

**John Watts of Basingstoke, innkeeper 1684**

**Ref: TNA PROB 11/376/133**

**In the name of God Amen** I John Watts of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton innholder being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, **first** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and steadfastly believing in and through the merits death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and remission of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life, and my body I commend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. **And as** touching such temporal estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath thereof in manner following. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Gething Watts the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England to be paid to him at his age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Watts the sum of one hundred pounds more of like money to be paid to him at his age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Avice Watts the sum of one hundred pounds more of like money to be paid to her at her age of one and twenty years or day of marriage if she marries before she attains that age with the consent of her mother my executrix herein after named. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son George Watts the sum of one hundred pounds more of like money to be paid to him at his age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Watts the sum of one hundred pounds of like money to be paid to him at his age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Watts the sum of one hundred pounds of like money to be paid to him at his age of one and twenty years and if it shall happen that either or any of my said sons or my said daughter shall die and depart this life before the legacy or legacies by me before given shall grow due and payable, then I will that the legacy or legacies of him, her or them so dying shall be equally divided amongst the survivor and survivors of them. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Avice Watts all the rest and residue of my goods, cattles, ready money, plate, household stuff and chattels whatsoever. **And I** do hereby make and ordain her sole and whole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** do hereby nominate and appoint my loving friends my brother George Watts, my brother John Kinchin and my loving friend Edmund Pitman of Basing in this county to be overseers of this my last will and testament desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executrix in the execution of this my will. **And I** will that the six hundred pounds by me given to my said six children being all abroad upon security at interest shall be continued forth upon interest until my said children's legacies shall become due, and that my said executrix shall in the meantime have and receive the interest thereof towards their education. **And I** do hereby order and appoint that my said executrix shall from time to time give an account to my said overseers as often as they shall think fit to require the same of her how and in whose hands and upon what securities the same legacies and monies so by me given as aforesaid are either continued or put forth upon interest that they may see and be satisfied that the same legacies and monies by me given and bequeathed to my said children are well secured to be paid to them according to the intent of this my will. **And for** their and either of their care and pains to be taken therein I give and bequeath to each of them a guinea. **And I** do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former will and wills by me made. **In witness** whereof I

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have hereunto set my hand and seal this three and twentieth day of March AD one thousand six hundred eighty three.

John Watts Signed, sealed and published to be my last will and testament in the presence of Grace Kinchin, Nathaniel Hole, Henry Collier.

Probate granted 12 May 1684 to Avise Watts, relict.