

**William Dennier of Basingstoke, husbandman 1690**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1690A/023**

**In the name of God Amen** I William Dennier of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton husbandman being sick and weak in body but of sound 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 commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping in and through the merits, death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive remission and forgiveness of all my sins. **And as** for such personal estate, goods and chattels I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Dennier the sum of fifteen pounds of lawful money of England which I now have by me in ready money to be paid unto him at his age of one and twenty years, which money I will shall be put out upon interest into the hands of friends to be secured by bond, the interest of which money I will shall be paid to my wife Elizabeth towards the education and bringing up of him, my said son John. **But** I will that the overseers of this my will hereafter named shall, if they see fit, put forth my said son John apprentice to some trade or calling when he shall come to the age of fourteen years or thereabout and to give and dispose of five pounds of the said fifteen pounds to a master with him my said son John. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the child that my said wife is now great withal the sum of fifteen pounds more of like money which I now have by me in ready money which I will and desire shall be also put forth upon interest to be secured and paid to my said child when it shall attain and come to its said age of one and twenty years, the interest thereof in the meantime to be paid to my said wife for and towards its education and maintenance. **But** I will that if the said child my wife now goes withal shall be a boy then I will that if he shall live to be fourteen years old or thereabout that he shall be put forth apprentice to some trade and that five pounds of the said fifteen pounds shall be given and paid to a master with him. **Item** I will that if my said son John shall die before he comes to one and twenty years that then the portion or money by me given as aforesaid to my said son John shall come to and be paid to my said child that my wife now goes withal. **And if** it shall happen that child to die then I will that the money by me given to it shall go to my said son John. **And if** both shall die then I will that all the money by me given as aforesaid shall come to my said wife. **And it is** my will and it is my earnest desire that my loving friends William Herne of Basingstoke aforesaid grocer and Thomas Wateridge of Tadley in the said county yeoman shall be entrusted and have the money by me given to my children as aforesaid in their hands or the hands of one of them or to put the same forth upon security to be repaid according to the intent of this my will, whom I make overseers of this my will. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said wife all the rest and residue of my goods and chattels whatsoever and do make and ordain her, my said wife, the sole and whole executrix of this my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof to this last will and testament written on this and the other side hereof I have subscribed my name and set my seal this first day of November AD 1689.

Signed, sealed and published  
by the said William Dennier  
to be his last will and testament  
in the presence of

The mark of William Dennier

Walter Barfoote  
John Denier  
Edward Denyer  
The mark of Mary Stevens  
Elizabeth Stocker

Probate granted 15 May 1690 to Eliza Denyer.