Raphe Philips of Basingstoke, woollen draper, 1609 Ref: TNA PROB 11/113/469

In dei nomine amen. The fourth day of April a thousand six hundred and nine, I Raphe Philips of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton woollen draper. being sick in body yet (God be praised) of good and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker and to Jesus Christ my redeemer, and to the Holy Ghost my sanctifier and preserver hoping to have free pardon and remission of all my sins through the death and passion of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ and to be an inheritor of his everlasting kingdom etc. Item I bequeath my body to the earth to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and overseers hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Winchester six pence. Item I give and begueath to the poor people of this parish of Basingstoke ten shillings to be paid. unto them within one week after my decease by my executor and overseers. As concerning my worldly goods whatsoever, both movable and unmovable, bonds, bills, debts and sums of money whatsoever, my debts and legacies being first paid and funeral expenses discharged, I will that they shall be equally divided in to two parts. And the one part thereof I give and bequeath unto Margery my well beloved wife and the other part thereof unto my son Raphe Philips to be paid unto him at his lawful age of one and twenty years. And I ordain and make the said Margery my wife and Raphe my son to be full and whole executors of this my last will and testament. And further my will and meaning is that my said wife shall have the keeping and bringing up of my said son during his minority, and she to have the use of his portion towards his bringing up til he shall be of lawful age without paying any other use or benefit for the same. And that my said wife shall not demand any further allowance for the bringing up of my said son during his minority other then the use of his said portion, provided always that if my said son Raphe shall happen to depart this natural life before he come to the age of one and twenty years as aforesaid, then my will and meaning is that my said wife shall have and enjoy to her own use and benefit his said portion or moiety of goods without making any further accompt for the same. Also I desire my trusty and well beloved friends in Christ Adam Reve and John Murrall to be my overseers of this my last will and testament to see the same well and truly performed according to my true intent and meaning of the same and my trust reposed in them. And I give to either of them for their pains to be taken herein two shillings six pence apiece. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal given the day and year aforesaid in the presence of those whose names are hereunder written. Raphe Philips. Read sealed and acknowledged to be his last will and Testament (he the said Raphe then being of perfect memory and confirming and allowing the same), in the presence of John Bond [...]. John Morall, John Miles, Signum Margarete Morrell testamentes.

Probate granted 27 May 1609, Margaret Philips, widow, executrix.