

**John Mulford senior of Old Basing, 1522**

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**In the name of god Amen:** this is the last will of me John Mulford of Basing the elder made and declared the 14th day of November the year of our Lord God 1522 touching the disposition of all my moveable goods which our Lord has lent me here in this present life as it may be to His pleasure and to the profit of my soul. **First** I bequeath my soul to our blessed Saviour and Redeemer our Lord Jesus Christ God in manner and to our blessed lady Saint Mary and to all the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Saint Peter's church in Basing next to the places where my father and mother and others of my brothers and friends lie buried. **Item** I bequeath to the cathedral church of Saint Swithun's my mother church 4d. **Item** to the high altar in the church of Basing for tithes and oblations negligently forgotten 8d. **And I will** there be kept a dirge for me in Basing Church the day of my burial or the next morrow after by the priests and clerks of the same church and the next morrow following as many masses as the same priests will say. **And I will** to every priest being at dirge and mass have 6d and to every clerk 2d. **And I will** that there be ordained against dirge by my executors bread, cheese and ale for the choir and the parish according to the custom 10s and I my executors shall think most necessary the charges thereof, and for the bells ringing to be paid by my executors out of my goods. **And I** bequeath to the church of Basing towards the reparation of the bells 20d. **And I will** that dirge and as many masses be said at my month's mind in the same church of Basing as is said at my burial and likewise at my year's mind by the priests and clerks of the same church. **And I will** to every of the priests being at dirge and mass and their saying mass for my soul, my father and mother souls and all Christian souls for every time 6d. **And to** every clerk 2d and I will that bread and cheese and ale be ordained at every time by my executors for the choir and the parish the charges whereof and also for their labours that shall ring the bells I will my executor pay with my goods as they think necessary by their disposition. **Item** I bequeath to John my eldest son a great cauldron and a great pan and 2 silver spoons which my father gave me upon condition that I should leave the same to my eldest son. **And moreover** to him one good sheet, 2 pillowberes, a great press, a coverlet of buckram and in ready money £4 16s 8d to make the full sum of 10 marks. **Item** I will that the 7 basins of latten which stand upon the mantel brickings of the chimney in the hall shall remain there as implements of the house and in no ways be removed or taken away. **Item** I will that 2 chargers of tin which stand upon the cupboard in the hall in like manner remain as implements of the same house. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Benett 10 marks to be delivered him in money and in worth 2 spoons of silver, the best harness girdle, sash one a dublet of camlat and 2 of diaper. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Rychard 10 marks 2 of which I lent him to be in likewise delivered ... money worth and the third harness girdle and 2 spoons of silver. **Item** I give and bequeath my wife's son Jeram [Bery] five marks in money and money worth. **And I** give and bequeath my goods moveable ... every children one ewe sheep ... my debts and bequests satisfied and performed I give and bequeath *(the following four lines are illegible)*...