

Richard Deane of Basingstoke, gentleman, 1601

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In the name of God Amen. The nine and twentieth day of May one thousand six hundred and one and in the three and fortieth year of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith etc, I, Richard Deane of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton gentleman, being sick of body and of good and perfect remembrance, God be praised therefore, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I do commend my soul unto God my maker and creator and unto Jesus Christ my redeemer and saviour, faithfully believing to have remission and forgiveness for all my sins by the merits and shedding of his most precious blood. **Item** I do give to the Trinity Church of Winchester twelve pence.

And whereat the contract and marriage of Jane now my wife, in regard that she was then a stranger born, and no free denizen, by means whereof she could not take any benefit of the laws of this realm, neither of the third part of my lands or other benefits incident unto those which are mere English born, if God should take me out of this life leaving her behind me, wherefore for her better safety I did then make her an assurance of one hundred and fifty pounds by the year during her life. **If it** should please God to call me out of this life, she then living, for which assurance my brother Master James Deane, citizen of London, stands bound by bond and covenant, to see performed, after my decease, as by the said conveyance does more at large appear, since the sealing and delivery of the said conveyance, to the use of my said wife, it has pleased the Queen's most excellent majesty to grant her Majesty's letters patent under the great Seal of England, whereby my said wife is made free denizen and may by force thereof take the benefit of the laws of this realm, as well as those that are more English born. **Wherefore** for avoiding of any scruples and doubts that might arise by means of any former conveyance heretofore made, my will and meaning is that if my said wife do dislike or think that the stipend or jointure already granted of one hundred and fifty pounds by the year is too little or not to her contentment, then for her better satisfaction and upon condition that my said wife do deliver the said former grant of one hundred and fifty pounds by the year unto my brother Master James Deane, and do further make unto him a full release of all dowers, jointures, thirds of my lands and all other lands purchased in my name for any other person or persons and release all other challenges which my said wife might make as by learned counsel shall be thought good and requisite, then for her better satisfaction I do give unto my said wife all the household stuff, apparel, plate and jewels which she brought with her unto me at the day of our marriage, and two thousand and five hundred pounds in current money to be paid unto her within six months next after my decease, which gift shall be in full satisfaction of all jointures, dowers and thirds or any other challenges to be made by my said wife whatsoever. **Provided** always that if my said wife do refuse to make full release of all dowers, jointures and thirds before named, but will seek any other means or extreme courses by law, or otherwise not contented, then my will and meaning is that my said wife shall take no benefit by this my last will, nor any gift or gifts therein contained, but what by the law of this realm she may get or recover and not otherwise.

Item I do give unto my sister Chamberlein with ten pounds she does owes me, one hundred and fifty pounds. **Item** I do give unto my brother Master James Deane all

my manor of Taukes with all members appertaining to the same, and all other my messuages, lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, common rents, reversions and services with all other my hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances situate, lying and being within the towns, parishes and fields of Basingstoke, Kingsclere or Wildmoor or elsewhere within the realm of England to have and to hold the said manor of Taukes and all other my messuages, lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances unto the said James Deane during his natural life. **The** remainder thereof to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, under this condition following, that is, that the said James Deane and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, shall give and pay yearly unto the poor people of Basingstoke yearly forever, at such times as he or they shall think meet, the sum of five pounds and four shillings of good and lawful English money. **And** if it shall happen my said brother Master James Deane to depart this life without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, then my will is that all my manor or Taukes and all other my lands and tenements and hereditaments whatsoever above mentioned shall be equally divided into three parts whereof one part unto the children of Frauncis Shrimpton begotten of my sister Margaret, and one other to the children of John Chamberlein begotten of my sister [*missing*] and the third part unto the children of Symon Holdip begotten of my sister [*missing*] to be equally divided amongst them under the condition aforesaid; that the said children of Frauncis Shrimpton, John Chamberlein, Simon Holdip and their heirs and assigns shall give and pay to the poor of Basingstoke yearly forever, five pounds and four shillings of current money of England.

And further my will, intent and meaning is that if my said brother shall happen to have issue male of his body lawfully begotten, by means whereof the children of my said sisters begotten of Frauncis Shrimpton, John Chamberlein and Simon Holdip cannot enjoy my manors, lands and tenements before rehearsed, then my will is that my said brother James Deane and such his heirs males lawfully begotten shall of my gift at the time of the decease of my brother Master James Deane pay unto every child of my said sisters begotten of the said Frauncis Shrimpton, John Chamberlein, Simon Holdip, to either of them that shall be then living, one hundred pounds apiece of good and lawful money of England. **Provided** always, and my will and meaning is, that my said brother James Deane have issue male, and that issue male shall depart his life without issue male lawfully begotten of his body, then my said manors, lands and tenements and hereditaments shall come unto the children of my said sisters begotten of Frauncis Shrimpton, John Chamberlein and Symon Holdip in such sort as is mentioned in this my will above written.

And I do heartily desire my brother James Deane to see a good assurance made in his life time for the five pounds and four shillings given to the poor and all other assurance made according to the true meaning and effect of this my last will as by his learned counsel shall be devised. **Item** I do give unto every child of my uncles William Deane's and my uncle Richard Deane's and my uncle James Deane's to every one of their children five pounds apiece that shall be living at the time of my decease. **And** to every child of my uncle James Lancaster and William Lancaster as shall be living at the time of my decease five pounds apiece. **Item** I give to every child of my brothers Frauncis Shrimpton, John Chamberlein, Simon Holdip begotten of my sisters twenty pounds apiece. **Item** I give to the three children of Robert Reve

five pounds apiece. **Item** I give to my cousin Alice Reve twenty pounds. **Item** I give Joane my servant now wife of Walter Lenester forty shillings, and to every one of my ordinary servants twenty shillings apiece. **Item** I do give unto Thomas Walker three pounds. **Item** I do give to Arthur Baffe six pounds thirteen shillings four pence. **Item** I do give unto Florentine Eyles five pounds. **Item** I do give unto every one of my tenants whose names are written on the foot of this my will one quarter's rent of their houses viz Mermaduke Nightingale, ~~widow~~ Waterage [Drige], William Allen, Walt Hawkins, [Jennings], Thomas Hall, Richard Cator, widow Drige, Elkins [Fargast], [Hawthway], Clark, Spinner, Sauson [Frawson], Hinton, Ellis, Mr Gill, Boswell, James Baffe, Cattall. **The residue** of all my goods and chattels whatsoever my debts and legacies and my funeral discharged I do give unto my brother Master James Deane whom I do make my sole executor of this my last will and testament utterly renouncing all other wills heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the *[missing]* of *[missing]* in the three and fortieth year of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Queen's majesty that now is, by me Richard Deane signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us Arthur Baffe, Frauncis Shrimpton, Fabyan Fitch, grocer.

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