

Amy Grove of Basingstoke, spinster, 1646

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In the name of God Amen the seven and twentieth day of July in the year of Our Lord God, one thousand six hundred and forty and in the sixteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King Charles of England etc., I Amy Grove of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton spinster, being in good health and perfect memory, thanks be given to God, foreseeing that it is meet and convenient for me to provide for the disposition of my worldly estate in time of health that I may not be troubled therewith in time of sickness when meditation of heavenly things are more fit than worldly cares. **And** considering the shortness and uncertainty of human life do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows. **First** I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills whatsoever by me made, and I do most humbly commend my soul into the hands of the blessed Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, humbly from the bottom of my heart beseeching remission of all my sins through the merits of Christ, His passion, the dear Saviour of the world, that I may live in the world to come amongst His saints and angels in his heavenly kingdom. **And my** body I will be buried in decent manner at the discretion of my executor hereafter named in faithful belief that by the Almighty power of God it shall be raised up to be joined to the soul again and enjoy with it mortal glory. **Item** I give unto the poor of Basingstoke aforesaid the sum of forty shillings of lawful English money. **Item** [I give] and bequeath unto my daughter Susan, now wife of Ba[missing] Wilson of London gent., ten shillings of like money. **Item** [missing] unto my son William Grove alias Sandys one messuage or tenement with the appurtenances wherein I now dwell in Basingstoke aforesaid, to have and to hold to my said son William immediately after my decease for and during the time and term of one and forty years if my said son William shall so long live. **And from** and after the decease of my said son or other determination of the said term of one and forty years which shall first happen, then my will is that the said messuage of tenement with the appurtenances shall be to the use and [missing] of my grandchild William Grove alias Sandys, son and heir apparent of my said son William, and his heirs and assigns forever. **Item** I give and bequeath unto said grandchild William Grove alias Sandys the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds of lawful English money and my best wedding ring, my biggest silver and gilt bowl, three gilt spoons, a feather bed, bolster and pair of pillows, a pair of Holland pillow beres, a pair of Holland sheets, two pairs of coarser sheets, an Arras coverlet and a suite of damask (that is to say), a tablecloth, a cupboard cloth, a long towel and a dozen of napkins. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Elizabeth Grove alias Sandys the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds of lawful English money and two several silver and gilt bowls, a feather bed and bolster [missing], pairs of fine Holland sheets of eighteen ells and two pairs of coarser sheets, a pair of Holland pillow beres and [missing] Holland tablecloth, a dozen of flaxen napkins and six pieces of small diaper and damask. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Henry Grove alias Sandys the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds of like lawful money of England. **Item** I likewise give and bequeath unto my said grandchild Henry Grove alias Sandys all that messuage or tenement which I late purchased of John Carter lying and being in Sherborne St John in the said county of Southampton together with [missing] acres and a half of arable land belonging to the said messuage or tenement lying and being in the common fields of Sherborne aforesaid, to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement and five acres and a half of land to my said grandchild Henry Grove alias

Sandys his heirs and assigns forever. **And I** likewise give unto my said grandchilde [missing] feather bed and bolster, a pair of Holland sheets and two pairs of coarse sheets, a pair of Holland pillow beres [missing] with black silk and a suite of diaper (that is to say), a tablecloth, a cupboard cloth, a long towel and a dozen of [missing]. **Item** I give unto Elizabeth Hitchcocke, wife of James Hitchcocke gent., the sum of forty shillings of lawful English money and all and singular other my goods and chattels as well real or personal unbequeathed, I do give and bequeath unto my said son William Grove alias Sandys whom I do hereby ordain, nominate and make the sole and whole executor of this my last will and testament not doubting of his honest Christian care in the performance thereof. **And my** will and meaning is that my said executor shall have the use and benefit of all the said living [missing], several sums of money by me given and bequeathed to my said grandchildren until their several days of marriage or until their several ages of one and twenty years which shall first happen, and for all other my said messuages or tenements, lands, goods and chattels whatsoever by me given and bequeathed to my said grandchildren. **And my** will and meaning is that my said executor shall have the use and benefit thereof during the term of his natural life. **And my** further will and meaning is that if my said grandchildren or either of them shall become undutiful and disobedient to my said executor their father, or shall marry without his consent and good liking, I do then hereby give my said executor power and authority to take off from them, or either of their said legacy or legacies money by me given and bequeathed unto them, so much thereof as he in his discretion shall think fit. **And** [missing] nominate and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends James Hitchcocke of Lincolns Inn in the county of Middlesex gent., Andrew Butler woollen draper and Robert Stocker tanner both of Basingstoke aforesaid, to be overseers of this my said last will and testament desiring them, or the survivor of survivors of them that first shall happen, my said executor to depart this mortal life before [missing] said grandchildren shall accomplish their several ages of one and twenty years that then they will be careful as well in the education of my said grandchildren as also to dispose of the said several legacies by me given bequeathed unto them to their best advantage. **And to** every of my said overseers I give the sum of ten [missing]. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the said day and year first above written - Amy Grove her mark. **Signed**, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Amy Grove in the presence of James Hitchcock, John Field, Clement Turner.

Probate granted 21 November 1646 to William Grove alias Sandys, executor