

John Holmes of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1653

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I John Holmes of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being weak in body but God be praised of good and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** whereas I owe to Samuell Evans of Brown Candover in the county of Southampton clerk, the sum of three score pounds with the consideration due therefore for six months or thereabouts and the sum of fifty pounds to William Carter of Ramsdell in the county of Southampton yeoman, for both which sums John Cherry of Basingstoke stands bound with me, for whose security I desire and my will is, that the said John Cherry shall pay himself the monies he so stands engaged for me out of the rents and profits of the inn called the Phoenix in Basingstoke aforesaid which he now holds of me, and that out of the same rents and profits, he also pays to Prudence Pither the sum of money remaining due unto her. **And after** the said sums are satisfied and paid, that Jane my wife shall have a yearly rent of fourteen pounds by the year, to be paid unto her during her life at two feasts, that is to say, the feasts of St Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even portions. **And the** residue of the rent issuing out of the same inn to be to her and her assigns for the term of ten years for the raising of portions for my two daughters to be equally divided between them.

And as for the land belonging to the said inn being twenty acres or thereabouts, my will is that, my said wife shall have the disposing thereof for the benefit of my said two daughters for the space of ten years after my decease. **And also** my will is that the lease of my house in Southampton shall be, and I do by this my will, devise the same to my daughters aforesaid to be equally divided between them. **All the** residue of my goods and chattels I give unto my said wife for and towards the payment of my debts and the breeding of my children until they shall come to the age of one and twenty years or the days of their marriage. **And I** desire that during the minority of my son Thomas Holmes my said wife may have the disposing of the lands, tenements, goods and chattels which belong to him by the last will and testament of John Holmes my late father deceased. **And I** do make and ordain William Herne and Joseph Collier gent., overseers of this my last will and testament and the said Jane my wife sole executrix thereof. **In witness** whereof I have set my hand and seal the sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord God 1652 – John Holmes

Sealed and published to be the last will and testament of the said John Holmes in the presence of John Wattes, Edward Greene.

The 17th of April 1652

The within named John Holmes did then declare and desire, and his will was, that whereas he had devised to his two daughters the lease of the house in Southampton, now considering his debts might not be well satisfied and his executrix within named should not be able to raise money to pay his debts, he did therefore devise that the said house in Southampton should be sold by his executrix within named to raise money towards the payment of his debts. **And if** upon payment

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thereof any overplus should be, that the same overplus shall be divided equally between his two daughters in manner as is within mentioned.

John Holmes in the presence of Joseph Collier the mark of John Cherry.

Probate granted 11 July 1653 to Jane Holmes, relict to whom administration was given.