

Roger Mersante of Old Basing, husbandman, 1563

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In the name of God Amen, the second day of May in the year of our Lord God 1563 I Roger Mersante of the parish of Basing husbandman, being sick of body but of good remembrance, do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows.

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Basing. **I give** to the head church of Winchester 2d. **Also** I give to my son Barnard 2 ewe tegs, and to my son William 2 ewe tegs and one acre of barley between them growing in Goldres Delle. **Also** I give to Gorge my son 2 tegs, and my daughter Florens 2 tegs and one acre of barley between them lying at Brockes. **And to** my son Andrew I give a young heckferth bullock, and to my daughter Jane I give a brass pan, and another to Annis my daughter. **And** I give to Caterne my daughter a black heckferth, a ewe and a lamb. **Also** I give to Edwarde my son 10s of money which shall be paid him as my wife may best spare it at several times. **Also** I give to Alyse my daughter, a little pot, a pan and a basin. **All the** rest of my goods I give and bequeath to Jone my wife whom I make my full executor and she to do for me as she thinks good, both to the hand of God and the health of my soul. **And** I make overseers of this my last will and testament William Wackefelde the younger and John Slydell that they see this my will in all points performed.

The inventory of all the goods of Roger Mersante of Basing husbandman late deceased, taken the 12th day of June AD 1563 and praised by William Wackefelde, John Swastell and John Slydyll.

	£	s	d
In the hall			
Imprimis a folding table, a form a cupboard, a chair and old painted cloth	0	8	0
In the chamber			
Item 3 flockbeds, 3 helings, 5 pairs of sheets, 2 testers and 2 painted cloths	1	10	0
Item 7 coffers	0	8	0
In the buttery			
Item 10 platters, 8 pottingers, 3 saucers a salt, 5 candlesticks and a tinnen pot	0	16	0
Item 6 ale tubs	0	3	0
In the kitchen			
Item 2 cauldrons, 3 kettles, 3 pots, 5 greater pans, 3 little pans and 2 skillets	1	10	0
Item 2 trivets, 3 broches, 2 andirons, 2 gridirons, 2 frying pans, an old chafing dish, 3 pot-hangers, 2 pot-hooks	0	10	0
Item a kneading kiver, a bolting tub, a butter churn, a bushel and other old tubs	0	3	0
Item 2 axes, 2 bills, 4 wedges, a mattock	0	5	0

Item 2 hogs of bacon	0	6	0
Item 6 hens, 12 ducks and a mallard	0	5	0
Item 3 kine and a bullock	3	10	0
Item sheep 17 and 4 lambs	2	0	0
Item 2 hogs	0	5	0

In the field

Item 5 acres of wheat, 7 acres <i>of</i> barley, 2 acres and a half <i>of</i> vetches and 1 acre of pease	5	0	0
Sum	16	19	0