

Joane Wither of Andwell, widow, 1692

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In the name of God Amen I Joane Wither of Andwell in the county of Southampton widow, being certain of death but uncertain of the time when, do now, in perfect health and memory (thanks be given to Almighty God), make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows. **First** I commend my spirit into the hands of God my heavenly Father who gave it, hoping for remission of my sins and for salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ my redeemer, and for support and comfort to the end, and in the end through the Holy Ghost the comforter to whom be glory and praise for ever amen. **My body** I commit to the earth to be buried without pomp and with the least expense my executor hereafter named can well contrive in the chancel of the parish church of St Lawrence Wootton in the county of Southampton, near the grave of my deceased husband in the hopes of a happy resurrection thereof and reunion with my soul in a blessed and glorified estate forever. **And** as to my outward estate I give unto my daughter in law Mary Wither of Manydown in the said county of Southampton widow, the sum of eight pounds to buy her mourning. **Item** I give unto my grandson William Wither of Manydown Esq one twenty shilling broad piece of gold. **Item** I give unto my granddaughter Mary Wither of Manydown one other twenty shilling broad piece of gold. **Item** I give unto my daughter Barbara Wither the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England to be paid her within twelve months after my decease and also the sum of eight pounds to buy her mourning. **Item** I give unto my said daughter Barbara Wither my wrought bed and Irish stick *back* chairs, stools and cushions thereunto belonging desiring her that in case she should die unmarried to leave it to my granddaughter Mary Wither of Manydown (if she, the said Mary Wither shall be then living). **Item** I give unto my said daughter Barbara Wither the bed and all the furniture of my chamber so called at Manydown. **Item** I give unto my son Thomas Wither the sum of eight pounds to buy him mourning. **Item** I give unto my grandson William Wither of Andwell the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my granddaughter Mary Wither of Andwell the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my grandson Thomas Wither the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my grandson George Wither the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my grandson John Wither the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my granddaughter Mary Wither of Andwell all my diaper linen and one pair of my best Holland sheets and one pair of my best pillow beres. **Item** I give unto my grandson John Wither a silver two-handled porringer marked with the letters IW. **Item** I give unto my son in law Thomas Bethell the sum of eight pounds to buy him mourning. **Item** I give unto my daughter Alathea Bethell the sum of eight pounds to buy her mourning, and also I give unto my said daughter Bethell a silver cup and cover to it. **Item** I give to my son in law Lovelace Bigg the sum of eight pounds to buy him mourning. **Item** I give unto my daughter Dorothy Bigg the sum of eight pounds to buy her mourning. **Item** I give unto my granddaughter Mary Bigg the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my grandson William Bigg the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my said grandson William Bigg six silver spoons. **Item** I give unto my granddaughter Dorothy Bigg the sum of twenty shillings. **Item** I will and ordain that the residue of my linen remaining at Manydown (not already disposed of), and the residue of my plate, rings and watch and all my books both at Manydown and Andwell be equally divided between my daughter Barbara Wither my daughter Alathea Bethel and my daughter Dorothy Bigg. **Item** I give unto my sister Collins,

sister Pottinger, Sister Erule, Sister Bigg, Sister Fulkes and brother Erule each of them rings of the value of twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto my niece Barbara Opie a ring of the value of twenty shillings. **Item** I desire that Mr William Manning may preach my funeral sermon for which I desire he may have presented him by my executors three guinea pieces of gold. **Item** I give unto my maid servant Mary Harding five pounds lawful English money if she shall happen to continue in my service to the time of my decease. **Item** I give unto the poor of the parish of St Lawrence Wootton forty shillings to be paid to the overseers of the poor of the said parish for the use of the said poor within three months after my decease. **Item** I give unto the poor of the parish of Up Natelly in the county of Southampton twenty shillings to be disposed of and distributed as my executor hereafter named shall judge most needful. **Item** I give all my wearing apparel to my three daughters Barbara Wither, Alatheia Bethell and Dorothy Bigg to be either divided between them or to be disposed of by them according to a note which I intend to leave them for their direction therein. **And** lastly I bequeath and give all the rest and residue of my personal estate goods and chattels, sum or sums of money which shall happen to be due to me at the time of my death from any person or persons whatsoever by any title, ways or means whatsoever unto my son Thomas Wither, his executors and administrators. **And** I do make, constitute and appoint my said son Thomas Wither my sole executor of this my last will and testament desiring him out of the personal estate hereby given to him as aforesaid to pay all my debts and legacies and to perform this my last will and testament according to the trust hereby in him reposed. **And** I do hereby revoke all former wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I have set my hand and seal to each sheet of this my last will and testament consisting of two sheets of paper this sixth day of January in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queen defenders of the faith etc. Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and ninety, Joane Wither.

Signed, sealed and published by the before mentioned Joan Wither as her last will and testament (and subscribed by us whose names are hereunder written as witnesses thereunto in the presence of the testatrix), witness our hands John Waldron, John Heller, Jane Dicker, Abigail Mathew.

Proved in London 4 May 1692 by Thomas Wither, armiger, son and Executor.