

**Richard Ridding/Rydyngge of Old Basing, 1558**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1558U/201**

**In the name of God Amen** the 10th day of September AD 1557 I Richard Rydyngge of Basing within the diocese of Winchester being sick in body but of whole and perfect mind do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, **first** I bequeath, give and commit my soul to Almighty God to our Lady Saint Mary and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the parish church of Basing. **Item** I bequeath to my cathedral church being the Trinity church in Winchester 2d. **Also** I bequeath to my parish church of Basing [8d]. **Item** I do make, constitute and ordain Joan my wife my full executrix to see all things performed according to this my last will and testament and as shall think best and most convenient for my soul's health. **Also** I give and bequeath to the said Joan my wife my house and my land which is 17 acres of arable land in Basing Fields for the term of her life natural. **And she** to have the charge and oversight of my children during the same time. **Also** I will that after the death of my said wife Antonye Rydyng my eldest son shall have my said house and 17 acres of arable land in Basing Fields to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. **And if** it shall charge my said son Antonye to die without issue of his body I will that my said house and lands shall remain to Edward Rydyngge my son and so for lack of issue to the rest of my children. **Also** I will that the said Joan my wife shall have all the goods that be within my house or elsewhere moveable or immoveable to her for the term of her life and she to dispose them to my children as she shall think most convenient. **Also** I will that Edward my son shall have the little house adjoining to my own house during the term of his life after the term of the life of my wife paying therefore yearly to Anthony my eldest son the sum and value of 12d. **Also** I will that one cupboard, a chest, a table and a form shall remain in the house as standards. **Also** I make and ordain William Wakefeild the elder and Thomas Whyte to be my overseers of this my present will. **In witness** whereof I have to this my present testament set my sign the day and year above written in the presence of Robert Cockson curate of Basing, William Wakefeild the elder, Thomas White, William Frye with others.

Probate granted 31 March 1558 to the executrix.

The inventory of all the goods and cattle of Rychard Rydyngge of Basing within the county of Southampton who deceased the 28th day of November in the year of our Lord God 1557 overseen and praised by Richard Clarke, Thomas White, Edward Unkyll and William Frye the first day of January in the same year.

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| <b>In the hall</b>  |   |    |   |
| <b>Imprimis</b> one cupboard, one board, one form, one joined stool, 2 chairs price                 | 0 | 7  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one bench, 4 cushions price   | 0 | 1  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> two pot-hangers, two andirons one gridiron and one iron shoeing horn price              | 0 | 1  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 18 platters, 8 pottingers, two saucers, one salt of pewter and one pewter charger price | 0 | 16 | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 basins, one chafing dish, two ewers and 8   |   |    |   |

candlesticks price 0 9 0

**In the kitchen**

**Imprimis** two brass pots, one chafer of brass,  
one posnet, two cauldrons, 4 pans one, little brass  
pot price

1 6 8

**Item** one kettle price

0 3 0

**Item** two pot hooks, one andiron, one frying pan,  
one trivet, one saw and 3 iron wedges one bill,  
one axe and one hatchet

0 5 0

**Item** one powdering trough and one kiver, one  
mattock, two leather bottles, 10 tubs price

0 5 0

**Item** 12 spoons, 12 trenchers, 3 hogs in bacon price

0 8 8

**In the loom shop**

**Imprimis** one loom with the appurtenances price

0 10 0

**In the chamber**

**Imprimis** 3 bedsteads, 4 chests, 2 coffer price

0 12 0

**Item** two featherbeds, 3 coverlets and 4 blankets,  
two bolsters, one pillow price

1 14 0

**Item** 6 sheets, two tablecloths, two pillowberes, one  
towel price

0 9 4

**Item** his apparel

0 10 0

**In the woodyard**

**Imprimis** one hen and 4 ducks price

0 1 2

**Item** in wood

0 1 0

**In the barn**

**Imprimis** one stack of wheat price

0 8 0

**Item** one stack of barley price

0 5 0

**In the fields**

**Imprimis** one cow price

0 13 4

**Item** 4 sheep price

0 8 0

**Sown in the fields**

**Imprimis** sown in the field 5 acres of wheat price

0 16 8

Sum total this inventory

10 12 6