

**Robert Walker of Basingstoke, schoolmaster, 1637**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1637B/47**

**In the name of God Amen** the six and twentieth day of May Anno Domini 1637 and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., I Robert Walker of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton schoolmaster, being in perfect memory (thanks be therefore given to God), do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commit my soul into the hands of my merciful God, Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ by whose most precious death and passion I believe assuredly to obtain life everlasting, and my body to be buried in Christian burial. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the church of Basingstoke aforesaid a velvet cushion for the pulpit suiting unto the velvet cloth given by Julyan [Bacfield] deceased, and to be used with the same velvet cloth at all times. **And that** in case the said velvet cushion shall be used at the burial of any person, that then and at all times forever hereafter, every such person by whose means the same cushion shall be used shall pay six pence for the use of the poor of Basingstoke aforesaid. **Item** I give to my sister in law the ~~wife~~ widow of my brother Symon Walker five shillings. **Item** I give unto her son Symon Walker twenty shillings. **Item** I give unto her two other sons William and John Walker five shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto Joane Fuller my son John his maid, five shillings. **Item** I give unto my godchildren twelve pence apiece. **Item** I give unto John Walker and Richard Walker the sons of my said son John five pounds apiece. **Item** I give unto my son Ambrose Walker twelve pence, and to my daughter Margaret twelve pence. **All the** rest of my goods and chattles unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my said son John Walker whom I make and ordain my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament to see my funeral expenses discharged and the legacies in this my will fulfilled. **And I** appoint and ordain my loving friends Mr John Mason Clerk and Mr Thomas South my overseers to see this my last will and testament truly performed according to my good and true meaning hereof. **And I** give unto each of them for their pains a quart of sack apiece. **And I** do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereby set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared  
to be the last will and testament of the  
said Robert Walker and this word (twenty)  
interlined before sealing in the presence  
of John Borne snr, Lawrence [Earls].

Robert Walker

In this inventory or writing indented is contained all and singular the goods and chattels, debts and credits of Robert Walker late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton schoolmaster deceased, as the same were taken valued and appraised the two and twentieth day of September in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., by William Clough, Thomas West and John Borne of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis in the chamber</b> a feather bed, bedstead, settle, two feather bolsters, a feather pillow and pillow bere, a flock bed, a pair of canvas sheets, a pair of flaxen sheets, a green rug, two blankets and a mat	0	5	6
<b>Item</b> his wearing apparel	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> in ready money	2	15	0
<b>Item</b> debts owing to him at the time of his decease	23	15	0
Sum total of this inventory comes to	33	16	0

William Clough  
Thomas West  
John Borne