

Thomas Morrall of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1616

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In the name of God Amen the sixth day of January in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and fifteen I Thomas Morrall of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but perfect in remembrance, thanks be given unto God, do make this my last will and testament in writing. **First** I commend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God my maker and redeemer hoping that by the death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, who shed his blood for me and all mankind, that my sins are freely pardoned and forgiven and that I trust by his merits to be received into his kingdom amongst the angels and saints there sitting in triumph and glory after that my breath shall depart out of my body. **And** do will my body to be buried according to the discretion of my executrix and overseers here under named. **Item** I give to the Cathedral Church of Winchester four pence. **Item** to the Church of Basingstoke twelve pence. **Item** to every of my godchildren six pence. **To the** poor of Basingstoke twenty shillings, all which I will to be paid when my funeral shall be ended.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Morrall, being my sole son and heir, three hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid by my said executrix herein named unto my overseers to the use of my said son within one whole year next after my death and decease, and they to employ it to his best use and benefit thereof for his maintenance, and at his age of twenty years to yield up a due and just account as well as the principal as of the benefit as shall arise thereby. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Elizabeth and Joane twenty shillings apiece to make each of them a ring, and to be paid by my said executrix within six months after my decease. **Item** I give unto Richard Mitchell my grandchild ten pounds if he accomplish the age of fifteen years. **Item** to my grandchild Roger Mitchell five shillings at his age of fifteen years. **Item** I give unto Thomas Mitchell five shillings at his age of fifteen years provided always that my meaning and true intent is that Edward Mitchell their father shall have nothing to do therewith. **But if** they or any of them shall be living and accomplish there several ages of fifteen years apiece, then my meaning is that my overseers shall have the disposing thereof to their, or either of their, best benefits for the increasing thereof until they, or either of them, shall accomplish their several ages of one and twenty years. **And if** either of them shall happen to die before the said several ages, then my true meaning is that such bequests so by me given to any of them shall revert and come to my son John Morrall. **Item** I give unto Amye Browne my grandchild ten pounds to be paid unto her at her age of fifteen years if she shall live to accomplish the same.

All the rest of my goods and chattels, plate, towels (*tools?*) and ready money herein unbequeathed my debts being paid and funeral charges disbursed I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my now wife whom I make my sole executrix. **And** do desire my special good friend John Goringe of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton dyer, and my loving son in law John Browne of Basing in the county aforesaid yeoman, not only to see this my last will and testament performed, but also to have the government and tutorship of my said son John if his mother cannot rule him. **And** for their pains therein I give to each of them twenty shillings apiece to be presently paid by my said executrix to make each of them a ring. **Witness** whereof I

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have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written in the presence of us Thomas Morall, John Morall, Nic [Sibarbe]

Probate granted 30 Apr 1616 to Elizabeth relict.