

Thomas Holmes of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1646

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In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of March AD 1646 and in the twelfth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland and France and Ireland defender of the faith etc., I Thomas Holmes of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and declare 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 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 overseers hereafter named. **And for** such temporal goods whereof the Lord of his goodness has bestowed on me in this life, I will, devise and bequeath the same in manner and 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 **item** then I give and bequeath unto Marie my well beloved wife the flock bed with the furniture thereunto belonging as I now lie on. **Item** I give and bequeath unto her, my said wife, one indenture of lease bearing date the five and twentieth day of March AD 1631 made by William Frowde of the parish of Kingsclere in the county of Southampton aforesaid cooper, of certain lands lying in Edmondshopp Lane lying in the parish of Kingsclere aforesaid, with a bond for the performance of the covenants of the said lease and all sum and sums of money thereby due with all my estate and interest in and to the said lease and bond. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Margery my daughter fifty pounds of current English money, to be paid unto her when and as soon as she shall accomplish her full age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which of the same days and times shall first and next happen after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the child as my wife now goes withal thirty pounds of current English money to be paid unto such child when and as soon as it shall accomplish the full age of one and twenty years. **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 unto my son Thomas Holmes whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And my** will and meaning is that if any of my said children shall fortune to die or depart this life before that the portion before by me bequeathed shall be due unto him her or them, then I will that the portion so by me bequeathed to him her or them so dying or deceasing shall be equally paid to the survivors of them share and share alike. **And my** will and meaning further is, that my brother John Holmes and Thomas Goddard, whom I make and ordain to be the overseers of this my said last will and testament, shall have the keepings ordering and putting forth of the legacies or portions before by me given or bequeathed to my said children for and towards their education till such time as the same shall be due unto them (that is) till my son accomplish his full age of one and twenty years and my daughter her full age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which shall first happen. **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 only this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

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Post script: my will and meaning is that Marie my wife shall have over and above what I have given her by this my will a little iron pot and a pot skillet and all the pewter I have which is not of my children's.

The mark of the said Thomas Holmes.

Witness John Borne senior, Gregory Cooper his mark.

Probate granted 10 March 1646.