

Joseph Mooreing of Basingstoke, gentleman 1697

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In the name of God Amen I Joseph Mooreing of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton gent., being in pretty good health of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks to therefore given to Almighty God and knowing the uncertainty of this life do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator who said I am the resurrection and the life and in Him and through Him and by Him I believe that though my body for a time be enclosed in earth yet in due time both soul and body shall enjoy everlasting felicity, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the day of my resurrection I shall see my Saviour in my flesh. **This** is my hope. **As for** my funeral (when it shall please Allighty God to call me hence), I leave it to my executrix hereinafter named and as for such temporal estate wherewith my Creator has blessed me I dispose thereof as follows. **Item** I give, bequeath and devise unto my loving wife Elizabeth Mooringe all my messuages or tenements and lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in Basingstoke, Basing, Rotherwick and Hook in the parish of Newnham in the said county of Southampton to have and to hold the same messuages or tenements, lands, tenements and hereditaments unto my said loving wife for and during the term of her natural life without impeachment of, or for any manner of waste. **And from** and after her decease I give and bequeath my messuage or tenement, malt house and all lands thereunto belonging with the appurtenances situate and being in Basingstoke aforesaid unto my nephew Christopher Mooringe the son of my brother John Mooringe. **Item** I give, bequeath and devise unto my nephew John Mooringe the son of my brother Robert Mooringe all that my freehold messuage or tenements, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in Basing aforesaid to have and to hold the same to my said nephew John Mooringe from and after the death and decease of my said wife Elizabeth Mooringe for and during the term of his natural life. **And from** and after his decease I give, bequeath and devise the same premises in Basing to my said nephew Christopher Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath and devise unto my nephew Joseph Mooringe the son of my said brother Robert Mooringe all that my messuage or tenement and all lands, tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging with their and every of their appurtenances situate, lying and being in Rotherwick aforesaid to have and to hold the same premises with their appurtenances in Rotherwick aforesaid from and after the death and decease of my said wife Elizabeth Mooringe unto my said nephew Joseph Mooringe for and during the term of his natural life. **And from** and after his decease then I give and bequeath the same premises in Rotherwick forever unto my said nephew Christopher Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give, bequeath and devise unto my nephew Robert Mooringe the son of my said brother Robert Mooringe my messuage, tenement or inn situate, lying and being in Hook aforesaid in the parish of Newnham and all houses, outhouses, edifices, buildings, barns, stables, orchards, gardens and lands thereunto belonging with their appurtenances to have and to hold the same premises with their appurtenances from and after the death and decease of my said wife Elizabeth Mooringe unto my said nephew Robert Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give, bequeath and devise unto my said brother Robert Mooringe all those my six acres or arable land lying and being in some of the common fields of Andover in the county of Southampton aforesaid with their appurtenances from and after my decease unto my said brother Robert Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said brother John Mooreinge the sum of twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto him within one year after my decease by my executrix hereinafter named if he shall come in person and demand the same of her within that time. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my servant maid the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her by my executrix within one year after my decease. **All the** rest, residue and remainder of all my goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife Elizabeth Mooring whom I do hereby make and ordain the sole and whole executrix of this my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of October AD one thousand six hundred ninety one in the third year of the reign of William and Mary.

Joseph Mooreinge signed, sealed and published by Joseph Mooringe the testator to be his last will and testament the words 'without impeachment of, or for any manner of waste' being first written entered in this will in the presence of us John Rogers, Richard Wise, Henry Collier.

Whereas I Joseph Mooringe of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton gent., have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the eighteenth day of October In the third year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary now King and late Queen of England etc., AD one thousand six hundred ninety one. **And whereas** in and by my last will I have given and bequeathed from and after the decease of my wife unto Christopher Mooringe the son of my brother John Mooringe my messuage or tenement malt house and all lands thereunto belonging situate and being in Basingstoke aforesaid, and whereas in and by my said last will I have given, bequeathed and devised unto my nephew John Mooreing the son of my brother Robert Mooringe all that my freehold messuage or tenement lands, tenements and hereditaments situate lying and being in Basing in the said county of Southampton to have and to hold the same to my said nephew John Mooringe after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth Mooreinge for and during the terme of his natural life and after his decease to my said nephew Christopher Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever. **And whereas** in and by my said last will and testament I have given, bequeathed and devised unto my said nephew Joseph Mooringe my messuage or tenements all lands, tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging with their appurtenances situate and being in Rotherwick in the said county to hold the same after his decease unto my said nephew Christopher Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever.

Now for as much as it is unknown to me whether my said nephew Christopher be living or dead and if he be living it is far remote from me in the Island of Virginia as I believe, therefore I do declare that I have altered my mind as touching him. **And though** now in weak in body yet being of sound and perfect mind and memory do by this my present codicil annexed to my said last will and testament revoke, disannul and make void that part or clause in my said will wherein I have given to my said

nephew Christopher Mooringe my messuage or tenement and malt house in Basingstoke aforesaid. **And I** do hereby give and bequeath and devise the same messuage or tenement and malt house with the appurtenances after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth unto the said Joseph Mooringe my nephew, his heirs and assigns forever. **And as** touching my freehold messuage or tenement and lands in Basing aforesaid given to my nephew John Mooringe (after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth), for his life and after his decease to my said nephew Christopher Moreinge I do hereby give and bequeath the same after my wife's decease to my said nephew Joseph Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever. **And as** touching my messuage or tenement and all lands, tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging in Rotherwick aforesaid by me give to my said nephew Joseph Mooringe (after the decease of my said wife) for his life, and after his decease to my nephew Christopher Mooreinge his heirs and assigns forever, I do hereby give, bequeath and devise my said messuage or tenement and premises in Rotherwick (after the decease of my said wife) to my said nephew Joseph Mooringe his heirs and assigns forever.

And whereas I have by my said will given unto my then servant Joane Reves the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to her within one year after my decease, now forasmuch as she is married and gone from me I do alter my will as to that particular. **Also and** instead of the fifty pounds thereby given I do hereby give her the sum of five pounds to be paid her within one year after my decease.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of August AD one thousand six hundred ninety seven AD in the third year of King William of England etc.

The mark of Joseph Mooreinge this within written codicil was signed, sealed, published and declared by the within named Joseph Moreinge the testator to be part and parcel of his last will and testament and signed by the witnesses whose names are subscribed in the presence of the said testator John James clerk, Henry Barfoot, Henry Collier.

Probate granted 5 January 1697 to Elizabeth Mooringe, relict and executrix nominated.