

**Will of John Barham Gentleman of Wadhurst 1697**  
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Will made 6 October 1697, proved 9 December 1727

In the Name of God Amen I John Barham of Shoosmiths in the parish of Wadhurst in the County of Sussex Gent and being of sound and perfect mind and memory (thanks be given unto almighty God for the same) do this sixth day of October anno dmi 1697 make and ordaine this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First and Principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting through the meritts and Passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer to have a free and full pardon and a Remission of all my sins and my body I committ to the Earth to be decently buried att the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and for the disposall of such temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath all my Messuages or tenements lands and Woodlands with all and every th'appurtenances thereunto belonging whether freehold or Copyhold of what name or kind soever lying and being in the severall parishes of Wadhurst aforesaid and Frant and Tisehurst in the said County of Sussex and in Yalding in the County of Kent in the Occupation of the Widow Wood or her assignes and all other my messuages lands Woodlands and tenements within the said several parishes or elsewhere within the Kingdom of England unto my daughter Elizabeth Barham and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten for ever and for want of such issue unto my dear and welbeloved wife Lucy Barham and her heirs forever and it is my Will that in case my said daughter Elizabeth Barham shall happen to have lawfull issue of her body and if all such issue dye with -out having any lawfull issue of his her or their bodys that then also I give and bequeath all my said messuages lands or tenements and woodlands with all and every the appurtenances whether freehold or Copyhold and lying in the said several Parishes of Wadhurst Frant and Tisehurst in the said County of Sussex and in Yalding in the said County of Kent or elsewhere within the Kingdom of England unto my said beloved wife Lucy Barham and her heirs for ever nevertheless it is my Will and meaning that in case my said daughter Elizabeth Barham shall dye without leaving any lawfull issue of her body as aforesaid or that she should have issue and such issue should dye without leaving any issue of his her or their bodys living then and in such case all my said Messuages lands or tenements and Woodlands with the appurts and every part thereof lying and being in the several parishes before mentioned or any of them soe given and bequeathed unto my loving Wife as aforesaid shall stand and be Chargeable for the payment of the several annuitys and Legacys hereafter mencioned (that is to say) one annuity or rent Charge of twenty pounds p[er] ann[um] unto Elizabeth Barham daughter of my uncle Stephen Barham dece[ase]d to be paid unto her half yearly by even and Equal porcions upon the feast days of Saint Michael the Archangell and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary yearly during her natural life also one other annuity or rent Charge of twenty pounds p[er] ann[um] unto Elizabeth Hart daughter of my uncle David Hart deceased to be paid unto her half yearly by equal porcons during her natural life also unto John Barham and Nicholas Barham sons of my kinsman Nicholas Barham dec[eas]ed to each of them one hundred pounds apeice to be paid unto them respectively within one year after my said daughters decease (if she dyes without leaving any lawfull issue) But if she leaves issue then to be paid within one year after the death of all such issue as aforesaid also unto all my Godchildren as shall be then liveing ten shillings apeice all the rest of my Estate whatsoever not herein before given or bequeathed I give unto my said loving Wife Lucy Barham and her heirs for ever and I make my said loving Wife full and sole Executrix of this my Will and do hereby revoke and make Void all former wills whatsoever In Witness whereof I have to this my Will conteyneing two sheets of paper sett my hand and seale to both sheets thereof the day and year first above written **John Barham** Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Barham to be his last Will and Testament in the p[re]sence of Abigail Charlton Mary Young T Shorter

Nono die Mensis Decembris anno d[omi]ni Millesimo septingentesimo Vicesimo Septimo Emanavit Commissio Nicolas Barham Legatore nominat in Testamento Johannis Barham nuper de Shoosmiths in Parochia de Wadhurst in Comitatu Sussexia defuncti habentis et administrandum bona jura et Credita dicti defuncti juxta tenoram et effectum Testamenti ipsis defuncti Eoquod Lucia Barham Executrix et Legatore residuar etc in vita Testatoris mortem Obyt de bene et fideliter ad administrando eadem ad Sancta dei evangelia Vigore Commisionis Jurat

Transcribed by Helen Hartley.

Wife	Lucy Barham (executrix)
Daughter	Elizabeth Barham
Uncle	Stephen Barham (deceased) David Hart (deceased)
Cousin	Elizabeth Barham (daughter of Stephen) Elizabeth Hart (daughter of David)
Kinsman	Nicholas Barham (deceased) John & Nicholas Barham (sons of above)