

**John Swathing/Swathen of Old Basing, 1572**

**Ref: Hants. 1572B/101**

**In the name of God Amen** the 27th of December AD 1572 John Swathen of Basing in the county of Southampton lying sick in his bed did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following, that is to say, **first** he bequeathed his soul into the hands of Almighty God his only saviour and redeemer. **Item** he gave to be distributed among the poor of Basing half a quarter of wheat. **And to** the poor of Basingstoke half a quarter of wheat. **Item** he bequeathed to the trinity church of Winchester 4d. **Item** he gave and bequeathed to John Cowdry his godson's, son to Simon Cowdry one cow. **Item** he gave to John Cowdry his godson's son to Roger Cowdry one bullock of one year old. **Item** he gave to the 2 children of Simon Cowdry either of them a sheep. **Item** he gave to the five children of Roger Cowdry either of them a sheep. **Item** he gave to Margaret, Johan, and Alice Cowdry his wife's daughters either of them a sheep. **Item** he gave to John Hoorder one sheep and forty shillings in money to be paid and delivered unto him when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years. **Item** he gave to William Filder his servant one sheep. **Item** he gave to Richard his servant one sheep. **Item** he gave to John Moth his servant one sheep. **The rest** of his goods and cattles not given and bequeathed he gave and bequeathed to Margaret his wife whom he made his sole and only executrix. **Also he** ordained and made John Fixall and Richard Mullford of Basing overseers of his last will and testament and he bequeathed to either of them for their pains one sheep. **Witnesses** hereof are Sir Thomas, curate of Basing, John Fixall and Richard Mullford

Probate granted to Margaret the relict and executrix 18 February 1572. Obligation on Robert Aulyn of Basing curate, Simon Cowdrey of Herriard, husbandman.

The inventory of all the goods and cattles of John Swarthin late deceased in the parish of Basing within the diocese of Winton taken and praised the 11th day of February AD 1572 after the computation of the Church of England and in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland, Queen defender of the faith etc., the 15th by John Earmore, Wylliam Wakfilde the elder and John Mlforde with others.

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**In the haul**

**Imprimis** one folding table with one form, one chair.

one little table and a cupboard

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**Item** one corselet and hangings about the hall priced at

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**Item** four old cushions priced at

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**In the chamber next the hall**

**Imprimis** one joined bedstead, one feather bed and one old flock bed, one the same, one coverlet, 2 blankets priced at

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**Item** one little table, one form and 2 chairs priced at

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**In the loft over the chamber**

<b>Imprimis</b> 2 bedsteads, 2 testers, one coverlet priced at	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 6 coffers priced at	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> 12 pairs of sheets priced at	1	10	0

**In the buttry**

<b>Item</b> 21 platters, one charger, 9 pottingers, six saucers and five pewter dishes priced at	1	13	4
<b>Item</b> five candlesticks and one salt priced	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> one mortar and a pestle priced	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 pans, one cauldron and 2 kettles, one brass pot at	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 broches, 3 andirons and one gridiron, one pot-hanger with a pair of pot-hooks priced at	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> 6 ale vessels and 3 milking buckets, one powdering trough	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 2 quarters of malt in the flour and dried priced at	0	16	0
<b>Item</b> 12 hogs in the roof priced at	2	0	0

**In the barn**

<b>Item</b> wheat in the barn 5 quarters priced	3	6	8
<b>Item</b> of barley five quarters priced at	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 quarters of oats and one quarter of pease priced	0	16	0

**In the field**

<b>Item</b> of wheat in the field 28 acres	9	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 acres of vetches	1	5	0

**In the yard**

<b>Item</b> three carts, 2 ploughs, 3 harrows, one chain with all the apparel thereto belonging	3	6	8
<b>Item</b> wood and faggots in the yard priced	1	13	0
<b>Item</b> 17 sows and shoots priced	1	14	0
<b>Item</b> one gander and 2 geese	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> one cock and four hens and 2 ducks	0	1	4
Sum	35	16	0