

**Oliver Wither of Basingstoke, gentleman, 1648**

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**In the name of God Amen** the seven and twentieth day of October in the four and twentieth year of the reign of our Lord Charles by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King defender of the faith etc., AD 1643 I Oliver Wither of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton gent., being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory and understanding, praised be God for it, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **That is** to say first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my faithful Creator assuredly trusting that by the only merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my ever blessed Saviour and Redeemer and by faith in His blood I shall attain remission of all my sins and have an inheritance incorruptible in the kingdom of heaven amongst all them that are sanctified. **And I** commit my body to the earth from whence it came likewise trusting of a joyful resurrection thereof the last day to be buried in decent manner at the discretion of Annis my beloved wife and executrix hereafter named. **And as** touching and concerning that estate both real and personal wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me and to bestow upon me I give and bequeath unto my nephew Robert Cheyney, second son of my brother in law Mr John Cheyney of Hockley-in-the-Hole in the county of Bedford, four score pounds of current English money to be paid unto him within six months next after my decease or as soon after as conveniently may be. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my godson Withers Cheyney, younger brother of the said Robert Cheyney, one hundred pounds of like current English money to be likewise paid unto him within six months next after my decease or as soon after as conveniently may be and to be put out to and for his best benefit and advantage. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my nephews Richard Leach and Oliver Leach, sons of my brother in law Richard Leach of Leighton Buzzard in the said county of Bedford, fifty pounds apiece of like current English money to be paid unto them respectively as aforesaid and to be put forth to and for their several benefit and advantage as aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my nephew Christopher Poole, son of my brother in law Christopher Poole of Leighton Buzzard aforesaid, fifty pounds of like current English money to be paid unto him as aforesaid and to be put forth also to and for his best benefit and advantage as aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my niece, the daughter of my brother in law John Cheyney, forty pounds of like current English money to be paid unto her by my said executrix by, with and out of the rents, issues and profits of my two farms with the appurtenances in Leighton Buzzard aforesaid which I hold by lease or leases of my late Master Robert Wallop esquire as the same shall arise and grow due until the same legacies shall be fully paid and satisfied. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my two nieces Elizabeth and [*missing*], the daughters of my said brother in law Richard Leach which he had by Elizabeth his late wife my sister deceased, thirty pounds apiece of like money to be also paid unto them respectively by my said executrix by, with and out of the said rents, issues and profits of my said two farms with the appurtenances as the same shall also arise and grow due until the same last mentioned legacies shall be paid and satisfied as aforesaid. **That is** to say after that my said niece Cheyney shall be satisfied that her said legacy, then my said niece Elizabeth Leach to be satisfied her said legacy and after her my said niece her sister to be also satisfied her said legacy after the other. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my four nieces, the daughters of my said brother in law Christopher Poole the elder which he had by Jane his wife my sister, twenty pounds apiece of like money to be

also paid unto them respectively and successively one after the other as they are in seniority of age and priority of birth by my said executrix by, with and out of the said rents, issues and profits of my said two farms with the appurtenances as the same shall arise and grow due until the same last mentioned legacies shall be also fully satisfied and paid, but first the said other former legacies by me given to my said other nieces as aforesaid to be in order paid and satisfied as aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said three brothers in law John Cheyney, Richard Leach and Christopher Poole twenty shillings apiece to buy each of them a mourning ring. **Item** I give and bequeath to the poor people of the parish of Leighton Buzzard aforesaid five pounds of current English money and to the poor people of the parishes of Farleigh Wallop and Cliddesden in the said county of Southampton forty shillings of like money. **The rest** and residue of all my plate, money, household stuff, leases and chattels whatsoever my debts and legacies here before given and bequeathed, paid and satisfied I give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife Anne whom I make and ordain sole executrix of this my said last will and testament. And of which my last will and testament I make and ordain my very loving friends Mr George Wither the elder of Hall in the said county of Southampton and Mr John King of Weston Patrick in the same county to be overseers, to whom for their pains to be taken therein I give and bequeath forty shillings apiece. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written - Oliver Wither. **Signed**, sealed and published in the presence of us under named after the interlining of these words 'poor people of the', John Aylwin, James Wither.

Probate granted 23 December 1648 to Anne Wither, widow.