**1625B63 James Smallpeice**

In the name of God Amen the Sixtenth day of June Anno D[omi]ni 1625 And in the First yee[r]

of the Raigne of o[ur] Sou[er]aigne Lord Charles by the grace of god Kinge of England Scotland France & Ireland

defendor of the Faith etc I James Smalpece of Guldford in the County of Surrey habdasher beinge weake

in body but of good & p[er]fect memorie I thank god for the same and calling to mynd the uncertainties & […]

this mortall life and aduisedly mynding to settle & dispose my solf to god and my Landes goodes &

estate w[hi]ch it hath pleased god to bestowe uppon me to the world do mak publish and declare this to

be my last will & Testam[en]t renouncing all former willes by me made. And first & most especially I comen[d]

my soule to Almighte god my Creator and to Jesus Christ his only sonne & my alone & only Savio[ur] & Redeemer

assuredly & Stedfastley believing to be saved by his Death & passion My body I bequeath to the earth to

be […] buryed in Trynitie Church in Guldeford at the discretion of my executrix. Item I give & bequeath to the

poore people of the saide p[ar]ish of the holie Trynite in Guldeford the some of Thirtene Shillinges & foure pence [? To be]

<distributed amongst them> And to the poore people of the p[ar]ish of St Maries in Guldeford xiijs iiijd And

to the poore of the p[ar]ish of St Nicholas in Guldf[o]rd aforesaide xiijs iiijd to be distributed amongst them

by my executrix & overseers ymmediatly after my decease. Item my will is <and I give & bequeath> That Johan

my wief shall have the Messuage wherein I dwell and all my houses edifices lands ten[emen]tes & hereditamentes vntil

my sonne James shalbe of the age of One & twentie yeres & if he dye before […] my next heire shall be of the

age of xxj yeres for & towarde the bringinge upp of my Children And after the saide James ^ my sonne^ shalbe of

the age of xxjtie yeres then my will ys & I give & bequeath to him All my mesuage wherein I now dwell

and the houses edifices and buildinges thereunto belonging And all those my landes lying upon Ewley Hill in the p[ar]ishes

of Shalford & the hollie Trynitie in Gudeford, ^upp^ To have & to holde the said Messuage landes ten[emen]ts & hereditamentes

above mentioned w[i]t[h] thapp[er]tenances to the said James my sonne and to his heires and assignes foreuer upon […]

of paym[en]t of the seuerall somes by me giuen to my other children & hereafter menconed. Item I give and

bequeth to Judith my oldest daughter for the rasinge and making of her porcion […]

now upon those Fower & twentie acres of lande lying uppon Ewly hill sowen by me and Thirtene acres

of Oates, <…> p[ar]cell growinge uppon eight acres of lande uppon the hill called Ewly hill and other p[ar]celles

growinge vppon Fyve acres of land at Spittle w[hi]ch sowne barly & oates I desier my overseers to dispose

of for the best benfitt of my said daughter to make a stock or porcion and to [s..] the same for all for her best

advantage Item I giue and bequeath to my sonne Jonathan All that Messuage or t[eneme]nt houses edifices

and hereditamentes thereunto belonging […] w[i]th thappurtenances now in the occupacon of Hugh Hoar Butcher situat

& beinge in the p[ar]ish of <the holie Trynitie> St Maries in Guldeford aforesaide And also all those two

acres of errable land w[it]h thapputenances lying & beinge in Stokefelde in the p[ar]ish of Stok aforesaid To have & to

holde the saide Messuage hereditamente & two acres of landes w[it]h thappurtennces to the said Jonathan my sonne & to his

heires & assignes fore[ev]r. Item I give & bequeath vnto John Smalpece my Third sonne All that close

called the Spittle close conteyning by Estitmatone Five acres in Stoke next Guldeford aforesaid To have & to hold

the said Close of lande w[it]h thppurtenances to the saide John my sonne & to his heires & assignes forever Item I give

& bequeath to the said John my Sonne The some of Fortie poundes of Lawful money of England

to be paid vnto him at the age of xxj yeres by James Smalpece my eldest sonne after he shall have

accomplished the age of One & twentie yeres. <And I> And if my said sonne James happen

to dye before the said age or before paym[en]t of the said porc[io]n Then I will that <my> the next heire to

my landes shall pay thesaide some of xjli to thesaid John my sonne in respect of the landes

& t[enem]entes are giuen or descend to him. Item I give & bequeath to Johan and Jane my two

youngest daughters viz to either of them The some of Fortie poundes apece w[hi]ch somes of money

