

William Hall of Basingstoke, clerk 1692
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In the name of God Amen I William Hall of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clerk being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say), **first** and principally I do commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life. **And my** body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **And as** touching the disposition of such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows.

First I will that my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Hall two shillings.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Hall two shillings.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson Thomas Hall (the son of my son Thomas Hall deceased), the sum of two shillings.

Item all the rest and residue of my personal estate, goods, chattels and whatsoever I have I do hereby give and bequeath to my loving wife Joane Hall (whom I make full and sole executor of this my last will and testament). **And after** her decease I do hereby give and bequeath all my goods and chattels whatsoever there be to my two sons and grandson above mentioned to be equally and fairly divided amongst them share and share alike. **And I** do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I, the said William Hall, have to this my said last will and testament set my hand and seal this twelfth day of April AD 1692.

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be
the last will and testament of the
said William Hall in the presence of
Barnabas Genays
the mark of Bernard Fletcher
Joseph Benett
Aquila Clapshew

The mark of
William Hall

Probate granted 12 May 1692 to Joane Hall, relict.

An inventory or writing indented and made this twelfth day of May AD 1692 in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereigns Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Defenders of the Faith etc., wherein is contained all and singular the goods and chattels of William Hall late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clerk deceased as the same were taken, valued and appraised by Henry Merryfield, William Cowderoy and Thomas Aikerman of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

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In his lodging chamber

Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in

his pocket 1 0 0

Item one feather bed, one flock bed, one rug, two blankets, two bolsters, one pillow, one chest, 3 boxes, two trunks, one chair, one high bedstead and one truckle bedstead, 13 pairs of sheets, two dozen of napkins, 2 tablecloth 6 10 0

In the chamber over the lodging room

Item two feather beds, four bolsters and one pillow, two bedsteads, with curtains and valance, two rugs, one pair of blankets, one chest 3 0 0

In the next chamber

Item 2 high bedsteads and one truckle bed and two flock beds, one coverlet, two bolsters, one chest, one table 1 10 0

In the hall

Item one cupboard, one side cupboard, one table, six joined stools, two warming pans, four old cushions 1 5 0

In the kitchen

Item 20 dishes of pewter, four flagons, two quart pots, three chamber pots, five brass kettles, one brass pot, two skillets, four porringers, three candlesticks, five spits, one skimmer, two gridirons, one fire pan, 3 pairs of tongs, three pairs of andirons, three pairs of cotterells, two old tables and 5 joined stools, four chairs, one cupboard, one settle, 3 iron pots 3 10 0

In the chamber over the kitchen

Item one chest, one chair, one table and other lumber 0 10 0

In the cellar

Item ½ a dozen barrels and ½ a dozen kivers and four tubs 0 12 0

Total is 17 17 0

Henry Merrifield
William Corderoy
Thomas Akerman