

Dorothy Barrett of Cliddesden, widow, 1673

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In the name of God Amen the one and twentieth day of December AD 1673 and in the five and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc., I Dorothy Barret of Cliddesden 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 commit my soul to 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 and means whatsoever. **And my** body being earthly, I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. **And for** such temporal means or estate whereof the Lord of his bounty has bestowed on me in this life, I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly and in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed then (after the debts of my late husband Henry Barret deceased being first paid), I give and bequeath unto my son William Barret, one shilling of current English money and also a flock bed which is in a chest in my house, with a feather bolster, one pair of canvas sheets with a yellow coverlet now lying upon my bed. **And** (after my said husband's debts first paid, and *the* legacy before given to my said son William paid), I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my goods, cattles and chattels unto and amongst my children, namely Elizabeth Barret, Grissell Barret, Robert Barret and John Barret equally to be parted and divided between them by the discretion of Mr John Chishall minister of Cliddesden aforesaid. **And my** neighbours and friends Mr John Belchamber, Mr William Becke and John Kersley whom I desire to be aiding and assisting to see the same parted and divided amongst my said children according to this my will. **And I** do make Elizabeth Barrat my daughter executrix of this my last will and testament and 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 will. **In witness** whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal etc., *the* day and year first above written.

The mark of Dorothy Barrett

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Dorothy Barret in the presence of:

John Belchamber

The mark of Ambrose Dawman

The mark of John Kersley

The above written day of the date, namely the words one and twentieth was written before the sealing and delivering hereof and was so by the assent of the testatrix in *the* presence of (the mark of) John Kersley (the mark of) Ambrose Dawman.