*(signed James Smalpece at foot of page)*

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I will shalbe paide vnto them at ther sev[er]all ages of Twentie yeres or at ther sev[er]all daies of their

sev[er]all Marriadges that first shall happen in mann[er] and forme following Viz Twentie poundes apece

of the said legacie of Fortie poundes a yere I will shalbe paide by my sonne & heire And

other Twentie poundes a pece I will shalbe paid by my executrix at the tyme before I willed

And if any of my children having legacies by me given happen to dye before her or any of them

receive her porciones Then I will that the [survivors?] of my said children (other than my sonne &

heire) shall have the porcion of him or her so dyinge devided amongst them. And I will

That if my said sonne James or any other heire <if> of myne if he dye do refuse or neglect

to pay the said sev[er]all porcions by me given by this my will and charges to be paid by my saide

sone according as ^in^ my will ys is declared Then I will <That> I give & bequeath to the said

John Johan & Jane & to their heires My <A…> Messuage or dwelling with thappurtenances

and the […] to my said oldest heire if he refuse to satisfie the saide porcions to be voide any

thinge above written notwithstanding to the Contrary. All my goodes & chattels moveable

I give & bequeath to Johan my wife whome I make sole executrix of this my last will & testam[en]t

<And also> after my debtes & legacies be well & truly paide & p[er]formed

And I do give and bequeath to Mr John Willson Mr Will[ia]m Hyll & to Mr Will[ia]m Hill

the three ministers in the Towne of Guldeford Fortie shillinges a pece to be paid them in convenient tyme

after my decease by my saide executrix. And also Twentie shillinges I give vnto

Mr Wilson <the> my physicin likewise to be paid him by my saide executrix. And I make

my speciall Frendes Mr Thomas Parkehurst Mr James Parson Mr George (?) Bridger and Will[ia]m

Hill to be overseers of this my last will & testam[en]t desiring them as my […]

they will take care to see this my will p[er]formed accordinge as is herein declared And

I give to ev[er]y one of them for their panes to be taken in the […] xs a pece besides their costes

& charges in seeing this my will p[er]formed. <…> And thus the Lord have mercie on me

In witness whereof to this my […] last Will & testa[me]nt (reuoking all former Wills) […]

conteyning to leaves of paper to the same I have subscribed my hand and to this will

sett my seale yeven the day & yere above written

James Smalpece

Sealed published & delivered in the p[re]sence of Tho[mas] Parkhurst

Jo. […] William Kayes

Geo[rge] Holme William Hyll

James Parson George Wilson

William Hill

*Probate 15 July 1625*

The Inventory of all the goodes Cattelles

houesholde stuffe and Coarne of James Smalpice late of

Guldeford in the Countie of [Surrey] gentleman ^deceased^

Taken and praysed the firste daie of July In the

first yeare of the Raigne of o[u]r Sov]er]aigne Lord

Charles by the grace of god Kinge of England

Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Defender of the

faith etc Anno d[omi]ni 1625 By William Hill Barnaby Hatch &

Richard Budd Francis Gilbertson

In the greate parlor

Imprimis A Joyned Table & Frame a Joyned

forme a little side [?] Table a wainscot Cubarde

1 Chaire if/of Nedle worke one Joyned Chaire

3 Needleworke stooles <…> seaven Cousshens [and?]

one longe Carpett & a Little side Carpette iij li

Item A bason & a yewer of pewter <and> a

paire of greate Ayndernes <& other small things> xv s

In the Little parlor

Item a Joyned Table & a Frame and five Tables

a Joyned Forme & a Little Schreene xiiij s

Item A Sworde ij s

In the greate Chamber

Item one Joyned Beddstedle one Troucle bed

a <…> ^…^ Vallance aboute the beedsteddle two Feather

beeds a paire of Sheetes one Fether boulster &

one flock boulster one Fether pillowe A Coverled

one flockbeed one fether boulster one paire of

sheetes & one [… … …] A paire of

Curtens & Curten rodes [?] viij li x s

Item A Livery Coberde one […] Table two

Chayres one wicker Chaire Five Joyned stooles three boxes of wood & one Cheste I li x s

