

John Kew of Basingstoke, haberdasher and soldier, 1660

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In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and sixty, I John Kew the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton haberdasher, being of good and perfect mind and memory, thanks be therefore given to the Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into the everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or mind whatsoever. **And my** body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executors and overseers hereafter named. **And by** such temporal goods which the Lord of His bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in a convenient time as may be after my decease. **Which** being done and performed then I give and bequeath to Richard Kew my father my great coat and cloak, my books and sword, my saddle and furniture thereunto belonging. **Item** I give and bequeath to my brother Richard Kew all my wearing clothes woollen and linen except my great coat and cloak which I give to my father. **Item** I give to my sister Anne my trunk and both my gold rings. **Item** I give to my sister Joane my two silver spoons. **Item** I give to my aunt Martha Watts the bond or bill of ten pounds which is due to me upon condition that it should satisfy my quarters for what charge I have put him to for my quarters or else from my uncle John Watts. **Also** I give and bequeath unto my cousin John Watts my rapier and shoulder belt. **Item** I give to my mother Alice Kew my napery and pillowcase. **Item** I give and bequeath all my arrears of pay due to me in Colonel Unton Crooke's Troops, since he has been Capt. Major and Colonel, unto my father Richard Kew and also my mother one share alike with my brother Richard and my sister Clare my sister Elizabeth Joane and Agnis each of them to have a share a like with my father and mother. **And after** they have had five pounds each of them then I will that my sister Mary should have a share and share alike with them of what shall remain of my estate. **Also there** is half a year's pay due to me from Captain Pittman which is five pounds, and what shall remain after my funeral expenses be discharged I will that it should be equally divided to the forenamed. **Item** I give to my cousin John Fletcher my pistols and holsters. **I make** my father Richard Kew and ordain *him* to be the full and sole executor of this my said will. **And overseers** of this my said will I ordain my uncle Obediah Kew and my cousin John Summer to see my said will performed and for their pains to be taken therein I give and bequeath five shillings apiece. **And I** do thereto revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. John Kew in the presence of Stephen Remnante, John Parker.

These words were interlined to this paper that 'ten pounds upon bill and bond that is due to me from my uncle John Watts I have given unto my aunt Martha Watts upon condition that it should satisfy for my quarters or what charges I have put him unto any otherwise'. Stephen Remnante, John Parker.

This will was provide at London before the Right Worshipful William Mericke doctor of Laws, Master Keeper of Commission of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the seven and twentieth January in the year of our Lord seven thousand six hundred sixty by the oaths of Richard Kew the father of the said deceased and sole executor named in the said will and testament and administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, debts of the said deceased were granted and being first done timely to administer the same.