter bowl and tankard, five
shirts, a tablecloth and pillow

0 6 0

Item his wearing apparel and the money in his purse

0 10 0

And other lumber belonging unto the house

0 5 6

Total

7 13 10

Richard Woodroffe

Thomas Brackley Appraisers.