Item a paire of Andernes a paire of Tonges & a Fyre panne vjs viiijd

<In the [h…]>

In the Chamber next the great Chamber

Item one Joyned Bedstedle […] Fether beed and A

Strawe beed one Fether boulster & flock boulster

one Coverled & <a> two Blankettes a payre of Curtens

& the Valence aboute the beed v li

Item one greate Cheste & 2 (?) Cousshen Stooles x s

In the Chamber over the great parlor

Item one great Joyned Beedstedle one Side

Table w[it]h a Frame li vj s

Item one Fether Bedd a Fether boulster and a

Coverled ij li

In the Chamber over the buttery

Item <one> ^[…]^ bedstedles a [side?] saddle & ould Armore

& a schreene xx s

In a <[…]> Chamber over the little parlor

Item a Bedstedle a troucklebedstedle three

flockbeeds 2 Fether Boulsters A Coverled

a Blankett & a paire of sheets xx s

Item one ould buckinge Cheste & a Flaskett iij s

In the Garrat

Item wheate malte & ould Lumber and one oulde Table ij li x s

In the Buttery

Item a querne to grinde malte w[it]h other Lumb[e]r xx s

In the Chamber over the Kittchen

Item a Joyned Bedstele a trockle bedsteddle a

Fether beed a flock beed one Flockboulster (?) ij li

Item three Joyned Chestes one little Courte

Table A Coverled & 2 Blankettes ij li

Item one Close stoole ijs vjd

In the Studdie

Item one little Table an olde Cheste <…> w[it]h books (?) and other Lumber xx s

Item <three> ^thirteene^ paire of Flaxen sheetes & Course

sheetes vl

Item two Longe Flaxen Table Clothes A

dammaske Table Cloth Fower Dozen & a haulfe of Napkines iiijl

Item fowre paire of hollan Pilloberes six

Towells Sideboarde Clothes & Cuberd Clothes

w[it]h other peeces of Linnen iij li

Item six feather pillowes and three li of

Flexen yearne & other things i li iij s iiijd

In the Kittchen

Item A Table and a Frame & stooles & Chayres

a hanging shelfer & a Dresser xx s

Item the Brasse pewter spittes Racke dripping pannes

Potthangers girdirones & other Lumber xvli

Item three Fliches of Bacon xxx s

Item a silver & gilte salte a little sillver boule

and xij sillver spoones & one sillver salte viij li

In the backe parlor

Item A Joyned Bedstedle A trockle bedstedle A

Table w[it] A frame i li x s

In the brewhouse

Item A forime brewage Tobbs & vessels iiij li

In the well house

Item <A ladder…> welbouckett & rope

& other Lumber viijs iiij d

In the yarde

Item A waggon w[it]h fowre wheeles <A> two olde

Dungepotts 2 plowes w[it]h harrowes and other Lumber vij li

Item Dounge (?) in the gate and in the backside of the Towne ij li

Item his wearinge Apparrell and Money in his

Purse iiij li

Item Seaven Acares ^& a haulfe^ of Wheate & Rye xi li x s

Item 20 Acares of grasse x li

Summa is 113li 16 6d

William Hill Richard Budd

Barnaby Hatch Fra[ncis] Gilbertson

***James Smallpeice*** *came from a family which has been in Guildford for hundreds of years. In 1606 he married Judith Burchall, daughter of Richard, a wealthy clothier who built what became the White Lion hotel in the lower High Street. She died in 1614 and James married a wife called Joan. James had ten children between 1607 and 1625: the youngest, Jane, was born in March 1625. James died in June of that year: he was buried on 20th June. I have not found his birth.*

*1607 Judith son of James*

*1608 Anna d. 1609*

*1610 Nicholas*

*1612 Alice d. 1612*

*1613 James d.1614*

*1617 James son of James and Joan*

*1618 Joan*

*1620 Jonathan d. 1628, buried 4 Nov.*

*1623 John*

*1625 Jane d.1628, buried 4 Nov.*

*The will mentions five children: Judith who was 18, James 8, Johan 7, Jonathan 5, John 2, Jane 3 months. Judith was mentioned first, presumably because she was almost an adult, then the three boys, then the two youngest girls. Nicholas is not recorded as being buried, and in the 1630s one Nicholas Smallpeice was producing children, but could have been a cousin or other relative.*

*The will mentions three pieces of land: 24 acres on Ewly Hill (now Pewley) 5 acres at the Spittle and 2 acres at Stoke. The first two pieces were leased from the manor of Poyle, which had just been purchased by Henry Smith to form the Poyle Charity. Smallpeice had two leases of 21 years. (SHC G148/9) The Spital had been the medieval hospital of St, Thomas and was also part of the Poyle lands.*