

**George Lee of Basingstoke, tanner, 1639**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1640A/105**

**In the name of God Amen:** the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of England one thousand six hundred thirty nine and in the fifteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King Charles etc., I George Lee of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton tanner, being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be therefore given unto Almighty God do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following: **first** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of God my heavenly Father assuredly trusting to be saved by the merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body to be buried in decent manner at the discretion of my executor. **Imprimis** as conscience binds me I will that all my debts that I duly and truly owe unto any man should be duly paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, this being done and performed then I give and bestow the goods wherewith God has bestowed on me in this life in manner and form following vizt:

**Imprimis:** I give unto the poor of Basingstoke twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them before my death and twenty shillings to be bestowed after my decease. **Item** I give unto the poor of the parish of Sherborne St John otherwise called East Sherborne, 10s.

**Item** I give unto my sister Annis Hall the wife of Richard Hall of Basingstoke clothier, the use and benefit of all my lands and tenements which I have within the realm of England for her livelihood and maintenance during her natural life.

**Item** I give unto Richard Hall the elder son of Richard Hall, fifty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto the said Richard Hall when he shall accomplish the full age of twenty four years to be paid by my executor. **I also** give unto the said Richard Hall my corner house in the Church Street and close of land near Worting to he and his heirs forever after his mother's decease.

**Item** I give unto John Hall the second son of Richard Hall, fifty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto the said John Hall when he shall accomplish the full age of twenty four years to be paid by my executor. **I also** give unto John Hall my house and land at Alton and to his heirs forever after his mother's decease.

**Item** I give unto Thomas Hall youngest son of Richard Hall, fifty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto the said Thomas Hall when he shall accomplish the full age of twenty four years to be paid by my executor. **I also** give unto the said Thomas Hall my close by Salisbury Lane and to his heirs forever after his mother's decease.

**All the** rest of my goods and chattels not before given and bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my well beloved brother by law Richard Hall clothier, whom I make and ordain executor of this my last will and testament. **And I** revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none shall stand in force but only this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal even this eleventh day of February 1639. **And I** make as overseers of this my will my well beloved friends

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William More of Chineham, William Herne, Robert Stocker and George Herne of Basingstoke to be aiding to my executor.

Sealed, read, published and declared to be the  
last will and testament of George Lee  
in the presence of these witnesses

George Lee  
the mark of

William Elliott  
John Alderton

Probate granted 13 May 1640.

An inventory taken the one and twentieth day of April 1640 by William Herne. Robert Stocker the younger, Thomas Denham and William Ellyott of Basingstoke of all the goods and chattels of George Lee, late of Basingstoke Tanner deceased vizt:

	£	s	d
<b>In the tanyard</b>			
<b>Imprimis</b> four score and two sides of leather and three dozen and a half of calf skins	63	08	0
<b>Item</b> upon bond due unto George Lee	141	16	0
<b>Item</b> upon bill due unto George Lee	12	02	0
<b>Item</b> for part of three beams, one willow, a scuttle, a shovel, a chair, a flock bed and an old nag	01	03	0
<b>Item</b> his apparel and money in his purse	02	00	0
Sum total of his inventory is	220	09	00
<b>Item</b> a malt quern	[missing]		
<b>Item</b> in desperate debts	55	00	00
<b>Item</b> for part of a <b>shoot</b> and two horses for leather to hang on and drying lugs with other lumber at Sherborne St John	[missing]		

William Herne  
Robert Stocker  
Thomas Dinham  
William Elliott

13 May 1640