

Will of Johane Blunden of Basingstoke, widow, 1663

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In the name of God Amen the sixteenth day of June AD 1663 And in the fifteenth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc., I Johane Blunden of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton widow, being of good and perfect mind and memory, thanks be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or mean whatsoever. **And my** body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executor and overseers hereafter named. **And for** such temporal goods whereof the Lord of His bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, bequeath and devise the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe to any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease which being done and performed then I give and bequeath unto the poor people of the town of Basingstoke aforesaid the sum of five pounds of current English money to be distributed amongst them by the discretion of my said executors and overseers within three days next after my burial. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Blunden the sum of five shillings of current English money. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Blunden the sum of five shillings of current English money. **And to** my son in law Edward Peirce I give and bequeath five shillings of current English money. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid, legacies in this my will performed and funeral expenses discharged, I wholly give and bequeath unto William Blunden my son whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executor of this my last *will* and testament. **And overseers** of this my said will I do make my trusty and well beloved friends and kinsmen William Birch and Obadiah Howes desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executor to see this my said will performed unto whom for their pains to be therein taken I give and bequeath twenty shillings apiece of current English money. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written - the mark of the said Johane Blunden. Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Johane Blunden in the presence of Richard Helliear, John Borne Snr.

Probate granted 27 February 1663 to William Blunden the son and executor named.