

Richard Jeyes of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1693

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In the name of God Amen, the fourteenth day of July AD 1693 and in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereigns Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defenders of the faith etc., I Richard Jeyes of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament. **First** and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty 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 means whatsoever. **And my** body I commit to the earth to be decently buried by the discretion of my executors hereafter named. **And for** such temporal means or estate whereof the Lord of his bounty has bestowed on me in this life, I will, devise and bequeath the same as follows: **First** I will that all such debts which I duly or truly owe unto any person shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Jeyes all that my messuage, tenement or farmhouse commonly called or known by the name of Pens Farm as the same is now situate and being in Cliddesden in the said county of Southampton with the barns, stable, outhouses, orchards and gardens together also with all my land there belonging to me at the said farm. **And also** one close without Pens Farm gate on the west side thereof lying and being in Hatch Field in Basingstoke aforesaid. **Item** I give unto my son Edward Jeyes my now dwelling house in Basingstoke aforesaid with the outhouses, stables and all other the premises together with all my land now lying and being dispersedly in the several common fields of Basingstoke aforesaid, and one close adjoining to Hatch and one acre of meadow in Wildmoor.

Item I give and bequeath also unto my son Edward Jeyes my five best horses and the hackney mare, and the new set of harnesses and the best wagon with all the implements belonging thereunto. **Item** I give unto my son Richard Jeyes the next best wagon and the other five horses. **Item** I give unto my son Richard and son Edward aforementioned all my stock now being and all my goods and monies and leases of land, equally between them, in proportion share and share alike. **Item** I give unto [blank] my wife the best bed with all its furniture and all the furniture for a room and my will is that my said son Richard and son Edward pay unto my said wife the sum of twelve pounds of lawful English money yearly and every year during her natural life, and my will and meaning is that the said money shall be paid unto her quarterly (that is to say), three pounds a quarter to be paid unto her equally between them.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law William Barnard the sum of forty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto him by my executors within twelve months after my decease. **Item** I give unto my sister Christian Mourne the sum of twenty shillings to be paid her within twelve months after my decease. **Item** I give unto my cousin Elizabeth Mourne the sum of ten shillings to be paid her in like manner. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Basingstoke the sum of three pounds to be distributed amongst them according to the discretion of my executors.

Item I constitute, make and ordain my well beloved sons Richard Jeyes and Edward Jeyes my full, only and sole executors of this my last will and testament. **And I** do make my well beloved friends and neighbours William Spencer and Edward Mourné overseers of this my said will desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executors to see this my said will performed unto whom for their pains to be herein taken I give ten shillings apiece of current English money. **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 this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, published, declared to be
the last will and testament of the said
testator in the presence of
[John] Abbott
Aquila Clapshew

The mark of the said
Richard Jeyes

Probate granted
7 September 1693
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A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, cattle, chattels and credits of Richard Jeyes of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, taken, valued and appraised this first day of August AD 1693 by Richard James of Basingstoke aforesaid yeoman, William Spencer of Basingstoke aforesaid clothier and John Abbott of Basingstoke aforesaid butcher as follows.

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Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in the house	34	0	0

In the kitchen

Item one table and frame, three joined stools, one cupboard, one settle	0	10	0
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Item one furnace with a lid to it, one brewing vat	2	10	0
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Item eleven pewter platters, one tinnen lanthorn, three pewter pottingers, two saucers, one pewter tankard, one salt cellar, two tin pottingers	0	11	0
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Item one spit jack with irons with weight, two pairs of cotterells, one fire pan and tongs, two andirons, one pair of dogs	0	10	0
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Item three smoothing irons, one spit, one pair of bellows, one flesh fork, two candlesticks, three wire candlesticks, one gridiron, one toasting iron, one fender a cleaver	0	5	0
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In the Hall

Item one table, two joined stools, one cushion, one rush chair	0	4	0
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In the buttery

Item two great brass kettles, two small brass kettles, three skillets, one brass pot, two iron pots, one warming pan, one frying pan, one pasty pan, two dripping pans

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Item two skimmers, one ladle, one milk bucket, four water buckets, one pail, one salt tub, two gallon measures, one peck measure, one form, two small tubs, six plate trenchers, two dozen of plain trenchers with some earthen vessels

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In the washhouse

Item one bucking tub, one hogwash tub, one form

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In the shop

Item fifteen hundred of cheese, one flitch of bacon, one form one half hundred iron weight, two quarter of hundred lead weights and some other small weights, one great iron scale beam, scales, one small iron scale beam with brass scales

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In the malthouse

Item two meal kivers, one little tub, one meal chest, two searches

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In the cellar

Item ~~three~~ six great barrels, two small barrels, six kivers, two tubs, one wooden, bowl, one tunnel, one iron pitch kettle, three stands

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In the chamber over the kitchen

Item one bedstead with curtains, matt, cord and curtain rods

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Item one feather bed, one rug, one blanket, one paire of sheets, two bolsters

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Item one truckle bed with mat and cord, one flock bed one blanket, one coverlet

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Item one press, two joined chests, three coffers, one box, two rush chairs, one cushion, three blankets

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Item three pairs of sheets, three pillow beres, one dozen of napkins, four towels, two tablecloths, one looking glass

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In the room over the shop

Item three half headed bedsteads, three mats. three cords, three coverlets, three blankets, two sheets,

one chair	2	0	0
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In the passage into the chamber

Item one tenon saw, one cutting knife, one hand saw, a parcel of old iron and some other small things	0	5	0
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In the loft over the hall chamber

Item seven bushels of wheat	1	15	0
Item three quarters of malt	3	15	0
Item five quarters of oats	3	15	0
Item sixteen tods of wool	14	0	0

In the backside

Item three wagons and wheels to them, two dung carts and wheels	22	0	0
Item seven hogs, eight pigs and two cows	10	0	0
Item two ploughs with all their tackling, six harrows, two drags and a roller	2	10	0

In the stable

Item eight geldings, three mares	33	0	0
Item eleven pairs of cart harness, eleven pairs of plough harness, eleven halters	7	0	0
Item three corn lines, one chain	0	10	0

In the garden

Item seven loads of hay and three hundred of fagots	6	10	0
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In the common fields

Item twelve score wether sheep	84	0	0
Item two and forty ewe sheep and seven lambs	10	0	0
Item in the sown fields seven and thirty acres of wheat	60	0	0
Item ninety two acres of barley	120	0	0
Item five and fifty acres of peas	70	0	0
Item six and forty acres of oats and tills	45	0	0
Item ten acres of vetches	10	0	0

Sum total	570	15	0
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