

William Blunden senior, of Basingstoke, clothier 1672

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In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of October AD 1668 and in the twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I William Blunden the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier 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 executor and overseers hereafter named. **And for** such temporal means and estate 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 the town of Basingstoke aforesaid the sum of forty shillings of current English money to be given and distributed amongst them by the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **Item** I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Blunden my oldest daughter the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within two months next after my decease. **And to** my daughter Joane the wife of William Moth, I give the like sum of three hundred and fifty pounds of like money to be paid unto her within two months also after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath my plate, brass, pewter, linen, woollen and bedding with the furniture to it belonging unto and amongst all my children equally to be divided between and amongst them share and share alike. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid and legacies in this my will performed, I wholly give and bequeath to William Blunden my son whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And overseers** of this my said will I do make my well beloved brother Robert Blunden and my neighbour Walter Frowde desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executor to see this my said will performed unto whom for their pains to be therein taken I give five 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 this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. William Blunden the elder.

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said William Blunden the elder in the presence of Robert Blunden. The mark of Elizabeth Greene, John Borne Senior.

Probate granted in London 27 April 1672 to William Blunden, the natural son, executor