

**Roger Weston senior of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1653**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1653A/19**

**In the name of God amen** the six and twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and two I Roger Weston of the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick and weak in body but of good and perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commend my ~~hands~~ soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping and steadfastly believing in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting. **And I** commit my body to the earth from whence it came ~~and my body~~ to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. **And as** for the worldly estate that God has endowed me withal I give and dispose of in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath unto Roger Weston my son one hall and a shop and a cellar next to the street and the lofts over and the use of the room where the kill<sup>1</sup> now stands and the loft he, the said Roger Weston the younger, is building another kill at his own proper costs and charges at the south end of the malthouse to be fourteen foot square, he paying 20s apiece to my executors. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joane Weston my daughter the messuage or tenement next to the Butland now in the possession of William Craswell, and that my daughter Joane shall have the garden plot adjoining to the garden belonging to the lower house containing twenty foot square. **And my** will and meaning is that my son Roger shall have the garden belonging to the lower house, he allowing a sufficient way of six foot broad for the passage to the malthouse without disturbance or denial. **And my** will and true meaning is that my son Roger shall have the use of the rooms before given unto him for his life and his wife to have the use and benefit of them towards the education and breeding of such children as she shall have by the said Roger Weston her now husband, she keeping herself sole and unmarried. **And my** will and meaning is that ~~my~~ Mary my wife shall have and enjoy the benefit of all my estate which I now have during her natural life except that which I have now given unto Roger my son. **And I** do here make and ordain John Weston my son and Mary Weston my daughter to be my full and sole executors of this my last will and testament, they providing and keeping my daughter Margery after my wife's decease. **And I** do request my loving friends brothers Phillipp Weston of and Robert Weston to be overseers of this my last will and testament and I do give unto them for their pains to be taken herein 12d apiece. **In witness** whereof I the said Roger Weston have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year above written.

The mark of Roger Weston

Signed sealed and published to be last will and testament of me the said Roger Weston revoking all former wills in the presence of Loranc Palmer, John Hunt.

The 22nd day of December 1653

**This will** was then proved in common form before Mr John Holloway substitute to the right worshipful Robert Mason Doctor of the Laws and Principal Official for the county of Southampton and an administration of all and singular the goods and chattels which any manner of way concerned the testator or this his last will granted

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<sup>1</sup> Probably a kiln.

unto John and Mary Weston the son and daughter of the said deceased and joint executors etc., they having first by virtue of a commission taken their oaths well and truly to perform this will by paying all debts and legacies so far forth etc.

Obligation to the said executors.

**In this inventory** or writing indented is contained all and singular the goods and chattels of Roger Weston late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased as the same were seen and valued and appraised the six and twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and two by Robert Weston, Thomas Frye, Phillip Weston and John Stanbridge of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

	£	s	d
<b>In the hall</b>			
<b>Imprimis</b> a table, form and six joined stools	0	3	0
<b>Item</b> a cupboard with a press	0	3	0
<b>Item</b> three dishes of pewter	0	1	6
<b>Item</b> two brass kettles and two brass skillets	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> two buckets and other old lumber	0	1	6
<b>Item</b> a small flitch and a piece of bacon	0	9	0
<b>Sum</b> £1 3s			

<b>Item</b> 3 acres and 3 yard meals of wheat and vetches	3	0	0
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**In the chamber over the hall**

<b>Item</b> two old flock beds, two old bedsteads and bedding	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> a chest, a box and a coffer	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> a warming pan and other old lumber	0	1	0
<b>Sum</b> £1 13s			

**In the barn**

<b>Item</b> a sack of barley of about three quarters	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> a bushel and other old lumber	0	1	0
<b>Sum</b> is £3 1s			

**In an outhouse**

<b>Item</b> a quern and a yoting vat	1	5	0
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**In the backside**

<b>Item</b> a couple of bullocks	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> two shoots	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> a well bucket and a rope	0	1	6
<b>Item</b> a grindstone	0	1	0
<b>Sum</b> is £2 8s 6d			

**The total sum** of this inventory comes to 12 10 6

The mark of Robert Weston, the mark of Thomas Frye, the mark of Phillip Weston, the mark of John Stanbridge.