

*The Last Will and Testament of
Mary Longcastor, alias Tailor Widow
of All Cannings
Will proved October 1698*



Probate Court of Devides
Original reference: P1/3Reg/190
Court Copy reference:

Testator:	Longcastor alias Tailor	Mary	Widow of All Cannings
Executors:	Longcastor	Mary	Daughter

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Name		
Hiett	Joan	Daughter	
Winchester	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Winchester	Susanah	Granddaughter	
Winchester	Rebeca	Granddaughter	
Witnesses			
Clement	Robert		
Durnford	John	Sen	
Other Names			

This is my annotated transcription of images of a will written 5 Jan 1695 by Mary Longcaster alias Tailor, widow, of All Cannings, Wiltshire. The originals are available as scanned images on [this website](#): Reference No.: P1/3Reg/190. See also the will of her son-in-law, William Winchester, Yeoman, of Etchilhampton, 1701 [P1/4Reg/48] -- Barbara J. Beake

Testamentum

Mary Longcaster Alias Tailor¹ de prsh All Cannings in Coun Wilts Widdow~

In the name of God Amen the fiveth day of January in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety five I Mary Longcaster Alias Tailor of the prsh of All Canings in the County of Wilts widdow beinge sick & weake in body but of pfit memory thanks be given unto Almighty God therefore doe make & ordaine this to bee my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following that is to say. First & principally I give my Soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me nothings doubting but at the generall reserexion I shall receive the same againe. And as for my body to be buried in Cristian & decant manner. And as for my Goods I give, devise & dispose them in manner & forme following. Imprimes I give unto my daughter Joan Hiett Of Etchelhampton in the pish of All Canings twenty shillings of lawfull English money, one Boulster & one canves Sheet. --Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Winchester of the sam forty shillings of like lawfull money of England [crossed out] & one Boulster. Item I give unto my Granddaughter Susanah Winchester twenty shillings of like lawfull money & one brass skeelet. Item I give unto my Grandaughter Rebeca Winchester twenty shillings of like lawfull Money of England [crossed out] & one fether pillow.

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Item I give unto my too Grandsons to each of them twenty shillings of like lawfull money All to bee paid within one yeare after my dicease by my Executrix. Item All the rest of my Goods unbequeathed & not given I give unto my loving Daughter Mary Longcaster whom I doe make my Executrix of this my last Will & Testament.

Witness my hand & seale the day & yeare above written ~

the marke of Mary Longcaster~

Wittness hereunto

Robert Clement

John Durnford Sen

OPC NOTES

Probate in Latin follows, which I have not yet attempted to transcribe, but the date is given as “primo die mensis Octobris”1698, in Devizes.

Widow of William Lancaster, baptized 14 Mar 1611/2, buried 5 Aug 1664 at All Cannings.

Joan Lancaster, d. of Willm. & Mary his w., was baptized 24 Sep 1655 at All Cannings. I have not found her marriage record, but Samuel Hyatt and his wife Joan had a son Samuel baptized at Etchilhampton 6 Aug 1682. A Samuel Hyatt had married Deborah Churchhay 1 July 1654 at Etchilhampton, and had a daughter Deborah baptized there 4 Aug 1655.

Deborah, wife of Samuel, was buried there 31 May 1680. Apparently Samuel remarried to Joan Lancaster around 1681 – possibly at All Cannings, where the parish records are missing or incomplete from 1681-1703 [“the Gap”].

There is no baptism for Elizabeth at All Cannings, but since her sister Mary was baptized in 1647, and her sister Joan in 1655, it is more than likely that she was born there during another “gap” in the parish records from 1648 to 1654.

Likewise, I can find no marriage recorded for her, but William Winchester and his wife Elizabeth had three children baptized at Patney, two of whom seem to be the granddaughters named in this will: Elizabeth, 24 Nov 1680 [also named in father’s will, 1701, so it’s odd that she is not mentioned in this will] ; Susannah bapt. 14 Sep 1684, and Rebecca bapt. 25 Apr. 1688. They also likely married at All Cannings during the *Gap* in records.

Grandsons were Samuel Hyatt bapt. 31 May 1680 at Etchilhampton, s. of Joan & Samuel; and Thomas Winchester, born after 1680, son of William & Elizabeth, named as underage in the will of William Winchester of Etchilhampton 1701 [q.v.].

Mary Lancaster, d. of William & Mary his w., was baptized 25 July 1647 at All Cannings. Apparently didn’t marry.