

**John Waite of Steventon, 1533**

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**In dei nomine Amen** the year of our Lord God 1533, 17th August, I John Waytte whole and sound of mind and will, let, make my testament in this manner and form here following. **First** I bequeath my soul to God Almighty and to Our Lady Saint Mary and to all the saints in heaven, and my body to be buried in the church yard of Saint Nicholas of Steventon. **Item** I bequeath to our mother church of Hampshire 2d. **Item** I bequeath to the maintaining of a taper before the image of Jesus in the church of Steventon one sheep. **Item** I bequeath to the maintaining of the light before the image of Our Lady of Comfort one sheep and my wife's best kerchief. **Item** I bequeath to the maintaining of the lights before the image of Saint Anthony one sheep. **Item** I bequeath to my sister Mergarytt a cow and 10 sheep. **Item** I bequeath to my godson Jhon [Byath] one lamb. **Item** I bequeath to my servant Mergarytt Lover one lamb and 7 pounds of lock wool to make her a kirtell thereof. **Item** I bequeath to Rychard Lover a scythe. **Item** I bequeath to Alys Burgeas my wife's second kerchief. **Item** I bequeath to my sister Mergarytt all my fleece of wool within my house to make her a kirtell thereof. **Item** I bequeath to Elsabeth Lover my wife's best cap. **And** my debts to be paid and my bequests to be delivered and the residue of my *goods* I gift and bequeath to my sister Margaret and Gylbart Arnyffe the which I make my true and faithful executors, and they to prepare and provide bread, ale and cheese against the months mind *which* shall be kept for my wife and me and 6 masses to be said at the church of Saint Nicholas of Steventon, and so to continue yearly one time in the year as they will answer afore the face of God at the Day of Judgment. **And I** will that Sir Roger Sandeforthe shall see my debts to be paid and my bequests to be delivered. **And my** barley to be brought into my barn and there to be divided according to my will, and Sir Roger to have for his labour 4s. **These** to witness, Sir Roger Sandeforth, Richard Lover, Wyllyam Pyldryme. **And I** will that Wyllyam Pyldryme and Richard Lover shall either of them have 4d for their labour to testify and bear record that I put Sir Roger in trust to see my will to be fulfilled.

**And** also I am in debt to my Sister Mergarett 6s 8d. **Item** to Wyllyam Smale 2s 6d. **Item** to Hewe [Hymil] 16d. **Item** to Annes Pyldryme 12d. **Item** to Jhon Ayclyff 15d. **Item** to Jhon Ayclyff 20d. **Item** to my father in law 20d. **Item** to Roger Sandeforth 14d. **Item** to Jhon Dowse 2 bushels of wheat and he must pay to me 2d. **Item** Jhon Dowse a quarter of barley. **Item** to Roger Sandeforthe a quarter of barley.