

Thomas Hall of Basingstoke, yeoman 1687

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In name of God Amen. I Thomas Hall of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory, praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say), **first** and principally, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life. **And my** body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **And as** touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows.

First I will, that all my debts and funeral charges shall be truly paid and discharged.

Item I give to each of my brother William's children five shillings apiece.

Item I give to each of my brother John's children five shillings apiece.

Item I give to each of my sister Ann's children five shillings apiece.

Item I give to each of my sister Sibill's children five shillings apiece.

Item I give to each of my sister Elizabeth's children five shillings apiece.

And all the rest and residue of all my personal estate, goods, cattles and chattels whatsoever, I do give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Edith my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And I** do hereby ordain and appoint John Whittier of Basingstoke aforesaid and Richard Whittier of Reading to be overseers of this my last will and testament and I bequeath to each of them 5s. for their labour in that behalf. **And I** do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I, the said Thomas Hall, to this my only last will and testament do set my hand and seal this third day of July AD 1686.

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the
last will and testament of the said Thomas Hall
in the presence of

The mark of
Thomas Hall

Richard Warner
The mark of John Tanner
Aquila Clapshew

Probate granted 15 December 1687 to the executrix nominated.