

Richard Evered/Everad of Basingstoke, tanner, 1660

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In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of August In the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and fifty and nine, I Richard Everad of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to 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 His everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or means 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 for** such temporal goods whereof the Lord of his bounty has bestowed on me in this life, I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease. **Which** being done and performed, then I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Kingsclere in this county twenty shillings of current English money to be paid and distributed amongst them by the discretion of my said executors within one month next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my cousin Feild at Hungerford in the county of Berkshire widow, the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Richard Evered my eldest brother's son now or of late in Hungerford aforesaid the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Lawrence my sister's son if he shall return from sea the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him within six months next after his said return from sea and shall demand the same of my said executors. **And in** case that he shall not return from sea then I give and bequeath the said forty pounds to Johane his daughter. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Alice Bunney of Basingstoke aforesaid widow, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within six months next after my decease. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid and legacies in this my said will performed, I wholly give and bequeath unto Richard Allen of Basingstoke aforesaid cordwainer and Edward Lawrence of Kingsclere aforesaid tanner my kinsmen whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executors of this my said last will and testament. **And overseers** of this my said will I do make my trusty and well beloved friends Phillip Todmartin of Kingsclere aforesaid yeoman and John Folwell of Basing in the county of Southampton aforesaid tanner desiring them to be making and assisting to my said executors to see this my said will performed, unto whom I give for their pains to be therein taken ten shillings apiece of current English money. **And I** do hereby 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 Richard Evered.

This will consisting of three sheets of paper was read, signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Richard Evered and the word (forty) in two places in the second sheet interlined and amended before sealing in the presence of Thomas Hall. The mark of James Searle, John Borne junior.

This will was proved at London before the judges for probate of wills and granting administration lawfully authorised the twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and sixty by the oaths of Richard Allen and Edward Lawrence joint executors named in the said will to whom administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of the said deceased was committed, they being first by commission sworn truly to administer the same.