

Leonard Mulford/Mulforde of Old Basing, 1573.

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In the name of God Amen I Leonard Mulforde of Basing sick of body yet of perfect remembrance, thanks be unto God, the 6th day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1573 do ordain this distribution, following as at my last will and testament, committing myself wholly to the mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ and my body to the Christian burial. **And for** the better execution of this my will I do appoint Rycharde Earlee of Midgham and Rychard Marshall of Herriard as the overseers thereof. **And whereas** there was a composition or agreement between Wylliam Wakefeld and me about a house and a smith's forge upon the which I received £13, be it now finally determined that if it please God to take me out of this world my son and heir shall pay unto the said Wylliam Wakefeld the said sum of £13 at Christmas next ensuing as a full acquittance between them. **Item** I will that what composition was made between me and John Hollowaye in every point shall be performed and kept between him and my eldest son Stephen. **Item** I give and bequeath unto him a great pot and a great cauldron. **Item** to him a great chest that I myself do occupy, my lesser gun with the furniture. **Item** I give to him 40s whereof I will 20s to be paid unto him a month after my departure and the other 20s half one year after immediately. **Item** I give to him one sheep, a bill, a sword and dagger with a piece of silver and the caul.

Item I give and bequeath to my younger son Trestram the leases of the fulling mill and all things belonging to the same. **Item** I give to him the branded cow, one pair of steers, a great chest. **Item** (after two brass pans chosen out of six), I will that he choose the best of the four remaining. **Item** I give to him my curver with a firelock. **Item** I give him 20s, a bill, a halberd, my best sword a dagger and one sheep. **Item** I give to my youngest son Christophore my best cow, a bill and a dagger. **Item** I give to my youngest daughter the best of the three pans remaining and the second cauldron. **Item** I give to my sister Joane Estott 50s if she stay not with my overseers or be at their appointment. **Item** I give to her a silver pin. **Item** I give to my cousin Thomasyne Coxe 50s. **Item** I give to my daughter Elizabethe a silver spoon. **Item** I give to my eldest daughter Ales a pair of silver tach hooks with her mother's ring. **Item** I give to my daughter Margaret one of my best sheets. **Witnesses** to this my last will and testament Rychard Mulford, (*missing*) Wakefeld and (*missing*) Osye with others more called for that purpose.

Probate granted 11 July 1573 to Richard Marshall. Obligation to Richard Earlye of Midgham in the County of Berks gent, Richard Marshall of Herriard in the county of Southampton husbandman, John Lyde of Herriard yeoman and Richard Mulford of Basing shoemaker.