

Christopher Sylvester/Sylfester of Old Basing, 1551

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In the name of God Amen the 12th day of August in the 5th year of the reign of our suffering Lord King Edward the 6th, our supreme head and governor of the Church of England and Ireland and Defender of the Faith, I Crystover Sylfester of the parish of Basing being whole of mind and memory but sick in body do make this my last will and testament. **First** and chiefly I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer and my body to the earth. **Item** I give to my parish church in Basing 12d. **Item** to Sherfield *on Loddon* church 12d. **Item** I give to Rychard my son a red cow named Mott. **Item** I give to Wyllyam my son a bullock that goes with his own bullock in the yoke. **Item** to the same Wyllyam my son 3 sheep. **Item** I will to my son John Sylfester one brown cow with 3 sheep. **Item** I will to Antony my son one heckferth bullock of a year old and more and 3 sheep. **Item** to my daughter Amys and her husband one fallow cow and 2 sheep. **Item** to my daughter Margareth a black heckferth of 2 year age with 2 sheep and 20s in money. **Item** to my daughter Johne a brown heckferth, 2 sheep with 20s in money. **Item** to my daughter Ales Sylfester one red heckferth, 2 sheep in money 20s. **Item** I will and bequeath to Johne my wife all the profits of my free land during her natural life and after her decease to remain to the right heirs. **Item** I will that she shall have the use and profits of all such lease indentures and other to her own counselling and she to dispose them to which of my children as she shall think best. **Item** I will that my wife shall have the keeping of all my legacies at her pleasure and use to deliver them at all times as she shall think best by the counsel of her friends.

Item I will and bequeath all and singular my goods and cattle not bequeathed and my debts paid to Johne my wife whom I make my whole executrix to dispose for my soul's health and all Christian [souls] as God shall give her grace, bearing witness John Colle, Thomas Pety with others more.

Probate granted 3 October 1551 to the executrix.

An inventory taken of all the goods and cattle of Crystaver Sylfester and praised by Wyllyam Cowder, Thomas Pety, Wyllyam Turner and other the 8th day of September, *in the 5th year of Edward VI.*

	£	s	d
Imprimis 4 plough beasts priced	5	6	8
Item 6 kine	5	11	0
Item 3 hecferth bullocks	1	10	0
Item 2 mares	1	0	0
Item 21 sheep	2	0	0
Item 4 lambs	0	4	0
Item 5 small hogs	0	11	6
Item 4 geese, 6 hens	0	3	4
Item his wheat	1	0	0
Item peas and oats	0	19	8
Item his hay	0	18	0
Item certain brass and pewter	0	10	0

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Item certain bedding and napery	1	0	0
Item certain implements of household	0	10	0
Item one plough with certain other implements	0	9	0
Sum	22	13	2

His debts

Nothing is listed.