

**Alexander Searle of Newnham, Tanner, 1645**

**Ref: TNA PROB 11/192/476**

**In the name of God Amen** I Alexander Serle of Newnham in the county of Southampton tanner, being in good and perfect memory, the Lord be praised therefore, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and above all things I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father in full assurance of a joyful resurrection through the only merits of his son Christ Jesus and my body unto the earth. **Item** I give unto the poor of the parish of Newnham aforesaid ten shillings. **Item** I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Dorrell my daughter twelve pence. **Item** I will and bequeath unto William Paice my grandson twenty shilling to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease. **Item** I will and bequeath unto Hannah Paice my grandchild ten pounds to be paid her within one year after my decease. **Item** I will and bequeath unto Alexander Paice my grandson one hundred pounds to be paid unto him within one year after my decease. **Item** I will and bequeath unto Hannah Searle my daughter and unto the heirs of her body all those my 2 houses with all my land in North Warnborough in the parish of Odiham in the said county of Southampton upon condition that if my said daughter happen to die not having any heirs of her body lawfully begotten, then my mind is that my said 2 houses and lands shall be and remain unto my said grandson Alexander Paice and unto the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. **But if** it shall happen that my said grandson Alexander Paice shall die not leaving any heir of his body lawfully begotten then my mind is that my said two houses and lands shall be and remain unto the said William Paice and unto his heirs forever. **And lastly** all the residue of my goods and chattels not formerly bequeathed, I bequeath and give unto Hannah Searle my said daughter upon condition that she shall pay and discharge all my known and just debts and likewise discharge my funeral expenses. **In consideration** whereof I nominate and appoint the said Hannah to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** do desire and entreat my two loving friends James Deane of Oxenwood in Wiltshire gentleman and Francis Tilney of Rotherwick in the said county of Southampton gent to be overseers of this my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April one thousand six hundred and forty two and in the eighteenth year of the king majesty's reign that now is, Alexander Searle. Signed sealed and published as the last will and testament of the said Alexander Searle in the presence of Richard Tilney junr, John Rapley, John Morrall.

**Memorandum** that in and upon the two and twentieth day of July in the nineteenth year of his majesty's reign over England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith and in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty and three, the within named Alexander Searle being then of good and perfect memory did then add and bequeath unto the within named William Paice his grandson forty pounds to be paid in manner and form following vizt., twenty pounds within one year after his decease and twenty pounds more within two years after his decease. **And moreover** did add and bequeath unto the within named Alexander Paice his grandson all the remainder of a term and lease of years yet unexpired, the which he did hold by grant from Mr James Deane of Oxenwood in Wiltshire, being the house and lands in Newnham in the said county of Southampton wherein he then lived, provided that he permit and suffer the within named Hannah Searle his aunt and

daughter unto the said Alexander Searle to remain and dwell and to make use of the best chamber in the said dwelling house distinguished by the name of the Hall Chamber so long as the said lease shall endure if she please to make use thereof.

**The word** or words to the same effect the said Alexander Searle did publish and will the day and year above written and charged the said Hannah Searle his daughter and executrix to perform the same in the presence of John Rompord, the mark of Mathew Wash.

Probate granted 3 March 1645 in London to Hannah Searle, daughter.