

**John Bourne/Borne of Basingstoke, scrivener 1694**

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**In the name of God Amen** this twenty fourth day of December AD 1687 and in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I John Borne of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton scrivener being of a good and perfect mind and memory (thanks 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 my Maker and Creator hoping assuredly that after this life ended I shall be received into His everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or means whatsoever. **And my** body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be decently buried by my executor hereafter named in Holy Ghost Chapel Yard in Basingstoke aforesaid. **And as** touching my temporal estate which the Lord of His bounty has bestowed upon me in this life I give, desire and bequeath the same in manner following. **First** I will that all my debts which I duly truly owe be paid and satisfied in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Basingstoke aforesaid ten shillings of current English money and to the poor people of Kingsclere where I was born ten shillings of like money. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my cousins Dorothy and Jane, the children of my brother in law George Greene, five shillings apiece of current English money to be paid unto them within one year after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto every one of my godchildren five shillings apiece to be likewise paid them within one year after my decease,

**Item** whereas I by my indenture bearing date on the fourteenth day of June AD 1675 and in the seven and twentieth year of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second did devise, grant and to farm let unto William Greene and John Greene, sons of George Greene the elder of Weston Corbett in the said county of Southampton, all those his cottages or tenements with the appurtenances that late were of John Borne deceased, father of me the said John Borne and situate, lying and being at the west end of the town of Basingstoke aforesaid at or near a place there called Winchester Pound and Holywell Lane together with all the lands thereunto belonging and one yearly rent or rent charge of four shillings of current English money yearly and every year forever ensuing and going forth due and payable out of a certain messuage tenement or inn called the King's Head in Basingstoke aforesaid then in the occupation of John Isgate or of his assigns. **And also** all those eight acres of arable land or thereabouts be it more or less lying and being in the common fields of Basingstoke aforesaid whereof seven acres do lie in one piece in the fields called Holy Ghost Field and two half acres more hereof in the field called Norden alias North Down Field and were then lately by me, the said John Borne had and purchased of one *missing* Inwood together with all paths, easements, commons, profits, commodities and appurtenances to the same premises belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold unto the said William Greene and John Greene their executors, administrators and assigns from the day of the death of me, the said John Borne, unto the full end and term of five hundred years thence next ensuing fully to be complete and ended under the yearly rent of one pepper corn payable to the executors or assigns of me the said John Borne if lawfully

demanded. **In which** indenture there is a proviso that it should and might be lawful unto and for me the said John Borne at any time or times after that in or during my natural life to devise give, grant, let, set, bargain, sell, do away or depart with the same premises or any part or parcel thereof to any person or persons whatsoever except it were to John Borne son of Richard Borne brother of me the said John Borne his heirs or assigns or to any other person or persons to his or their use, unless the said John Borne son of the said Richard Borne should pay several sums of money in and by the same indenture appointed.

**Now I** the said John Borne having considered of the premises and being minded to alter the same and dispose of the same otherwise do by this my will revoke, disannul and make void the before mentioned indenture and do hereby give, devise and bequeath the aforesaid messuages, lands, tenements, rent and rents aforesaid and every of them. **And all** and every other my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments with their and every of their appurtenances unto my cousin George Greene of Weston Corbett aforesaid yeoman, and Elizabeth his now wife to have and to hold unto the said George Greene and Elizabeth his said wife for and during their natural lives and the life of the longest liver of them. **And immediately** from and after the decease of the longest liver of them, the said George Greene and Elizabeth his said wife, I give, devise and bequeath the same to the first son of the body of the said George Greene lawfully begotten or to be begotten and the heirs of the body of such first son. **And for** default of such issue to the second son of the body of the said George Greene lawfully begotten or to be begotten and the heirs of the body of such second son. **And for** default of such issue to the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and all and every other the son and sons of the body of the said George Greene lawfully to be begotten and the heirs of the several and respective body and bodies of every such several and respective son and sons, the oldest of every such son and sons and the heirs of his body being always preferred before the younger of such son and sons and their heirs of his body.

**And for** default of such issue to the issue female, if but one and issues female, if more than one share and share alike of the bodies of the said George Greene and Elizabeth his said wife lawfully begotten or to be begotten and the heirs of her body and bodies of such issue and issues female respectively. **And in** default of such issue I give, devise and bequeath he same to the right heirs of the said George Greene forever.

**Item** I give and bequeath unto John Borne the son of my said brother Richard Borne one shilling of current English money and to his sister, my brother Richard's daughter five shillings of like money and to every one of my landlord Clough's children not before named five shillings apiece of like money, and to Elizabeth the wife of Nathaniel Kew ten shillings. **And my** will is that all the legacies hereby before given be paid by my executors within one year next after my decease. **Item** all the rest and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid and funeral expenses discharged, I wholly give and bequeath unto my said cousin George Greene of Weston Corbett aforesaid whom I make and ordain full and whole executor of this my last will and testament. **And I** do hereby appoint my loving friend Thomas Kinge and my neighbour Mr William Blunden senior to be overseers of this my said will and give to each of them five shillings of lawful English money for their pains. **And lastly** I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills by me

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made and hereby order that that none of them stand in force but this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and year first before written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Borne to be his last will and testament (after three obliterations and one word interlined in the first sheet and four obliterations and one word interlined in the second sheet) in the presence of

William Whit  
John Carpenter  
James Feilds

Probate granted 18 June 1694 to George Greene.

**Whereas** for default of issue of the children of the within named George Greene the reversion or remainder of the messuages, lands, tenements and other things in the will within mentioned is placed or set upon the heirs of the said George Greene, my will and meaning now is that the heirs of the said George Greene shall have no reversion or remainder in the said messuages, lands and premises and my will that this shall be adjudged as part of my last will and testament. **And I** do hereby ratify, confirm and allow all the rest of the within mentioned will. **Witness** my hand and sealed this fifth day of June in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and nine.

Sealed, published and declared to be part or parcel of the last will and testament of the testator in the presence of

Edward Clapshew  
The mark of Elizabeth [Grayswell] widow  
Aquila Clapshew

The mark of the said Testator

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