

**William Aslett of Basingstoke, baker, 1635**

**Ref: Hants. RO**

**In the name of God Amen** the twentieth day of October Anno Domini 1635 and in the eleventh 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 William Aslett of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton baker, being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to almighty God), do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say): **first** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of 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 mean 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 manner and form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any person, I will shall be duly and truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed **item** then I give and bequeath out of the remainder of my estate unto Mary my eldest daughter, the wife of Thomas Clarke, the sum of five pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her at the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary next ensuing the date hereof. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Aslett the sum of six pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her when she shall accomplish her full age of eighteen years or at her day of marriage, which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Clare Aslett the sum of six pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her when she shall accomplish her full age of eighteen years or at her day of marriage which of the same days or times shall first and next happen after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor people of the town of Basingstoke aforesaid four and twenty shillings of lawful money of England which is due or owing unto me by or from one Pococke of Tadley in the county of Southampton aforesaid if the said debt shall or may be received of him, the said Pococke. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid, the legacies in this my will performed and my funeral expenses discharged, I wholly give and bequeath unto Margerye my now wife whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executrix of this my 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 Robert Stocker of Basingstoke aforesaid tanner, Thomas Hall the younger of Basingstoke aforesaid clothier and John Holmes of Basingstoke aforesaid yeoman desiring them to be aiding and assisting unto my said executrix to see this my will performed. **Unto** each of which for their pains to be taken therein I give and bequeath five shillings apiece of lawful money of England. 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 hereunto set my hand and seal the day and years first above written

Probate granted 8 December 1635 to Margerie Aslett, relict. Sworn in front of Thomas Trimmer, haberdasher.

An inventory of the goods and chattels and debts of William Aslett of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton, baker, late deceased taken before Robert Stocker, Thomas Hall, John Holmes and Robert Trimmer the 27th day of October Anno Domini 1635.

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<b>Imprimis in the Hall</b>			
Two tables, one sideboard, eight joined stools, one chair, a carpet, and six cushions, a pair of fire tongs and a pair of dogs	2	10	0
<b>Item in the Kitchen</b>			
A table, a form, a chair and cushion, a cauldron and other brass, spits and pewter, a fire pan and tongs with other necessities belonging to the same room	6	5	0
<b>Item in the Bakehouse</b>			
A moulding board and certain old tubs, two kivers, four searches, a pile of weights, a pair of scales, a bushel and other lumber	0	10	0
<b>Item in the Shop</b>			
A pair of hampers and other lumber	0	5	0
<b>Item in the Cellar</b>			
Three barrels, three firkins, a stand, three kivers, a kive with other lumber	0	14	0
<b>Item in the Chamber over the Hall</b>			
A table, five stools, a bedstead with a truckle bedstead, two beds, three bolsters, two pillows, a blanket and three coverlets, a chest, a coffer, ten pairs of sheets, four table cloths, and three dozen of napkins with other certain linen in the said chest and coffer, more one coffer, two boxes, a chair	8	10	0
<b>Item in Chamber over the Kitchen</b>			
A table, two stools, a bed, a rug, a chest, two coffers and a bench	2	2	0
<b>Item in the Chamber over the Shop</b>			
A bed, two bolsters, three pillows, a tub and a wheel	2	0	0
<b>Item in the Chamber over the Bakehouse</b>			
A cupboard, an old chair, two old chests with other lumber	0	15	0
<b>Item in the Garrett Lofts</b>			
An old bed, a bolster, a pillow, a blanket, two old			

coverlets, a pair of curtains, a cupboard and four  
bottles with other lumber

1    6    5

**Item in the Backside**

A well bucket with a rope and chain and wood and  
timber

4    0    0

**Item** more, five horses with harnesses, two carts,  
two dung pots, a plough with plough gear, two  
pairs of harrows with other implements belonging  
thereto

22    6    8

**Item** four hogs, five shoots, ten sheep

9    0    0

**Item in corn in the barn and upon the ground**  
with eight sacks and horse meat

63    10    0

**Item** in money and ware in the house at the time  
of his death

4    0    0

**Item** his wearing apparel

2    0    0

**Item** money due to him in his trading likely to be  
recovered

4    0    0

**Item** money due to him in desperate debts

4    0    0

Sum    138    14    4

**Item** his debts which are to be discharged  
by his executrix besides the legacies  
expressed in his will

73    18    6

Robert Stocker  
Thomas Hall  
John Holmes  
Robert Trimmer