Thomas Normanton/Normington of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1605 Ref: Hants. RO 1605A/65

The following section in italics has been written and crossed through:

August 25 1605

I Thomas Normington of Basingstoke do make my last will. First I bequeath my soul to God and my body to Christian burial. **Item** for my lands I will that my wife shall enjoy my lands, that is my house with the appurtenances, during her life. **And** after her life I give the said lands to Elizabeth Normington and to Alse Normington our children and to their heirs forever according the laws of this land and realm provided in that behalf. **And** for the goods and chattels wherewith the Lord has blessed me I give them to Alse Normington my loving wife that she may be the better able to bring up our aforenamed children. And if my said wife happen to bestow herself in marriage, then, item I give and bequeath to either of my said children £20 to be paid to them at the age of one and twenty year. And if they or either of them do marry before that age, then I will the portions to be paid to them or her so marrying if they or she marry with the consent of my wife being living, or being deceased with the consent of two of the nearest of their kind. And moreover whereas my house and land is but little I would not have it divided but in this way, viz that if my wife decease before they be of the age of one and twenty years, then I will that the one shall have the house and land and the other the two £20, viz £40 and the elder shall make her choice. But if she live longer, then I will the children to have their £20 apiece during her life and after it [the lands]. And after her decease, they or their heirs to do according to my will viz the one the land, the other the money. **And** if one of our children die before the age of 21 years, then the survivor to have all, both land and the money. All the residue of my goods and chattels I give my wife Alse whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

A second will has been written:

August 25 1605

I Thomas Normington of Basingstoke in Southampton do make my last will and testament as follows. First I bequeath my soul to God and my body to Christian burial. Item I give to Alse Normington my youngest daughter £40 to be paid her at the age of 21 years. Item I give to Elizabeth Normington my eldest daughter £10 at the age of 21 years to be paid unto her. Item I give and bequeath my house in Basingstoke with the appurtenances to my loving wife Alse during her life, and after her death I will and bequeath the said house with the appurtenances to Elizabeth Normington my eldest daughter and to her heirs forever. Item I will that if one of my children die before the age of 21 years, then the other shall have her portion. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Alse Normington my loving wife whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I ordain and appoint my uncle James Smythe and my brother John Normington and John Singleton to be my overseers and to each of them I give 12d. And to my sister Alse Hill I give 20s and

as much to my brother Ruben and my sister Amy viz to either of them 10s. **And** I give to *the* mother church 5s.

Thomas Normington his mark

Yet if my wife be with child of a man child, I give the house etc. to it and his heirs forever. **And** then my meaning is that my daughters, Elizabeth and Alse, shall have £25 apiece. **But** if she being of woman child, then she shall have £10 at the age of 21 years.

Thomas Normington his mark

In the presence of us underwritten Ambrose Webb Water Singleton Daniell Smyth John Singleton John South

Moreover this 26 of August 1605 I give to Margery Randell and Mary [Purpoint] 5s. **And** my meaning is that whosoever enjoys my house with the appurtenances and the children's portions, shall maintain my children during the time of such enjoying mentioned. **And** besides my meaning is, that my wife Alse shall have one £20 in money or monies worth over and above the necessary utensils of the house for her, and our, children viz besides bedding, pewter and such dead lumber. **And** of it do not happen to be so, then my meaning is that my youngest daughter Alse shall have but £30 instead of that above mentioned £40.

Thomas Normington his mark

In the presence of us
Ambrose Webb
John Singleton
Water Singleton
Daniell Smythe
John Normington
William Bennett and diverse others

I have a bond of Ambrose Crosses. I confess that the money is paid, let him have the bond.

Item I owe William Oliver, alias Herne, some £8 or £9 or thereabouts as I think. **Mr John Moter** of Sherborne owes me £5.

My brother John Normington owes me £12 which is now laid out for wool with my brother. He laid out as such, this not yet weighed and delivered.

One of London owes me £19.15s, my wife has the bill. It is Mr Bunyie for cloth sold by my brother John. Now I am to have £11. Mr Bird of London owes it.

John Greene of Holy Ghost Hill owes £7

Of John Watts of Basingstoke, woollen draper and William Bennett of the same place brazier.

The inventory indented of the goods and chattels of Thomas Normanton of Basingstoke yeoman, in the County of Southampton late deceased, taken, made and appraised by James Smith, John Lee, Willyam Arnold the 4th day of October in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England France and Ireland, King of Scotland the nine and thirtieth defender of the faith etc. 1605

| Imprimis all his wearing apparel | | £ 1 | s 10 | d 0 |
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| Item in the upper chamber One standing bedstead, one truckle bedstead, of featherbed, one feather bolster, 2 pillows, one consisted one standard of cloth containing 16 yards | overlet, | 2 | 0 10 | 0 0 |
| Item in all the loft, one pair of scales and weigh stock carding frame, one tod and a half of wool, quarter of a hundred of alum | one | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the hall One table, two forms, 2 stools, one chair | (|) | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the lower chamber One standing bedstead, one truckle bedstead, two flockbeds, one coverlet, four pairs of sheets and five coffers | | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the kitchen All the brass and pewter and one cupboard | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the backside All the wood | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Item seventeen kerseys | 32 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the stable All the hay and vetches | Sum total 45 | 1 | 0 | <u>0</u> 0 |