

**Henry Purchis of Basingstoke, clothier, 1624**

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**In the name of God Amen** the nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord God 1623, I Henry Purchis of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton, clothier, being sick in body but whole in mind and perfect memory God be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: **First** I commend my soul into the hands of God my maker believing assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to have my sins remitted and to be made partaker of life everlasting. **And I** commend my body to the earth whereof it was formed, nothing doubting but at the great day of general resurrection when we shall appear before the judgment seat of God Christ I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God whereby his is able to subdue all things to himself not [acorrutable], mortal, weak and vile body as now it is but an incorruptible, immortal and perfect body in all things like unto the glorious body of Jesus Christ my only Saviour. **Imprimis** I give unto the poor of Basingstoke fifty shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of my executors in trust hereafter mentioned. **Item** I give unto Henry Purchis my elder son and to his heirs forever my dwelling house with the barn, backside, edifices, lands, ~~tenements~~ hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever theretofore belonging together with all deeds, evidences, writings whatsoever concerning the same. **Which** said house is situate and lies in Basingstoke aforesaid in a certain street called Church Street between the land of John Stocker on the north side and the land of Winchester College on the east side now in the use and occupation of Stephen Webb, clerk. **And for** want of issue my will and meaning is that it descend unto William Purchis my younger son and his heirs, and for defect of issue of the said William to Agnis Purchis my daughter and her heirs, and for defect of her heirs to Amy my oldest daughter and her heirs forever. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Henry Purchis my older son twenty pounds of current money of England to be paid unto him at the full years of one and twenty provided that if the said Henry does die before he has accomplished the age of one and twenty years, that then the said portion of twenty pounds to be equally divided amonget my other children surviving. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son William Purchis three score pounds of current money of England to be paid unto him at the age of one and twenty years, and if it shall happen that the said William decease before he has accomplished the full age of one and twenty years that then I bequeath the said portion amongst my daughters surviving to be equally divided. **Also** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amy Purchis forty pounds of current money of England to be paid unto her at her age of one and twenty years or at the day of her marriage which shall first happen. **Item** I give unto Avis Purchis the sum of forty pounds of current money of England to be paid unto her at the age of one and twenty years or at the day of her marriage which shall first happen. **Item** I give unto Agnis Purchis the sum of forty pounds to be paid unto her at the full age of one and twenty years or at the day of her marriage which shall first happen. **Item** I give unto Alce Purchis the sum of forty pounds of current money of England to be paid unto her at her age of one and twenty ~~years~~ or at the day of her marriage which shall first happen. **Provided** always and my meaning is that if the said William Purchis or any of my daughters shall decease before they have accomplished the full years of one and twenty or be married, that then their said portions be equally divided between William and my daughters then surviving. **The residue** or remainder of all my goods, cattles, chattels, debts, monies after that my debts be paid and funeral expenses

discharged, and these my legacies contained in this my last will and testament fully paid I give and bequeath to my children by equal portions amongst them all to be divided. **And now** upon great trust and confidence I have in my faithful and well beloved friends Thomas Hall, Andrew Butler, George Weast gent. my brother in law and Robert Stocker, all of Basingstoke, my loving neighbours and Christian friends, I do make and ordain them my executors in trust of this my last will and testament beseeching them for God his sake to have an especial care that my aforesaid children may be principally educated and instructed in the Christian religion and faith of Jesus Christ and may be brought up in the best manner and behaviour as may be, some such as live in the fear of God and show due reverence towards man. **Also I** constitute and appoint my loving friends Stephen Webb, clerk and John Mason gent. overseers of this my last will and testament whose care, pains and best assistance I desire both in the breeding of my children and their good education and also in the performing and fulfilling my desires in this my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have set to my hand and seal the day and year above written, Henry Purchis. In the presence of [Rugodant] and Tho. West

Probate granted 18 November 1624 to Thomas Hall, Andrew Butler, George West and Robert Stocker.