

John Cooper of Farleigh Wallop, yeoman, 1626

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In the name of God, Amen, November the sixteenth, one thousand six hundred twenty and six, I John Cooper of Farleigh in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body, but well and perfect in mind and memory (the Lord be praised), do make my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis I commend my soul to Almighty God, believing to be saved only by the merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer, and I will that my body be buried at Dummer.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Alse Cooper my goods and chattels that are and shall be at my death upon my living at Farleigh, during her natural life, if she continues so long unmarried. **But if** she marry, my will is that then presently the said goods be bestowed as herein afterwards I set down and appoint. **Item** I give and bequeath to my loving son John Cooper of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton aforesaid my houses and lands at Dummer in the same county of Southampton forever and to his heirs forever. **Item** I give unto him all my goods and chattels which shall be there upon the said living at my decease or ought to be there as usually kept there. **And** my will is, that if my said wife do keep, this my said living at Dummer, from my son John Cooper during her natural life (which she may do by virtue of a jointure, which I made unto her of it), yet nevertheless my will and meaning is that our said son shall have and enjoy the goods and chattels there found at my decease or thereunto belonging as aforesaid. **And in** consideration of the same living and goods my will is that my said only son do give twenty shillings yearly to my brother John Cooper of Newbury in Berkshire as long as he does live, which I bequeath unto him. **Item** my will is that my said son shall have my said goods and chattels at Farleigh also, presently after his mother's decease or presently at and upon her marriage which first shall happen. **And** in consideration thereof I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of John West of Basingstoke aforesaid, thirty pounds of current English money out of my goods at Farleigh which I will and appoint to be appraised (presently after my death that she may have the benefit of it), presently, that is to say within one week after my decease, which thirty pounds my son shall keep for her and pay her quarterly consideration after the rate of eight and forty shillings by the year. **And at** her decease to pay the said thirty pounds unto her children, equally to be divided among them as she shall dispose to that effect, respecting their several ages. **And my** further will and meaning is, that if her husband John West dies before her, the said thirty pounds be delivered unto her, I mean the thirty pounds to her own use and for to better her estate and maintenance. **Item** I give to my said daughter Elizabeth West and to my daughter Margaret, the wife of Edmund Cooper of Barton Stacey, two brass pots, that is to either of them, one brass pot, to be delivered unto them within one month or thirty days after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to John West the younger, and to Thomas Atkinson's three children, and to Robert Cooper the younger, and to Alse Cooper my son John's daughter and to John Hall my servant seven sheep, that is to every one

of them one sheep, to be delivered unto them within one month or thirty days immediately following my departure out of this life. **Item** my will is that my daughter in law Alse Bachelor of Newbury in Berks shall have twenty nobles of lawful English money paid unto her within one month or thirty days after the decease of Alse my wife, if the stock of goods and chattels will thereunto extend for true performance, besides the former gifts. **Item** I give and bequeath to my said daughter Margarite, the wife of Edmund Cooper, twenty shillings to be paid unto her within one month or thirty days after the decease and departure of Alse my wife out of this world. **Item** I give to my said daughter's children that are and shall be alive at my decease five shillings to every one of them. **Item** I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels unto my good and dutiful son John Cooper of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton above named, whom I make and ordain to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **Lastly** I hereby appoint and constitute Ambrose Webbe clerk, Vicar of the above named Basingstoke and John Collier of Stratton in Southampton to be my overseers, and to them both I give one mark of money, that is to either of them six shillings and eight pence for their pains to be taken herein.

John Cooper his mark

Witnesses to the sealing and setting his hand

John Murroll his mark

John Eeles, clothier