

**Edmund Cowdry of Basingstoke, collar maker 1695**  
**Ref: Hants. RO 1696A/031**

**In the name of God Amen** the seventh day of August AD 1695 and in the seventh year of our sovereign Lord William the Third by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I Edmund Cowdry of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton collar maker being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament. **First** and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and surely 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 or 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 as** 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 as follows. **First** I will that all such debts which I truly owe unto any person shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed then I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Joane Cowdry all my houses and tenements with the appurtenances in Basingstoke for and during the term of her natural life. **And after** the decease of my wife then I give the said houses as hereafter bequeathed in this my will. **Item** I do hereby forgive my son Thomas Cowdry the thirty pounds of lawful English money which he now owes me and do hereby further give unto my son Thomas Cowdry ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid by my executrix hereafter named within one year after my decease if my son Thomas shall then be living. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Edmund Cowdry ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid by my executrix within a year after my decease. **And after** the decease of my wife Joane I do further give unto my son Edmund my house which I purchased of one William Allen lying and being in Church Street in Basingstoke, my son Edmund paying out of the said house twenty pounds which I do hereby give out of the aforesaid house bequeathed viz. fifteen pounds of lawful English money unto my son William Cowdry if he shall then be living. **And also** I do hereby give out of the said house bequeathed unto my son Edmund five pounds of lawful English money unto my daughter Mary Cowdry to be paid unto my daughter Mary by my son Edmund out of the aforesaid house. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son William Cowdry ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid by my executrix within one year after my decease if my son William shall then be living. **Item** I do give and bequeath unto my son John Cowdry who is now my apprentice ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid by my executrix when the time of his apprenticeship shall be fully out and expired according as at it was mentioned in his indentures. **And I** do hereby after my wife's decease give and bequeath unto my son John the house with the appurtenances which I now live in, my son John paying such legacies out of the said house as I do hereafter bequeath viz., I do give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Cowdry twenty pounds of lawful English money to be paid out of the aforesaid house by my son John, if my son Thomas shall then be living. **Item** I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Joan Denier ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid out of the aforesaid house by my son John, if my daughter Joan shall then be living. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Dalman ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid within three months after the birth of the first child, it being the ten pounds I promised to

pay in my life time after the birth of the first child provided my daughter Elizabeth be living three months after the birth of her first child. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joan Danier ten pounds of lawful English money to be paid within a year after my decease if my daughter Joan shall be then living. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Cowdry threescore pounds of lawful English money to be paid by my executrix as soon as she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years of the day of marriage which shall first happen. **And** that if any of my children namely Thomas, Edmund, William, John, Joane, Elizabeth and Mary shall fortune to die or depart his or her life before that his, her or their portion of legacy shall be due to him, her or them by this my said will, then I will that the part or portion of him, her or them so dying shall be equally parted and divided amongst the survivor and survivors of him, his or them share and share alike. **The** rest and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels my debts being first paid, legacies in this my said will performed and funeral expenses discharged I wholly give and bequeath unto Joan Cowdry my beloved wife whom I make and ordain to be full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but this my said will.

Sealed, published and declared to  
be the last will and testament of the said  
Edmund Cowdry in the presence of  
with the word 'mentioned' first interlined.

Edmund Cowderoy

Thomas Osboarne  
Richard Mitchener Jun  
Will Rimes

Probate granted 7 August 1695  
Whosoever shall go to oppose or contradict this and refuse *missing*

An inventory of the goods and chattels of Edmund Cowderoy of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton collar maker late deceased taken and made by us William Cowderoy and John Farly this 23rd day of October in the 7th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord William the Third by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and so forth AD 1695.

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<b>In his lodging chamber</b>			
<b>Imprimis</b> his wearing clothes and money in his purse	10	0	0
<b>Item</b> one feather bed and bolster )			
<b>Item</b> one set of curtains and bedstead )			
<b>Item</b> one rug and 2 blankets )	9	0	0
<b>Item</b> one chest and a sideboard )			
<b>Item</b> 2 leather chairs and 3 stools )			
<b>Item</b> a table and 6 joined stools )			
<b>Item</b> a pair of andirons and a glass )			
<b>Item</b> 5 pairs of shirts and one dozen )			
and a half of napkins and 2 tablecloths )			
or other small linen )	2	0	0

**In the chamber over the hall**

Item one feather bed and all belonging to them)			
Item one flock bed and all belonging to them )	6	0	0
Item 2 chests and 2 coffers )			
Item one table and one box )			

**In the chamber over the brewhouse**

Item one flock bed and all belonging to them )	1	0	0
Item a form and chair and truckle bedstead )			

**In the hall**

Item one cupboard and one table and form )			
and stool )			
Item 26 dishes of pewter )			
Item 10 porringers and 6 plates )			
Item 2 flagons and 6 candlesticks )	4	0	0
Item 2 warming pans and a jack and 2 spits )			
Item 3 brass pots and irons )			
Item 2 cotterells and fire pan and tongs )	32	0	0

**In the brewhouse**

Item one furnaces and 2 kettles )			
Item one brewing tub and 3 kivers )	1	10	0

**In the cellar**

Item 5 barrels and 3 stands	0	12	0
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**In the shop**

Item 15 horse hides and 5 bull hides )			
Item 5 collars, 5 panels and 6 halters with )			
other odd leather and cart and hooks )	40	0	0

Item in desperate debts	<i>missing</i>		
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**In the backside**

Item 2 hogs and 2 pigs )			
Item a small pile of wood and fagots )	3	0	0
	45	2	0
Total sum	77	2	0

William Cowderoy  
John Farly