

William Smith of Old Basing, husbandman 1615

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In the name of God Amen I William Smith of Basing in the county of Southampton husbandman being sick in body but thanks be given to God in perfect memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my Creator hoping to be saved only by the merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Basing. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Edward Greene, James Greene and Thomas Greene and John Greene four of my sons in law 12d apiece to be paid unto them within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Clarke my son in law 12d and also the table with two trestles, the form and the greater cupboard standing and being in my hall to be paid and delivered unto him within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto Alice Steele the wife of William Steele of Basing aforesaid 20s to be paid unto her within six months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto three of my sisters viz., Mary, Jane and Christian 12d apiece to be paid also unto them within six months after my decease. **All the** residue of my goods and cattles moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto Alice my wife whom I make my sole executrix, and I do appoint Barnard Wakefeild of Basing aforesaid and Zacharie Wakefeild his brother to be the overseers of this my last will and testament. **And for** their pains to be taken therein I do give unto each of them 12d. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifth day of September in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland and of Scotland the nine and fortieth AD 1615.

Declared and made to be my last will and testament in the presence of Barnard Wakefeild and Zachary Wakefeild.

Probate granted 15 September 1615 to Alice widow and sole executrix. Obligation on William Wakefield of Basing gent.

An inventory of the goods and cattles of William Smith of Basing in the county of Southampton husbandman deceased, taken and appraised the 15th day of September AD 1615 by William Yate, William Wakefeild and Roger Smith as follows viz:

	£	s	d
In the hall			
Imprimis one pan, six kettles, one brass pot, one skillet and one posnet	1	15	0
Item four brass candlesticks, one pewter candlestick, one pewter salt and one little pewter cup	0	5	0
Item five and twenty pieces of pewter	1	6	8
Item two spits, one pair of andirons, two pairs of pot hangers and two pair of pot hooks	0	6	8

In the chamber

Item one feather bed, three old flock beds, four feather

bolsters, two flock bolsters and three feather pillows,
four old coverlets, one pair of blankets, three pairs of
sheets and one tablecloth

3 6 8

His wearing apparel

1 0 0

Item two old board bedsteads, five old coffers and two
old joined stools

0 6 8

In the loft over the chamber

Item one old bedstead, two kivers, one cheese press
with other lumber

0 10 0

In the barn

Item wheat and barley

16 0 0

Item vetches, peas, oats and hay

4 0 0

In the backside

Item five nags and mares, two carts, one plough and
one pair of harrows with other furniture

13 6 8

Item two kine and one heckferth

4 10 0

Item three hogs and four pigs

2 0 0

Item 4 hens, one cock and chicken

0 2 6

Item the wood

0 10 0

Sum total

49 5 0