

**John Raster of Old Basing, yeoman 1587**

**Ref: TNA PROB 11/71/406**

**In the name of God Amen** the two and twentieth day of April in the eighth and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I John Raster of Basing in the county of Southampton yeoman, being at this present time in good health and of perfect mind and remembrance, considering the mortality of all men and of the frailty and uncertainty of man's life, and to the intent that the small portion of living and goods which it has pleased Almighty God to bestow on me and bless me withal, shall and may after my decease go and be bestowed on my kindred and friends in such manner and form as my intent and meaning is done therefore by these presents, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Jesus Christ his only son my Saviour and Redeemer by whose most precious death and passion, glorious resurrection and ascension my hope and assured faith is to be saved and be partaker of the kingdom of heaven. **And my** body I commit to the earth to be buried in Christian burial where it shall please God to appoint.

**Item** I will give and bequeath unto Joane Lampard the daughter of my uncle Thomas Lampard of Alton in the county of Southampton six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of England to be paid her by my executor within one month after my decease. **And also** I give to the said Joane Lampard twenty three sheep. **Item** I give, will and bequeath unto Laurence Lampard my uncle's son four pounds of like money to be paid as aforesaid. **Item** I give, will and bequeath unto Martha Lampard and Marye Lampard two others of the daughters of my said uncle Thomas forty shillings apiece to each of them to be paid as aforesaid. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto Joane Edwardes my cousin forty shillings to be paid as aforesaid. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto Alice Pincke my cousin four pounds of like money to be paid as aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Pinck and Agnes Pinck my cousins forty shillings apiece to each of them. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto my cousin Marye Jefferyes six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England to be paid to her by my executor within one year after my decease. **Item** I give to Agnes Lamparte my cousin forty shillings. **And to** my cousin Henry Lamparte forty shillings to be paid to them as aforesaid.

**Also** I give to the said Agnes Lamparte one cow. **Item** I will, give and bequeath to Alice Pinck a feather bed with the furniture and a brass pot. **Item** I give unto Marye Jefferye two pewter porringers, two pewter platters, two saucers of pewter, a kettle and one candlestick. **Item** I give, will and bequeath unto Humfrye Merriat the forty shillings he owes me. **Item** I will, give devise and bequeath the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England to be taken of the rents, issues and profits of that my messuage and tenement being an inn in Southwark within the suburbs of London by my executor of this my last will and testament as the same shall grow due after my decease, unto the children of my cousin William Raster of Shaden in the county aforesaid to be paid and divided among the said children or the survivors of them by my executor portion and portion like as it shall amount unto within two years after my decease. **Which said** sum of ten pounds I will and appoint John Lamparte, son of my uncle Thomas Lamparte, in consideration of this my gift of the said messuage

herein bequeathed shall pay and deliver to my executor to be by him paid and divided as aforesaid.

**And I** devise and will and appoint that for non-payment of the said ten pounds as aforesaid by the said John Lamparte, that it shall be lawful to and for my executor to enter into the said messuage and premises and to defray for the same ten pounds. **And the** distress to defray until the said ten pounds be well and truly satisfied and paid. **And whereas** I the said John Raster am lawfully possessed and owner of one messuage or tenement with all and singular the yards hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging being an inn in Southwark in the suburbs of London called the Three Crowns I fully, clearly and absolutely will, give, devise and bequeath the said messuage or tenement with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging after my decease unto my loving cousin John Lamparte, son of my uncle Thomas Lamparte and to his heirs and assigns for ever absolutely.

**And as** touching all the residue of my goods, debts or money to me by any manner or ways due or to be due at the day of my death, my debts and legacies herein given, discharged and paid, I will, give and bequeath the same portion and portions like to and among all my cousins and kindred aforesaid to be paid and divided among them within one year after my decease at the discretion of the executor and overseer of this my last will and testament. **And I** ordain and make executor of this my last will and testament my loving uncle Thomas Lamparte of Alton in the county of Southampton heartily praying, charging and requiring him so much as in him yet to see this my present will in all things performed. **And I** give unto him for a small remembrance of me twenty shillings. **And I** make and ordain overseer of this my last will and testament my loving Master John Charter of Basing in the county of Southampton praying him to see so much as in him lies, this my last will performed. **And I** give him for remembrance of me twenty shillings.

**In witness** whereof I, the said John Raster, to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

**Postscript: Item** I give and bequeath to John Baker forty shillings to be paid within one year after my decease.

**Memorandum** that the postscript was written before the sealing and delivery hereof in the presence of William Poppe. **Sealed** and delivered in the presence of William Poppe, John Charter, r Edmonde [Relwyne].

Probate granted 16 November 1587 to Thomas Lampart executor.