

James Canner of Mapledurwell, ropemaker, 1707

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In the name of God Amen. I James Canner of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton ropemaker, being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks and praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator and redeemer who said, 'I am the resurrection and the life'. **And** in Him and by Him and through Him I believe that although my body for a time shall be enclosed in earth, yet in due time both soul and body shall enjoy eternal felicity I know that as my redeemer liveth and that in the day of my resurrection I shall see my saviour in my flesh, this is my hope. **And** as for my funeral, I leave it to my executors hereinafter named. **And** as for such temporal estate where with my creator hath blessed me, I give and dispose thereof in manner and form following. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Canner all my working tools, hooks and carts which do belong and appertain to my said trade which I shall leave behind me at the time of my decease, with two pairs of my best scales and all my weights, and two pairs of my best scale beams with the furnace, table frame and pair of andirons standing in my kitchen, together with my chest, bushel measure and all my boards in the warehouse chamber now in his possession in the Angell Inn in Basingstoke in the county of Southampton, with the barrel which stands on the [head] in the buttery of my dwelling house.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John Canner the cupboard and the side table standing in my lodging chamber and the old salting trough and the cover to it standing in my buttery, with ten pounds of good and lawful money of England, which ten pounds I will shall be paid to my said son John Canner within the space of fourteen months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto my grandson John Canner, the son of my said son John Canner, ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my executors within fourteen months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto him my said grandson John Canner my biggest pewter platter. **Item** I give unto my grandson James Canner, one other of the sons of my said son John Canner, ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid to him within fourteen months next after my decease. **And** I also give unto him my iron pot and pot hooks.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson William Canner, one other of the sons of my said son John Canner, ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him within fourteen months next after my decease with the chest standing in the chamber over my lodging room and also my two [...]. **Item** I give and bequeath to my grandson Joseph Canner, another of the sons of my said son John Canner, ten pounds of like money to be paid unto him also within fourteen months next after my decease. **And** I give unto him also my little brass kettle being my second best kettle. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Thomas Canner my grandson, one other of the sons of my said son John Canne, ten pounds of like money to be paid to him also within fourteen months next after my decease with my least brass kettle and my least iron pot.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Joane Canner, one of the daughters of my said son John Canner, ten pounds of like money to be paid unto her within fourteen months next after my decease with my pewter still and what belongs to it.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Anne Canner, the second daughter of my said son John Canner, ten pounds of like money to be paid to her also by my executors within fourteen months next after my decease and the biggest chest standing in my bed chamber or room wherein I lodge. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Sara Canner, the other daughter of my said son John Canner, the sum of ten pounds more of like lawful money of England to be paid unto her also within fourteen months next after my decease. **Also** I give unto my said grandchild Sara my other chest standing in the said room wherein I lodge.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Canner ten pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to him within fourteen months next after my decease.

Item I give and devise unto my son James Canner all that my messuage or tenement with the appurtenances situate and being in Cranbourne in the said county of Southampton now in the tenure or occupation of my said son James Canner to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenance unto my said son James Canner from and after the day of my death and decease for and during the term of his natural life. **And** from and after his decease I give and bequeath and devise my said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto Christian Canner, the now wife of my said son James Canner, to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto the said Christian Canner, from and after the death and decease of her husband, the said James Canner, for and during so long time as she shall continue his widow, sole and unmarried. **And** from and after the death of the said James Canner my son, and the death of the said Christian sole and unmarried or from and after her marriage which shall first happen, then I give and devise my said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto John Canner my grandchild, the son of my said son James Canner, for and during the term of his natural life. **And** from and after his decease I give and bequeath the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto James Canner, the son of my said son James Canner, to have and to hold the same to him the said James Canner my grandchild his heirs and assigns forever with all the deeds, [chres], evidences and writings whatsoever touching and concerning the same.

Item I give and bequeath unto John Canner, the son of my said son James Canner, ten pounds of lawful money of England and to his daughter ten pounds more to be paid to each of them within fourteen months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto James Canner, the son of my said son James, three pounds of lawful money of England to be paid to him also within fourteen months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to every one of them ten pounds to be likewise paid to them and every one of them within fourteen months next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto John Harfell, the son of my grandson Samuel Harfell, the sum of seven pounds of like money to be paid to his father for his use within fourteen months next after my decease. **And** I will that his father's receipt under his hands and seal shall be a good discharge to my executors for the same.

Item I do hereby make and ordain unto my grandson, the said Samuel Harfell, and my grandson the said John Canner, the son of my said son John Canner, joint executors of this my last will and testament. **And** I do desire Mr Richard Coleman of Basingstoke to be overseer of this my will and to be aiding and assisting to my said executors in the execution thereof, to whom and for his pains to be taken therein I give twenty shillings to buy him a ring. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this one and twentieth day of April Anno Domini 1707 and in the sixth year of the reign of Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc.

Signed James Canner

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named James Canner the testator to be his last will and testament and signed and subscribed by us the witnesses hereunto in the presence of the said testator in the presence of the said testator, a former will by him made being first cancelled and burnt by ~~the said testator~~ the said testator-direction

Richard Coleman
Ann Ifould
Thomas Ifould
Henry Collier

Probate granted 17 September 1707