

Jasper Upton, Senior of Basingstoke, butcher 1678

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In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of November AD 1678 and in the thirtieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I Jasper Upton of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton butcher being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or means whatsoever. **And my** body I will to be buried by the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. **And for** such temporal means or estate whereof the Lord of His goodness has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts which I duly or truly do owe any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed then give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my well beloved wife for the term of her natural life the messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Basingstoke aforesaid wherein I now live. **And after** her decease I give and bequeath the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances with the lease thereof and all my estate therein to Jasper Upton my son during the remainder of the said lease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the sum of five pounds of current English money and to the children of my said son Jasper I give five shillings apiece of current English money. **And to** the children of my son in law James West I give five shillings apiece of current English money, and to the said James West and his wife I give twelve pence apiece of like money. **All which** said legacies before by me given and bequeathed I will shall be paid to all the legatees before named within twelve months next after my decease. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods, cattle and chattels my debts being first paid, legacies in this my will performed, and funeral expenses discharged I wholly give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth my wife whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And overseers** of the same I do make my well beloved neighbours and friends Laurance Reeve and John Grig desiring them to be assisting to my said executrix to see this my last will performed unto whom for their pains to be therein taken I give six pence apiece of current English money. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and years first above written.

Sealed, published and declared to be
he last will and testament of the said
Jasper Upton the elder in the presence of
Laurance Reeves, John Grigg.

The mark of Jasper Upton
the elder

Probate granted 28 January 1678 to the executrix nominated.