

Thomas South the elder of Basingstoke, clothier, 1653

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In the name of God Amen I Thomas South the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier, this sixth day of July one thousand six hundred fifty two do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory I give God thanks and praise therefore. **First** and principally I bequeath my soul to God my creator and to Jesus Christ my redeemer and my body to the earth whereof it was made. **For the** worldly substance wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give my son Thomas South forty shillings and unto Margery his wife twenty shillings; to Thomas South his son twenty shillings and to his daughter Mary South twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to John Watts twenty shillings and to his wife Ma[missing] twenty shillings; to John Watts his son fifty shillings; to George Watts his son fifty shillings; to Anthony Watts his son fifty shillings and to Anne Watts his daughter fifty shillings to be paid unto them at the age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Thrape twenty shillings and to Anne his wife twenty shillings; to Thomas Thrape his son twenty shillings; to Anne Thrape his daughter twenty shillings; to Joane Thrape his daughter twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to Robert Guy twenty shillings; to Margaret his wife twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Barbara South twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the widow Clapshow three shillings four pence. **Item** I give to the poor of the town of Basingstoke at the day of my funeral forty shillings to have bestowed in bread. **And I** do ordain and appoint my loving wife Joane South to be executrix of this my last will and testament to see my debts and legacies paid and funeral expenses defrayed, and those making an end I pray God to bring us to a joyful meeting in heaven Amen. **In witness** whereof to this my present last will and testament I have put my hand and seal the day and year first above written - Thomas South in the presence of John Thorpe, John Watts.

This will was proved at Westminster the three and twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty three before the Judges for probate of wills and granting of administrations according to an Act of Parliament entitled an Act for Probate of Wills and granting of administrations by the oath of Joane South the relict 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 being first sworn (by commission) truly to administer the same.