

John Taylor of Basingstoke, gentleman, 1636

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In the name of God Amen the thirteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand six hundred thirty five in the eleventh year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., I John Taylor of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton gent., being of good and perfect memory, thanks be given to God. **And** calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal and transitory life do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say), **first** I commend my soul and spirit into the hands of Almighty God my creator, and heavenly Father trusting to be saved and enjoy eternal life, and rest in his most blessed kingdom, and that through the only merits and means of the death and passion of his only Son, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **And my** body I commit to the earth to be buried in what place, and in decent manner as to my executor shall seem fit. **And for** my worldly estate I do devise and bequeath the same as follows: **first** I give and bequeath unto my son John the sum of five pounds to be paid within a twelve month after my decease. **And if** that my executor does see and perceive that he takes good courses and leads a good and Godly life, then my will is that he should have ten pounds more to be bestowed by my executor in leather and other commodities towards the setting up of his trade. **Item** I give to my daughter Hanna the sum of a hundred pounds to be paid her at the day of her marriage or age of one and twenty years, which first shall happen, provided that she be ruled by my executor and not marry anyone without his consent. **And if** she does disobey him therein then my will is she have but fifty pounds. **The rest** of all my goods, lands and tenements I give unto Richard Worthington of London gent., whom I make executor of this my last will and testament and to his heirs and assigns forever. **And my** desire is that he take my said daughter to bring her up in the fear of God and to be educated and brought up by him and his wife, to whom I bequeath five pounds to buy her a ring, desiring her to have a care of my daughter, and to use her uttermost endeavour to entrust and teach her those things that she herself has learned. **And I** trust he will see my will performed according to the true meaning herein declared, and do revoke all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I, the said John Taylor, have hereunto set my hands and seal the day and year above said. John Taylor signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of Walter Calverly, Thomas Bradshaw, the mark of Rose Tisdell.

Probate granted 26 April 1636 to Richard Worthington, executor.