

William Herne of Basingstoke, clothier, 1657

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In the name of God Amen I William Herne of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier, being not well in body but of perfect memory for the which I give thanks unto Almighty God, do make, ordain and appoint this to be my last will and testament the thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and seven 1657 in manner and form following. **Firstly** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my loving Father assuredly believing to be saved by the merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour, and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors. **This being** done and performed, item I give unto the poor of the parish of Basingstoke forty shillings to be given by my overseers. **Item** I give unto each of my brothers and sisters at my death living ten shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto my daughter Margery Butler, the wife of George Butler, twenty pounds. **And to** each of her four children namely George Butler, Andrew Butler, Avis Butler and Elizabeth Butler twenty shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto my daughter Alice Colman, the wife of John Colman, twenty pounds. **And to** her daughter Jane Colman twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my daughter Barbara Herne eight score pounds to make the forty pounds given by her grandfather William Waire two hundred pounds. **Item** I give unto my son George Herne and to his heirs forever all my lands and tenements lying in West Sherborne¹ also Monk Sherborne and which I bought of John Dreads and Thomas South. **Item** I give unto my son Richard Herne and to his heirs forever all my twenty acres of meadow which I bought of my brother John Herne lying in the parish of Woodspeen near Newbury. **Item** all the rest and residue of my land not before given and bequeathed I give unto my oldest son John Herne and his heirs forever. **Item** I will that my plate of silver be divided amongst my wife and children, only my wife and my son John Herne to have each of them a double part of my said silver plate. **Item** I give unto my son John Herne a gold ring with W H thereon engraved. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels not before given and bequeathed I give unto my faithful and well loved wife Margery Herne whom I make executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** make as overseers to this my will my two sons in law George Butler and John Colman of Basingstoke and I revoke and make null all former wills by me made and I will that none shall stand but this my will. **And I** give unto my overseers for their pains forty shillings apiece. **In witness** whereof I have set my hand and seal. **Item** I will that my sons shall enjoy the land that I have given them at their several ages of one and twenty years. William Herne.

Published and declared to be the last will and testament of William Herne in the presence of Mr Hawkins, William Hawkins Junior.

The will was proved at London the third day of the month of December in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and seven before the Judges for probate of wills and granting administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Margery Herne the relict of the said deceased and sole executrix named in the said will to whom was committed administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of the said deceased, she the said Margery Herne being first sworn in due form of law by virtue of a commission well and truly to administer the same.

¹ An alternative ancient name for Monk Sherborne.