

Thomas Cooper of Basingstoke, maltster, 1641
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In the name of God Amen the eight and twentieth day of November AD 1640, and in the sixteenth 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 Thomas Cooper of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton maltster, being sick and weak of body but of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by no other merits or means whatsoever and my body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executrix and overseers hereafter named. **And for** such temporal goods whereof the Lord of his goodness has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed, **item** then I give and bequeath unto the church of Basingstoke aforesaid six shillings and eight pence of lawful money of England. **And to** the poor people of the same place ten shillings of like money to be paid within three months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Thomas Cooper my eldest son one hundred and thirty pounds of lawful money of England, one silver beer bowl, one feather bed, two pairs of sheets, two pairs of pillow beres, a dozen of table napkins and a tablecloth, one of my bigger brass pots, a brass posnet, half a dozen of my better sort dishes of pewter, a cupboard in my hall, a joined chair, and six joined stools. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Cooper my second son one hundred and thirty pounds of lawful money of England, one silver beaker a flock bed and bedstead, two pairs of sheets, a pair of pillow beres a dozen of table napkins and a tablecloth, one of my lesser brass pots, a brass posnet, half a dozen of my bigger sort dishes of pewter, a cupboard in my kitchen, a round turned chair, four high joined stools and a lower joined stool. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joane Cooper one hundred and forty pounds of lawful money of England, one silver salt, a featherbed and bedstead, three pairs of sheets, two pairs of pillow beres, a dozen of table napkins and a tablecloth, one of my lesser brass pots, a brass posnet, half a dozen dishes of pewter, a side table, court cupboard and a hanging cupboard, a joined chair, three joined stools and two low joined stools. **All which** said legacies before by me given and bequeathed to my said sons I will shall be paid unto them as they shall accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years. **And the** legacy before by me given and bequeathed to my said daughter I will shall be paid unto her as she shall accomplish her full age of twenty and one years or day of marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **And if** any of my said sons or daughter before named shall fortune to die or depart this life

before that his, her or their portion shall be due unto him her or them by this my said will, then I will that the part or portion of him, her or them so dying shall be equally parted and divided unto and amongst the survivors of them share and share alike. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my kinswoman Margerye, the wife of Giles Beare, twenty shillings of current English money to be paid unto her within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my kinswoman Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Sexe, twenty shillings of current English money to be paid unto her within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son in laws Richard Blissett and William Blissett ten pounds apiece of current English money to be paid unto them within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my goddaughter and servant Barbarah Blake twenty shillings of current English money to be paid unto her within two years next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the two children of my daughter in law Elizabeth, the wife of John Spier, ten shillings apiece of current English money to be paid unto them as they shall accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years or days of marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid, legacies in this my will performed and funeral expenses discharged, I wholly give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executrix of this my said last will and testament. **And I** do make and ordain as overseers of this my said last will and testament my trusty and well beloved friends Walter Pincke of Kempshott and my neighbour John Coleman linen draper, desiring them to be aiding and assisting unto my said executrix to see this my said will performed unto both of which for their pains to be therein taken, I give and bequeath twenty shillings apiece of current English money. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul 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 hereto set my hand and seal the day and years first above written.

Probate granted 19 May 1641. Obligation to the widow and John Collman, draper.

Inventory: £937 15s. 6d.

In this inventory or writing indented is contained all and singular the goods and chattels, debts and [...] of Thomas Cooper late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton maltster deceased, as the same were taken, valued and appraised the 22nd day of April AD 1641 and in the seventeenth 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., by John Holmes yeoman and James Wither grocer of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

	£	s	d
In the hall			
Imprimis one bedstead, one truckle bedstead, one feather bed, two flockbeds, three bolsters, two pillows and one green rug with the furniture to the beds	7	0	0
Item one cupboard, one court cupboard, one great chest, three coffer, four chairs, six joined stools, two cushion stools, six cushions and two forms	3	5	0
Item one carpet, three cupboard cloths, one basin and ewer, one pair of brass candlesticks, one pair of pewter candlesticks, one pair of andirons, fire pan and tongs	1	15	0
Item in linen sheets 18 pairs, of pillow beres 14 pairs, 12 tablecloths, 9 dozen of napkins, three cupboard cloths, two towels, with other small linen and other necessities	16	0	0
Item one silver salt, one beaker and one bowl of silver and three silver spoons	7	10	0
Item his wearing apparel and money in his purse	10	0	0
Sum	45	10	0

In the parlour

Imprimis one table and frame, one form, one chair, three low joined stools, two chests, two coffer, one trunk and six boxes	1	18	6
Item one high bedstead, mat and cord, two trundle bedsteads, one feather bed, one feather bolster, two feather pillows, two flock beds, two flock bolsters, one rug, two coverlets, 3 blankets, five curtains, one pair of low andirons, one fire pan, one fork and other necessities	8	0	6
Sum	9	19	0

In the chamber over the hall

Imprimis one table and frame, seven joined stools, one sideboard, two chairs, two low joined stools, one cupboard, one chest, three coffer	2	15	0
Item one joined bedstead, one bed with flocks and feathers, one bolster, two pillows, one coverlet and two blankets with other furniture to the bed	5	0	0
Item two coverlets, seven cushions, one carpet, two cupboard cloths, five curtains and valance and other necessities	5	0	0
Sum	12	15	0

In the little room within the best chamber

Imprimis cheese, two saws and other lumber	1	10	0
Sum as is			

In the long loft and the old loft

Imprimis one bedstead, one flock bed, one old rug, one flock bolster and one blanket	1	15	0
Item thirty and two bushels of wheat	6	8	0
Sum	8	3	0

In the kitchen

Imprimis one chair table, one cupboard, one hanging cupboard, one grate, one basket chair, two joined stools and five trays	1	0	0
Item one great brass pan, one great brass kettle, four middling kettles, one little kettle, four brass pots, three brass posnets and four brass skillets	5	19	4
Item two iron pots, one iron kettle, one frying pan, one iron pot lid, two gridirons, one dripping pan, four tin dripping pans, three pairs of cotterels, three pairs of pot-hooks, one jack, four spits, one pair of racks, one pair of andirons, two fenders, fire pan and tongs, two warming pans and other old lumber	4	12	10
Sum	11	12	2

In the east house

Imprimis one little table, one chair, two stools, one furnace, two washing kivers, twelve fitches of bacon	7	12	2
Sum as is			

In the brewhouse and buttery

Imprimis seven dozen and a half of pewter, three dozen of saucers, three flagons, three candlesticks, three salts, two pewter pots and six porringers	8	13	0
Item one brewing vat, twelve kivers, three kives, three tubs, seven vessels for drink, three wooden bowls and other lumber	4	5	2
Item malt and barley	400	0	0
Item a quern, a screen, a bushel and sacks	5	0	0
Item his corn upon the ground	18	0	0
Item his hay in the barn	1	0	0
Item his wood in the backside and lumber	50	0	0
Item four stalls of bees	1	0	0
Item four hogs	2	13	4
Item twenty hundred of boards at 10s per hundred	10	0	0
Sum	500	11	6

Debts owing to the testator at the time of his death	311	2	8
Desperate debts owing to him	29	0	0

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Sum	340	2	8
Sum total of this inventory comes to	937	15	6

John Homes (signed)
James Wyther (signed)