

William Pell of Basingstoke, gentleman, 1657

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In the name of God Amen I William Pell of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton gentleman being of perfect and sound memory (God be praised therefore), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I bequeath my soul into the hands of my merciful Redeemer Jesus Christ hoping to be saved only by the merits of His mediation and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executrix. **Item** I give and bequeath to my brother Walter Pell of London, merchant, and his heirs forever my house in Linberd Street London called the Roase wherein William Hough, goldsmith, lives and all the money which my brother shall owe me at my decease to be disposed of amongst my kindred (that is to say), to my said brother the sum of ten pounds to buy a ring with a death's head; to my sister Elizabeth Saul one hundred pounds; to my cousin Anne the wife of John Idle Minister of Ely, the sum of fifty pounds; to my cousin Dorothy, the wife of William Strange of London merchant, the sum of fifty pounds; to my cousin Elizabeth Pratt, the wife of Richard Pratt of West Waltham, the sum of one hundred marks; to my cousin Thomas Pell, the grandchild of my late brother Thomas Pell deceased, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds; and to his sister Mary Pell the sum of fifty pounds. **And if** either of them die before they marry or attain the age of one and twenty years then the survivor to enjoy the legacy of the deceased.

To my cousin William Overton the grandchild of my late sister Barbara Overton deceased, the sum of fifty pounds, and to his sister Barbara Overton the sum of fifty pounds. **And if** either of them die before they marry or attain to the age of one and twenty years then the survivor to enjoy the legacy of the deceased. **To the** five children of my cousin Jane Fowler lately deceased, the sum of one hundred pounds to be equally distributed amongst them or as many of them as shall live to marry or attain the age of one and twenty years. **To my** cousin Katherine Bowles, the wife of James Bowles of Coleorton in the county of Leicester, the sum of one hundred pounds to be deposited and reserved in the hands of my brother Walter Pell for the use of her and her children according to my brother's discretion praying him to allow her six per cent per annum till the money be paid. **And also** my will and desire is that my brother Walter Pell do allow interest for all those legacies above said that are given unto children under age towards their education until they be capable to receive it.

Now I give to my sister Elizabeth Pell, widow of my brother Thomas Pell deceased, the sum of ten pounds. **And further** my will and desire is that my brother pay to my loving wife Alice Pell my executrix the sum of one hundred pounds within two months after my decease and that thereupon my said executrix give my brother a full discharge of all demands whatsoever as she has or may have against him as she is my executrix. **All these** legacies above said being paid by my brother then what overplus shall be in his hands according to the true value and worth of the house my will and desire is that my brother shall dispose of it to such of my kindred as he shall think fit and to give account of it to no man, not doubting of his faithfulness.

Lastly I do hereby make and ordain my loving wife Alice Pell my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament to whom I give and bequeath all and

singular my other goods, chattels, leases, mortgages, annuities, rents, bonds, bills, debts, household stuff, plate whatsoever she paying these legacies hereafter specified. **I do give** unto the poor of the parish of Basingstoke the sum of five pounds to be distributed at the discretion of the vicar and lecturer for the time being. **Item** I give to my cousin Mr Walter Hampton of London merchant, my watch which was his mother's. **Item** I give to my sister Saul two silver tuns which was my father's and six silver spoons which was my mother's. **Item** I give to Master Stephen Web of Basingstoke the sum of forty shillings and to Master John Millett of the same place the sum of forty shillings. **Item** I give to Elizabeth Sex my wife's kinswoman the sum of forty shillings. **Item** I give to Elizabeth Awstin my wife's kinswoman the sum of five pounds to be delivered if she be our servant at my decease. **Item** I give to Robert Bristow of Basingstoke the sum of forty shillings. **Finally** I do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me heretofore made at any time. **And in** further testimony hereof have subscribed my hand and set to my seal the four and twentieth day of July in the year one thousand six hundred fifty seven. **More I** give to Elizabeth Ashbourne widow forty shillings – William Pell.

Published the day and year above said and subscribed, sealed and delivered in the presence of John Millett, Robert Burstowe, Robert Waterfall.

The will was proved in London the twentieth day of the month of October in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and seven before the Judges for probate of wills and granting administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Alice Pell the relict of the said deceased and sole executrix named in the said will to whom was committed administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of the said deceased, she the said Alice Pell being first sworn in due form of law by virtue of a commission well and truly to administer the same.