

William Weast snr, of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1612

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In the name of God Amen I William Weast the elder of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but whole in mind and perfect in remembrance for the which I do most humbly thank my Lord God, do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz). **First** I do commit my whole soul and body into the hands of my maker praying him in a sure faith in his son Christ Jesus my only Saviour and Redeemer that my soul and body may appear blameless at his coming. **Item** I bequeath this my earthly body to the earth and the same to be buried in the Holy Ghost Chapel. **Item** I give and bequeath to the mother Church Winchester four pence. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Weast my eldest son two hundred pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I likewise give unto him all these my messuages, lands, tenements, barns, stables, orchards, gardens and hereditaments whatsoever which I, the said William Weast the elder, now have, being and lying in Basingstoke and in the fields of Basingstoke aforesaid being my free land to him and his heirs forever. **Item** my will and meaning is that Avice my now wife, shall have her use and occupation of the said two hundred pounds until my said son William shall accomplish his full age of two and twenty years, my said wife putting in good security for the payment thereof at his said age of two and twenty years without paying any use therefore. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son George Weast two hundred pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I do likewise give and bequeath unto my said son George all that my three messuages or tenements and their gardens with all barns, stables, buildings, cellars, curtilages, easements, commodities and appurtenances to the same messuages or tenements belonging or appertaining situate, lying and being in Godalming in the county of Surrey, which said messuages or tenements I, the said William Weast, lately purchased of one Arnold Champion the elder of Farnham in the county of Surrey aforesaid clothier, to me and my heirs forever; which said messuages or tenements with the appurtenances aforesaid my will is that my said son George shall enter into presently and immediately after the death and decease of the said Arnold Champion who has an estate therein by my grant for term of his life. **And** the said messuages or tenements, gardens, barns, stables, buildings, cellars, curtilages, easements, commodities and appurtenances aforesaid, to have, occupy, possess and enjoy to my said son George Weast and his heirs forever.

Item my will and meaning is that Avice my now wife shall have all such rent as shall come due unto my said son George out of the said messuages or tenements from and after the decease of the said Arnold Champion unto his full age of one and twenty years. **Item** my will and meaning is that Avice my said wife shall have the use and occupation of the said two hundred pounds so before by me given and bequeathed unto my said son George until he shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty years, she putting in good security for the payment thereof and likewise to maintain and breed him up in learning at her costs and charges until he shall accomplish the said age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Avice Weast two hundred pounds of good and lawful money to be paid unto her age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which shall first happen. **And** that Avice my wife shall have the use and occupation thereof until my daughter shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years or to be married which shall first happen out, my said wife putting in good security for the payment thereof, and in the

meantime to allow my said daughter Avice fitting maintenance. **Item** I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Weast two hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto her at her full age of one and twenty years or at her day of marriage which shall first happen, and in the meantime Avice my wife to have her use and occupation thereof putting in security for the same and finding my said daughter Margaret fitting maintenance until she shall be married or accomplish the age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give unto my daughter Clara Purchis the wife of Henry Purchis of Basingstoke aforesaid clothier, ten pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto her at any time within one month after my deceased upon demand thereof to be made to my executrix. **Item** my true will and meaning is that Avice my now wife shall satisfy and pay unto Henry Purchis my son in law all such sum and sums of money which is due unto him by me being part of two hundred pounds which he should have had of me in marriage with my daughter Clara his now wife, at such times as they shall agree upon. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Amy Purchis and Avis Purchis my daughter Clara's children each of them a silver bowl. **Item** I give unto my brother Robert Weast one hundred pounds which is due unto me by specialty of Sir Richard Weston Knight.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two maid servants now dwelling with me five shillings apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath unto M[aste]r Thomas Hill my best hat and a pair of clothe breeches laid down right with one gold lace and a pair of black worsted stockings and do forgive him all such debts which he owes me remaining upon my books. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor of Basingstoke to be contributed at my funeral according to the discretion of my executrix and overseers four pounds. **Item** my will and meaning is that if any of my said children shall happen to die before they accomplish their several ages of one and twenty years or the days of marriage as aforesaid, then such sums of money so given and bequeathed by me shall remain equally to be divided amongst the rest of my children surviving. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels here unbequeathed (my debts being paid), and my legacies performed, I give unto Avice Weast my wife whom I make my full executrix and do desire Henry Purchis my son in law and Andrew Butler my brother in law to be overseers unto this my last will and testament to be performed. **And for** their pains therein I give unto each of them twenty shillings. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal dated the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and eleven. William West Signed and sealed in the presence of Thomas Hill, John Mason.

Probate granted 30 June 1612 to Avice Weast relict.