

John Loker/Looker of Andwell, gentleman, 1621

Ref: Hants. RO 1621B/31

In the name of God Amen I John Loker of Andwell in the county of Southampton gent, being in perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God trusting in Jesus Christ to have pardon of all my sins and my body to be buried at Basingstoke in the school house adjoining the Holy Ghost chapel as near my ancestors, at by the discretion of my overseers shall so place convenient. **Item** I give and bequeath to the repairing of the said school house 10 shillings. **Item** I give unto Ambrose Webb to preach a funeral sermon at my burial 22 shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the school master there five shillings to buy him a pair of gloves and to each scholar 8 pence apiece to buy them gloves so that they meet my corpse at Townsend and accompany it to my burying. **Item** I will that all my debts which I do owe ~~truly unto any~~ unto my father, being one thousand and fifteen pounds of current money ~~being~~ due unto my father for his stock, which I had of him on Andwell Farm, be paid within one year next after my decease to him or his assigns, at or within the church porch of the parish church of Up Nately. **Item** I will that £21 which will be due unto Robert Kinge in November next upon my bond be truly paid. **Item** I will that £7 5 shillings which I do owe unto John Alwyn, Mr Gilbert Searle's man of Winchester, upon my bill be paid within one month next after the date hereof with the consideration for the same. **Item** I give to the poor people of Up Nately 20 shillings. **Item** I give to the poor at my burial £5. **Item** I give to my household servants 20 shillings apiece. **Item** I give to my cousin Mary Mathew 20 shillings. **These** my legacies and debts with my funeral expenses being paid and performed, all the rest of my goods and chattels I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife Martha Loker and my daughter Barbara Loker whom I make my joint executrixes of this my last will and testament. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my father and mother £10 apiece. **Item** I give unto my Sister Barbara Geale £5. **Item** I give unto my granddaughter Barbara Geale £3, unto Joane Geale 40 shillings. **Item** I will that my overseers have the disposing and appointing of all the goods and chattels together with the nurturing and bringing up of my daughter Barbara Loker which shall appertain unto my said daughter Barbara Loker until she be of lawful age to make choice herself of other guardians. **I do** nominate and appoint my father Roger Loker and my brother Thomas Geale and my cousin Thomas Barnard my overseers of this my last will and testament and do give to each of them five pounds apiece over and above all charges they shall be at to see this my will performed. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal as on this thirteenth day of June, Anno Domini 1621.

Jo Loker

Witness

Michael Mathew

Marie Mathew - her mark

Probate was granted 26 September 1621 to Roger Looker, Thomas Geale and Thomas Barnard, guardians (*tutoribus testamentariis*) of Barbara Looker, daughter of the deceased and co-executors during her minority. And to Barbara, daughter, and Martha, widow, of the deceased. Martha Looker renounced her right to be executrix.

The Inventory of all the goods and chattels of John Loker of Andwell gent deceased, taken and appraised this 24th day of September Anno Domini 1621.

By Roger Loker, gent
Thomas Geale
Thomas Barnard
George Jennings and others

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|---|
| Imprimis 302 sheep, 52 rother beasts, 18 horses and mares, 50 hogs and pigs | 208 | 10 | 0 |
| Item the wheat, barley, dredge, oats, vetches and peas | 180 | 13 | 4 |
| Item 30 loads of hay | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item 3 carts, 3 ploughs and other implements belonging | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Item the brass viz. pots, pans and kettles | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Item 8 dozen of pewter | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item 9 beds furnished | 18 | 4 | 8 |
| Item brewing vessels, barrels, spits, dripping pans, milk vessels | 13 | 18 | 6 |
| Item the linen not usually used | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Item 9 quarters of malt and 9 tod of wool | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| Item the plate | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Item the butter, cheese and bacon | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| Item his wearing apparel and money in his purse | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Item one bond due by John Grene and daughter | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item the lease of Andwell Farm | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Sum total | 1137 | 3 | 2 |

Know all men by this presents that I Martha Looker of Andwell in the county of Southampton widow, the relict of John Looker late of Andwell aforesaid, deceased and co-executrix of the last will and testament of the said John Looker late deceased, for diverse good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have and do by these presents renounce all right, title and interest in the last will and testament of the said late deceased as executrix of the last will and testament of the said deceased. In witness hereof I, the said Martha Looker, have hereunto put my hand and seal the 26th of September 1621.

The mark of Martha Loker

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Thomas Geale
Michell Mathew
The mark of Thomas Manninge