

John Stocker of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1636

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In the name of God Amen the nine and twentieth day of December Anno Domini one thousand six hundred thirty five and in the eleventh year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc., I, John Stocker of Basingstoke, in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make, constitute and publish this present writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be made partaker of everlasting life. **And I** do bequeath my body to the earth whereof it was made. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the church of Basingstoke aforesaid twenty shillings to be paid within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Basingstoke aforesaid five pounds to be bestowed on them by the discretion of my executrix and overseers hereafter named. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Robert Stocker my son and to his heirs forever all that my messuage or tenement and lands called Etheridges with the appurtenances in Sherfield upon Loddon now in the occupation of one Richard Parre, and one acre of meadow in Boore Mead in the parish aforesaid provided always, and my will and meaning is, that the said messuage or tenement, lands and premises shall from and immediately after my decease, for and during the natural life of Martha my daughter, stand and be charged and chargeable by and with the annual rent or annuity of twelve pounds of current English money for and towards the maintenance and education of her, my said daughter, during her said life, and to be paid unto Margaret my wife and executrix during the life of my said wife who shall educate and bring up my said daughter. **And if** it shall fortune my said wife and executrix shall fortune to die and depart this life before my said daughter Martha, then I will that the said annual rent or annuity for my said daughter Martha's education and maintenance shall be paid yearly after the decease of my said wife and executrix during the life of my said daughter Martha to my overseers hereafter named for her use. **And my** will and meaning is that my said son Robert Stocker shall pay the said annual rent of annuity of twelve pounds at four feasts or terms of the year (viz): the feast days of Saint Thomas the Apostle, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativity of Saint John Baptist and St Michael the Archangel or within fourteen days next after every of the said feast days by equal portions. **And that** my said son Robert Stocker shall within six months next after my decease enter and become bound in a bond or obligation of the penal some of five hundred pounds of current English money unto my said wife and executrix for the payment of the said annual rent or annuity during the life of my said daughter Martha for her education or maintenance according to the true intent and meaning of this my said last will and testament. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Stocker three hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within three months next after my decease. **And my** will is that she shall have the whole profit that shall be made thereof from the time of my decease until the said three hundred and fifty pounds be payable unto her my said daughter Jane as is aforesaid for and towards her maintenance. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Stocker three hundred pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within six months next after my decease. **And my** will is that my said daughter Margaret shall have the whole profit

that shall be made thereof from the time of my decease until the said three hundred pounds shall be payable unto her, my said daughter Margaret, as is aforesaid for and towards her maintenance. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Ann Webb five pounds of current English money. **And to** all the rest of my grandchildren that shall by living at the time of my decease twenty shillings of like money apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Evered alias Webb twenty shillings of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Wither twenty shillings of lawful money of England. **Item** my will and mind is, and I do so ordain, that my said wife and executrix shall have the full and sole use, custody and possession of all my silver plate as bowls, salts and spoons for and during all the time and term of her natural life. **And after** her decease, I give and bequeath unto and amongst all my children one dozen of silver spoons being every one of them two spoons apiece. **And all** other my silver plate as bowls and salt, I give and bequeath unto my said son Robert Stocker. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said wife and executrix the messuage or tenement with the appurtenances as I now live in in Basingstoke aforesaid to have and to hold to her for and during her natural life unless that my said son, Robert Stocker, shall or be pleased to reside or inhabit therein himself with his wife and family during the life of my said wife and executrix, which if my said son, Robert Stocker, be so contented or pleased to reside or inhabit therein himself during my son's life then I give and bequeath the same to him and his heirs forever. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said son Robert Stocker and his assigns all my lands and tenements in Basingstoke and elsewhere which I hold by lease or demise to have and to hold to him my said son and his assigns until the expiration of the same leases. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels (upon condition that my said wife and executrix shall at no time or times after my decease ask, have claim, challenge or demand any estate of jointure [lower] thirds or other estate or maintenance of, into or out of any my goods or chattels, lands, tenements and hereditaments except by this my will and by one deed for one yearly rent of thirty pounds per annum formerly by me granted to her with the messuage or tenement in the occupation of one Joseph Collyer and for six loads of wood yearly to be delivered to her), I wholly give and bequeath unto the said Margaret my wife whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executrix of this my said last will and testament. **And I** do make and ordain as overseers of this my said last will and testament my well-beloved son in law Mr Stephen Evered alias Webb and my brother in law George Wither of Hall desiring them to be aiding and assisting unto my said executrix to see this my will performed as such as in them lies unto each of which for their pains therein to be taken I give and bequeath twenty shillings apiece of current English money. **And I** do here by revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. John Stocker – signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said John Stocker and these words (during my wife's life) between the one and twentieth and two and twentieth lines in this second sheet of paper interlined before sealing in the presence of Roger Percivall Lecturer, John Smyth [Foreth].

Probate granted in London 15 March 1636 to Margaret Stocker, widow.