

**Walter Bernard of Basingstoke, 1606**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1606A/04**

November 30 1605

**In the name of God Amen.** I Walter Bernard of Basingstoke in Southampton being sick in body, but of good and perfect memory (praise God), do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commit my soul to Almighty God the giver of it and my body to be buried in Christian burial by my mother in Basingstoke litten, and for my goods wherewith God has blessed me, my will is as follows. **Item** I give to the churchwardens of Basingstoke for the church 5s, and to the collectors of the poor there two bushels of wheat to be baked presently and given to the poor by my hereafter named overseers. **Item** I give and bequeath to my sons William Bernard and Rychard Bernard and to my daughters Elizabeth Bernard and Andrea Bernard £100, that is to say, to each one of them £25. **Item** I give to my brothers William Bernard, Thomas Bernard and Anthony Bernard 10s viz to every of them 3s 4d a piece. **Item** I give and bequeath the leases of the mill and my house with the appurtenances jointly to my loving wife Elizabeth Bernard and Edward Bernard my eldest son, that they may be the better able to pay the above named legacies; and if my son Edward departs this life before he be 21 years old, then I will that William Bernard my son shall be in his place and right, and then his £25 to be divided among the rest surviving. **And** if he depart this life before the age of 21 years, then I will that my son Rychard Bernard shall be in his stead and right, and his £25 to be divided among the rest surviving and being alive at the full age of one and twenty years, at which age and not before, the several legacies of my said children shall be paid unto them by my hereafter named executors. **And** lest one of my executors should wrong one another, as my will is that they shall jointly bring up my children during their minority, so I would have them to be directed by my hereafter named overseers. **And** I will that when it shall please the right Honourable the Lord Marquis of Winchester to permit my said executors to renew their estates if it may be ordered, that they jointly shall enjoy the said leases during the life of my said wife, and that after her decease the other executor, my son, shall have and enjoy it wholly. **And** whereas my loving father Edward Bernard has made me his sole executor of his last will, and therein has given divers legacies and namely some to my brethren, Thomas, William and Anthonie, I do hereby bind my hereafter named executors to pay and perform the said will and legacies according to my father's good meaning. **Item** I make and ordain Elizabeth Bernard my wife and Edward Bernard my eldest son to be my executors, and if Edward die before 21 years old, then I will that my son William be half executor in his place and right. **And** if William Bernard die before he be 21 years old, then I will that my son Rychard Bernard be half executor in his stead and right. **Lastly** I ordain and appoint my loving father Edward Bernard, Mr Ambrose Webb our vicar, Thomas Bunney and Rychard Bernard, all of Basingstoke, to be the overseers of this my last will and testament, praying them to see it performed and to be helpers to my executors and children with their good advice and counsel. **And** for their pains I will and give them 10s, viz to every of them 2s 6d for a token of good will and remembrance.

Walter Bernard

his mark

In the presence of these underwritten

Robert Waller/Walker

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John Carter, his mark  
Anne Eyles, her mark

And in the presence of Ambrose Webb, Thomas Bunney and Rychard Bernard  
overseers

An inventory of Walter Bernard's goods and chattels taken May 30, 1606, and then  
appraised by Thomas Bunney, John Scott, Rychard Bernard, John Carter, Ambrose  
Webb Clerk and Edward Bernard.

	£	s	d
<b>In the hall</b>			
<b>Imprimis</b> 2 tables and frames, a long form, a chair, a cupboard, 6 joined stools, 6 cushions, 2 carpets, 1 cradle, 1 caliver furnished, a long piece of wainscot and a long painted cloth, 3 pairs of pot hangers, 2 iron dogs, a pair of bellows, a little stool and a little table	2	0	0
<b>In the chamber by the hall</b>			
A fair standing bedstead with settle, a featherbed and a feather bolster, 2 feather pillows, 2 coverlets, 1 blanket, 1 cupboard, 4 cofferes, certain painted cloths, a brush, 20 sheets, 6 pillow beres, 18 table napkins, 3 tablecloths and a desk	7	10	0
<b>In the chamber over the former chamber</b>			
1 featherbed and feather bolster, 1 flockbed and flock bolster, 1 coverlet, 1 blanket, a wainscot chest and an old chest, 2 feather pillows, 2 old chairs and a field bedstead	2	0	0
<b>In the maid's chamber</b>			
1 flockbed with a flock bolster, 2 coverlets, a hamper, a great coffer and a portion of boards with a door and lock	1	0	0
<b>In the buttery</b>			
An old saw and 20 barrels, kivers and other old tubs, 1 butter churn and certain cheese vats and 3 dozen and a half of pewter, 2 pewter candlesticks, 3 pewter pots and 2 salts	2	10	0
<b>In the kitchen</b>			
3 brass kettles, 5 brass pots, 2 brass pans, 1 great brass pan, 3 brass skillets, a brass basin, 2 brass candlesticks, 1 brass chafing dish, 1 brass skimmer, a mincing knife and 2 cleavers, 3 spits, 2 pairs of andirons and a trivet with a dripping pan	3	10	0

**In the bakehouse**

2 salting troughs with covers, 1 brewing vat, 2 yoting vats, 1 cheese press, a hen coop and a wrench	0	13	4
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**In the servant's chamber**

1 bedstead, 1 flockbed with some necessities to it	0	8	0
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<b>Item</b> his wearing apparel	5	0	0
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<b>Item</b> money in his purse	0	10	0
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<b>Item</b> 12 fitches of bacon, 10 cheeses with trenchers, spoons, dishes and other small implements of diverse sorts	3	6	8
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<b>Item</b> 4 quarters of malt (plus minus) and as much wheat by estimation	6	13	4
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<b>Item</b> horse beasts, 10 carts, 2 ploughs, 2 with cart harness and plough harness and other implements thereunto belonging	24	0	0
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<b>Item</b> 6 kine and a bull, 3 beasts of 2 years, 6 yearlings, 5 weaned calves	22	0	0
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<b>Item</b> 13 hogs, 12 weaned pigs with poultry and ducks	4	0	0
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<b>Item</b> sheep and lambs, 180 or thereabouts	45	0	0
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**In the field**

50 acres of wheat and rye, of barley 55, oats and dredge 25, vetches and peas 17	120	0	0
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<b>Item</b> the lease of the house etc.	50	0	0
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Sum total	300	2	4
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Agreed, Ambrosius Webb

Edwarde Bernarde, his mark

Thomas Bunney

Rychard Bernard, his mark

John Carter, his mark

John Scott, his mark