John Wakefelde of Old Basing, smith, 1546 Ref: Hants. RO 1546B/195

The parish of Basing.

The last will and testament of John Wakefelde, smith.

In the Name of God Amen the 21st day of July, the year of our Lord God 1546, I John Wakefelde, smith, being whole of mind and memory (but sick in body), do after this form and manner make this my last will and testament. First and chiefly I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our Lady Saint Mary and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried within the churchyard of Peter and Paul in Basing.

I bequeath to my mother church the trinity in Winchester 2d.

Item I bequeath to the high altar in Basing to be prayed for and for my tithes forgotten 12d.

Item I bequeath to Wyllyam Wakefelde my son the elder 6s 8d.

Item to Jerom my son 6s 8d with one flockbed with his bolster and one pair of sheets and a shredden coverlet.

Item to Edward my son 13s 4d which I lent to him.

Item to Agnes my daughter 6s 8d.

Item to my godson John Wakefelde 2s.

Item to Wyllyam Hawtrelle my godson 2s.

Item to Margarethe Sylfester my servant 12d.

Item I will and bequeath all and singular my goods and cattle not bequeathed (and my debts paid), to Wyllyam Wakefeld my younger son whom I make my whole executor to dispose for the health of my soul and all Christian souls so now as God shall give His grace.

Bearing witness Sir Rychard Skelton curate, Sir Edward Motthe, Jerom Wakefeld, Edward Uncle with others.

Probate granted 1 September 1546 to the executor named.