

**William Tempule of Basingstoke, farmer, 1656**

**Ref: TNA PROB 11/262/516**

**In the name of God Amen** the ninth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred fifty and six, I William Tempule of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton farmer, being sick in body but whole in mind and of good and perfect memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as hereafter follows, that is to say, **first**, I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and to his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and my body to the earth from whence it came.

**Imprimis** I give unto my son Thomas Tempule ten pounds for to be paid in one year's time after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son William Tempule fifty pounds for to be paid him when he is at the age of seven and twenty years. **Item** I give unto my son Robert Tempule ten pounds for to be paid him when he is of the age of one and twenty years. **But if** he comes not for to demand it, that he be dead, then the said ten is to be equally devided between Susan Scott and her two brothers, Richard and John Tempule. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Tempule twenty pounds for to be paid him when he is at the full age of one, and twenty years. **Item** I give unto my son Richard Tempule twenty pounds, for to be paid him when he is one and twenty years old. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son in law Richard Scot, one bond of twenty pounds which is due from him unto me. **Item** I give unto my son in law William James five pounds for to be be paid him in one year's time after my decease. **Item** I give unto my son in law Richard Corte five pounds for to be paid unto him in one year's time after my decease. **Item** I give unto my grandchild Elizabeth Scott forty shillings which is due from her father unto me upon an account. **Now this** for to be performed I make my executrix of this my last will and testament Elizabeth my wife, in witness hereof I have caused this my last will for to be made, and hereunto have set my hand this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and six.

**The mark** of Will[iam] Tempule. **In witness** hereunto William Lambe, John Hockley, his mark, Thomas Brackley.

**This will** was proved at London the tenth day of March one thousand six hundred fifty six, before the Judges for probate of wills and granting administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Elizabeth Tempule the relict, sole executrix named in the said will, to whom administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of the said deceased was committed, she being first by commission sworn truly to administer the same.