

Richard Hall of Basingstoke, clothier, 1605

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In the name of God Amen. The fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and four. **And** in the second year of the teign of our sovereign Lord King James by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc., I Richard Hall of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier, being in good and perfect memory (thanks be to God), do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the holy church yard near the place where my wife lies. **Item** I give to the cathedral church of Winton 4d. **Item** I give to the poor of Basingstoke 40s. **Item** I give to William Hall my son and to the heirs male of his body the house which he now dwells in. **Also** I give to the said William my son £5 of money. **Item** to every one of his children 20s apiece. **Item** I give to John Hall my son and to the heirs male of his body, the now house and half the porok with the south end of the barn, with free ingress, egress and regress to and into the said barn, and ten acres of land lying in the common fields of Basingstoke viz in Winchester field, in Hatchfield, in Hakewood field, Salisbury field and in Holy Ghost fields, and to every of his children 20s apiece. **I give** to the said John Hall my son, the lease of the house which I now dwell in paying yearly to my daughter Johane Hall, his natural sister, 10s during her natural life. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Hall, the house which he now dwells in with ten acres of land lying in the common fields aforesaid of Basingstoke, in the common fields aforesaid, with the north end of the barn with free egress and regress to and into the barn to be equally used by my sons John and Thomas, to the said Thomas, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for want of such issue to Phillip Hall my son. **And** for want of such issue to Francis Hall my son to the heirs male of their bodies lawfully begotten. **Item** I bequeath and give to Phillip and Francis my sons the lease of the house near Winton commonly known and called by the name of Newhouse, so that they *may* pay yearly during the term of their lives to Joane Hall, their natural sister, the sum of 20s if she live so long. **Item** I give and bequeath to Elizabethe Hascard my daughter £5 of money and to every of her children 20s apiece. **Item** I give to John Hascard the son of William Hascard 40s. **Item** I give to Dorothe Brakeley £5. **To every** of her children 20s apiece. **Item** I give to Joane Hall my daughter £10 of money to be paid to her within one year after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to William Hall my son my best cloak, the best of my coats, my best doublet, my best hose, two of my best shirts. **Item** I give and bequeath to Richard Hall, the son of William Hall, my house now in the tenure of Walter Clark with the backside and ten acres of land lying in the fields of Basingstoke in the fields aforesaid to him and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for lack of issue by the said Richard, to Francis Hall his brother to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for want of such issue to John Hascard, the son of William Hascard, to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for want of such issue by him, to Edwarde Hascard his brother, to him and to his heirs forever provided always that the said Richard Hall, Francis Hall, John Hascard, Edward Hascard or either of them which shall inherit the same, shall pay to Joane Hall my daughter yearly during her naturall life the sum of 10s. **Item** my mind and meaning is that if it shall please God to take me to his mercy before they shall come to the age of twenty

one years, the rent of that tenement bequeathed to Richard Hall and to Francis Hall, the rent of this tenement shall be put to the best use as a stock to be the best way employed for their benefit by the discretion of my overseers. **Item** I give and bequeath to Richard Hall the son of Richard Hall deceased, the house and half the garden now in the tenure of Parnell Hall, his natural mother, to him and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten at the full age of twenty and one years. **And** for lack of such issue to John Hascard, the son of William Hascard, to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for want of such issue to Henry Hascard, his brother, to him and to his heirs forever, so that the said Richard Hall, John Hascard, Henrie Hascard whether of them shall inherit the same, shall pay to Agnes Hall the natural sister of the said Richard Hall, the sum of £5 of money within one year after their inheritance. **Also** they shall pay to Joane Hall my daughter yearly during her life 10s a year. **Item** I give to my daughter Joane Hall, after my decease, the rent of that house now in the tenure of Parnell Hall widow until her son Richard or John Hascard, which of them shall live to inherit the same, until they come to the age of one and twenty years.

Item I give to every one of my children a silver spoon. **Item** I give to Thomas Hall and to William Hascard my silver salt. **Item** I give to Elizabeth Hascard, the daughter of William Hascard, two silver spoons being pledged by Ambrose Stevens, or else he shall pay to her for them 10s. **Item** I give to John Hall my son the golden ring for that he paid to William Haskard the son of William Hascard 20s within one month after my decease. **Item** I give to Thomas Hall my son the best coverlet that I have; to Elizabeth Hascard the second best coverlet that is in my house. **Item** I give to Dorothe Blackley the third best coverlet that I have with a pair of fustian blankets, the best featherbed and boulder that I have. **Item** I give to William Hascard the son of William Hascard the chest that stands behind the parlour door. **Item** I give to Agnes Lee 10s. **To Joane** Nightingale 10s. **Item** I give to Joane Clement one old flockbed and a flock bolster and one old coffer at the discretion of my overseers to be delivered within one month after my decease, provided always that it is my mind and meaning that if my son William Hall do pay the sum of £18 of good and current money of Great Britain to William Purchase of Basingstoke for the which the said William Purchase stands bound to William Trew of Worting for the said William Hall at or before the first day of March which shall be in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and four after the date of this present. **That** then the other ten acres of land not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my said son William to him and to his heirs male forever. **But** if it happens that the said William Hall does not pay the said £18 for the which William Purchase stands bound for by the day and time herein limited, then my mind and meaning is that my son John Hall shall pay the said £18 to William Purchase. **And** in lieu of that £18 I give to John Hall my son the said ten acres of land to him and to his heirs male forever. Item my mind and meaning is the forty acres of land that I have bequeathed shall be equally divided in quantity and quality by the discretion of my overseers.

Item I give more to my son John Hall the great cupboard in the parlour, the iron bound chest, and I give to him the half acre of meadow lying in Wildmoor. **And** I give to Agnes Hall his wife the latten basin; **after** her decease to Richard Hall her son. **Item** I give to Margerye Hall, the wife of Thomas Hall, the joined chest that stands at the bed's foot in the parlour. **Item** I give to Agnes Hall, the daughter of William Hall, one pair of canvas sheets. **Item** I will that William Hall my son shall have the great

pot that was given him by his grandfather after my decease. **The** residue of my goods not bequeathed, my debts paid, my funerall ended, moveable and unmoveable I give to my eight children. **That** is to say, William, John, Thomas, Phillip, Francis, Elizabethe, Dorothe and Joane to be equally divided betwixt them by the discretion of my overseers. **Item** my mind and meaning is that if any of my children's children shall depart this present life before their legacies be payable, their part shall remain to the survivors of them, that is to say, to the rest of the brethren or sisters. **If it** shall happen that my daughter Joane shall depart this life before her legacies be payable, my mind and meaning is that her portion shall be equally divided betwixt the rest of my children. **Also** I appoint my sons John Hall and Thomas Hall to be the executors of this my last will and testament jointly and entreat my neighbours and friends Mr Ambrose Webbe vicar of Basing, Robert Stocker, William Purchase and William Hascarde to be the supervisors and overseers of this my will and testament seeing it performed in all points as near as God shall give them grace. **And** I give them for their pains 6s. 8d apiece. This being witnesses, in witness hereof I, the said Richard Hall, have put to my hand and seal the day and year above written. **By me** Richard Hall, by me Robert Stocker, by me William Purchis, by me William Haskard, Richard Allin

Proved in London 16 May 1605, John and Thomas Hall executors.