

John Cherry of Basingstoke, innkeeper 1675

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In the Name of God Amen I John Cherry of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton inn holder being sick and weak in body but of sound memory, God be therefore praised, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to God that gave it relying only on the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer for the pardon and remission of all my sins, and my body I commit to the earth. **Item** my will is and I do hereby appoint that my two houses at Wokingham in the county of Berks be forthwith sold by my executrix hereafter named. **And I** give to her and her heirs and assigns the said two houses, and appoint that out of the money to be raised by the sale of them there be presently paid the sum of forty pounds current English money to my son John; forty pounds more thereof to my daughter Jane Cherry and forty pounds more thereof to my son Thomas Cherry. **Item** I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Jane twenty pounds more to be paid unto her by my executrix within four months after my decease. **All the** rest and residue of my goods, chattels, cattle and estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Anne Cherry whom I make full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** hereby authorise and empower her to make sale of the said two houses with the appurtenances in Wokingham aforesaid so soon as may be and to pay the respective legacies above by me given and all my just debts so soon as may be. **And I** do hereby nominate and appoint Barnard Reave of Basingstoke aforesaid mercer and John Windover of the same place collar maker to be overseers of this my last will and testament to whom I give ten shillings apiece. **And I** also give unto the poor of Basingstoke five shillings. **In witness** whereof I the said John Cherry have hereunto put my hand and seal and declared these presents for my last will and testament this sixteenth day of March AD 1664.

The mark of John Cherry.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Cherry for his last will and testament in the presence of John Wynhall, William Griffin. The mark of Anne Fuller.

Probate granted in London 8 August 1675 to the executrix nominated.