

**Richard Hall of Basingstoke, yeoman 1686**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1686B/22**

**In the name of God Amen.** The seventeenth day of February AD 1685, and in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I Richard Hall of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being not well in body, but of good and perfect memory, thanks be given to Almighty God, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I will and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and Maker trusting to be saved only by the death, merits and passion of my Lord and only Saviour Jesus Christ, and I will my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executrix. **Item** I give unto my children twelve pounds apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Joane Hall all that my messuage or tenement in Church Street in Basingstoke adjoining to the messuage of Richard Coleman and now in the possession of Thomas Pryor; and all that close of arable or pasture ground lying in Basingstoke aforesaid near a place there called Salisbury Lane End containing by estimation two acres be it more or less, now in the possession of Avis Watts widow; and all that my close of arable or pasture ground lying in Basingstoke aforesaid near Worting and accounted by estimation about two acres and now in the possession of John Mannings with their and every of their appurtenances to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement and the two closes with the appurtenance, unto the said Joane my wife, until my son Richard shall come to be of the age of twenty five years if she the said Joane shall so long live. **And instantly** after the death of my said wife, in case she die before my said son shall come to the age of twenty five years, or when my son shall attain his age of twenty five years, which shall first happen, then I give the said messuage or tenement, lands and premises with their appurtenances unto my said son Richard Hall to have and to hold the same premises with the appurtenances unto him the said Richard, his heirs and assigns forever. **And my** intention in the bequest of the messuage, lands and premises aforesaid to my wife until my son Richard shall attain to his age of twenty five years, is that she may take up the profits thereof, for the educating of my other children. **Item** I make my said wife Joane the sole executrix of this my last will and testament to whom I give all my goods and chattels. **And I** desire my very loving brother in law John Whittier and Mr Walter Barfoote to be overseers of this my will. **Witness** my hand and seal the day and year above written.

The mark of the  
said Richard Hall

Signed, sealed and published  
as the last will and testament  
of the said Richard Hall  
in presence of  
Thomas Brackley  
Henery [Runiger], William Moth

Probate granted 16 September 1686.