

Edwarde Clarke of Old Basing, husbandman, 1558

Ref: Hants. RO 1558A/004

In the name of God amen the eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord God 1587 I Edwarde Clarke of Basing in the county of Southampton husbandman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, thanks be given to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Basing aforesaid. **Item** I give to the mother church of Winchester 4d. **Item** I give to the poor men's box of the parish of Basing 12d. **Item** I give to my daughter Joane Clarke thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence of good and lawful English money to be paid unto her when and as soon as she shall come to and accomplish the age of eighteen years. **Item** that whereas there is a certain sum of money between my brother in law Richard Blake and me by him heretofore paid and of me received, and as it was then between us both agreed, so now my last will and testament is that the said Richard Blake shall have the use of all the rooms in the dwelling house and barn and the land which he now holds of me with all commons and commodities thereto belonging to him and his assigns for and during all the term of years yet to come by virtue of my lease thereof in respect of the money I have already received, and he shall stand to the walling of such rooms of the dwelling house, and the thatching of the rooms of the barn which he now holds. **I appoint** and ordain Elizabeth Clarke my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament to whom my debts and funeral being discharged and legacies paid, I give all the rest of my goods as well moveable as unmoveable. **And I** do appoint overseers of this my last will my well beloved friends Jhon Fixor, Jhon Clarke and George Hawtril and to each of them for their pains hereafter to be taken I give 3s 4d. **Witnesses** to this will are the parties above said. **Year** and day above written.

Probate granted 16 April 1588 to the executrix. Obligation to Thomas Par of Basing husbandman and Thomas Whelan of Sherfield on Loddon yeoman.

An inventory of all the goods and chattels of Edwarde Clarke late of Basing deceased taken and appraised the 23 of January in the year of our Lord God 1587.

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In the hall			
Imprimis one chair	0	0	6
Item one back of timber joined work	0	5	0
Item one long table	0	2	0
Item one pair of tongs	0	0	8
Item one fire shovel	0	0	8
Item 2 andirons	0	1	0
Item a pair of bellows	0	0	2
Item 4 bacon hogs at the roof	1	6	8
Sum total	1	16	8
In the chamber			
Item five coffers and one chest	0	15	0
Item 2 flock beds, 3 coverlets and 2 bolsters priced at	1	0	0
Item one bedstead and 2 testers priced at	0	10	0

Item 2 diaper tablecloths and one canvas tablecloth	0	5	0
Item one Christening sheet	0	6	8
Item five table napkins	0	2	0
Item 2 Holland pillowberes	0	4	0
Item six pairs of sheets	1	5	0
Item 10 platters, 7 pottingers and 7 saucers priced at	0	19	4
Item one chamber pot, 2 drinking cups, one dish and five candlesticks	0	4	8
Item one cloak	0	13	4
Item one old bedstead	0	0	6

In the kitchen

Item 6 kettles little and great	0	15	0
Item one brass pan priced at	0	6	0
Item one posnet, 2 brass pots and one iron pot	0	13	4
Item one broche and one dripping pan	0	1	0
Item one bushel, 3 tubs, one butter churn, one bolting hutch, one firkin, one axe, 2 bills, 7 sieves, 4 wedges, 2 butter baskets	0	12	6
Item 2 shovels and 2 mattocks	0	4	0
Item one mill	0	8	0
Item one cheese press and certain other timber	0	4	0

In an outhouse

Item certain old timber	0	8	0
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In the gate

Item one wheelbarrow, one barley roller, one plough, 2 carts furnished priced	1	0	0
Item one hog trough and one rack for cattle	0	1	0
Item certain fire wood	1	10	0
Item five kine	8	6	8
Item 2 bullocks priced at	1	0	0
Item 4 weaner bullocks and three colts	2	6	8
Item six horses and their furniture and certain implements in the stable priced at	9	0	0
Item the core in the barn and in the field priced at	3	6	8
Item corn sown elsewhere	2	0	0
Item 4 acres and a half of vetches	1	10	0
Item 2 acres of wheat and 2 acres of vetches sown to the thirds	1	7	0
Item certain corn in his other barn and other implements in the house there priced at	2	0	0
Item his interest in the house and land he holds of Master Dummer's heirs	8	0	0
Item certain hay in the barn	0	10	0
Sum total	53	12	0

Debtes due by the testator as follows

Imprimis to Barnarde Wakefild	8	0	0
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Item to William Dowlye	2	0	0
Item to Michael Forster	0	5	0
Item to Jhon Selland	0	3	8
Item to my brother Richard Blake	2	0	0
Item to Jhon Lipscome to be paid on Saint Thomas day next	0	3	4
Item to the same Jhon to be paid at the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle next ensuing	2	0	0
Item to my brother Jhon Clarke	2	0	0
Item further to my brother Blake for work	1	0	0

Debtes forgotten by the testator and confessed by the executrix his late wife as follows

Imprimis to Jhon Morymor	5	0	0
Item to William May	2	11	0
Item more to him for a gelding to be paid on May Day next	1	13	4
Item to Thomas Oades	1	4	0
Item to Jhon Wakefild	1	5	9
Item to Gilbert Duncce	0	3	0
Item to Richarde Blake	0	9	0