

Richard Allen of Basingstoke, tailor, 1633

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In the name of God Amen the two and twentieth day of December Anno Domini 1632, *I Richard Allen* of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton tailor, being sick in body, but in perfect sense and *memory*, thanks be to God, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form *following* viz: First I commit my soul into the hands of my merciful Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, *believing truly* by his death and passion to have all my sins remitted, and to be made partaker of everlasting life. **And my** body I commit to the earth, whereof it was formed, to be buried in Christian burial, believing that at *the final* day of judgment I shall receive again the same, not as now if it is a mortal, vile and corrupt (*missing*) whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself. **Imprimis** I give unto the poor of *Basingstoke* the sum of twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of the overseers (*missing*) immediately after my funeral. **Item** I give unto my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Allen (*missing*) leases (*missing*) whatsoever situate, laying and being in Basingstoke aforesaid, with all the rents, profits (*missing*)ments and commodities issuing and arising out of the same, or hereafter to be made and raised out (*missing*), to have and enjoy the said tenements and rents issuing out of the same, during her natural life, so she continue unmarried. **But if** it shall happen that the said Elizabeth does marry, her estate in the fore mentioned tenements during her natural life shall be made forthwith void and of no effect, and my intent and meaning is that she shall only enjoy the thirds of my lands, tenements and leases according to the law in that case provided. **Item** I give unto my eldest son William Allen the house which I now dwell in, situate, laying and being in Basingstoke aforesaid in a certain street commonly known by the name of Church Street, the land belonging to Martine College in Oxon. on the south and *the* land of my inheritance on the north, now in the tenure of William Allen my younger son, to have (*missing*) enjoy to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever after the decease of Elizabeth (*missing*) my wife, together with the backside and appurtenances there unto belonging as they are now (*missing*) and distinguished. **And also** I give unto him all my deeds and writings concerning the said lands. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son William Allen the elder the sum of twenty shillings of *current* money of England to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Allen my second son the house wherein he now dwells, being adjacent or next [*adjo*]ning on the north side of my capital house, before given to my eldest son William Allen, together (*missing*) the backside as now it stands divided to enjoy to him and to his heirs lawfully begotten of his body *forever* after the decease of my wife Elizabeth Allen. **Item** I give unto the said William Allen *the* younger my lease of the house wherein William Carter wire drawer now dwells, next adjoining to my *house* before given to the said William Allen the younger, upon the north side. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said son the sum of twenty shillings to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give unto Richard Allen my youngest son my two houses situate, laying and being in Basingstoke upon the north side of town brook, the land belonging to Magdalene College in Oxon. laying on the west and upon the west end and the highway on the east, now in the tenure and occupation of William Allen my eldest son and widow Butler, to have and to hold to him and his heirs

lawfully begotten of his body, forever, after the decease of Elizabeth Allen my wife.

Item I give and bequeath unto the said Richard Allen the sum of ten pounds of current English money, to be paid unto him, at the full age of four and twenty years.

Item I give and bequeath unto Jane Coleman my natural daughter the sum of five pounds of current money of England *to be paid* unto her within one year next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter *Elizabeth* Elyot the sum of fifteen pounds of current money of England, to be paid unto her within *one* year next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Grace Allen the sum of twenty pounds of current money of England to be paid unto her within one year next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my son's and daughter's children surviving at my decease *the* sum of five shillings apiece to be paid unto them within six months after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto William Allen my brother the sum of ten shillings to be *paid to* him within one year next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto Jane Knight *my* sister the sum of ten shillings, to be paid unto her within one year after my decease. **Lastly** all *the* rest of my goods movable and immovable, cattles and chattels not already given and bequeathed, my funeral expenses first discharged and my debts fully satisfied and paid I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Allen *my* dear and loving wife, whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

And for the *better* observation and fulfilling of this my last will and testament I constitute and appoint my loving cousin Richard Brackley, and my loving son in law John Coleman, both of Basingstoke, my overseers, and I give them for their pains herein to be taken ten shillings apiece. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

In the presence of
John Coleman shoemaker
[Thoomas Pain]

[signed]
Richard Allen

Probate granted 17 September 1633 to Elizabeth, widow.