

John Alstone/Alston of Old Basing, tailor, 1580

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In the name of God Amen the 13 of the month of May 1580 I John Alstone of Basing in the county of Southampton tailor, being sick of body but of whole mind and in good and perfect memory, thanks be unto the Almighty, do make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following.

That is to say first I commend my soul to God my Maker and Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Basing. **Item** I will that all such debts as I do owe of right or of conscience to any person or persons be well and truly paid out of such goods and chattels as I leave unto my executrix. **Item** I do give unto my six children that is to say 2 sons and 4 daughters the sum of twenty and four pounds to be equally divided between them and the said portions to be delivered to my 2 sons at the age of 21 years and to my daughters at the day of marriage. **And if** any of my said children chance to depart this world before the times of the payment of their legacies, then my will is that the legacy of that child departed shall by the discretion of my overseers be divided amongst my children where they shall think most best. **Also** I do make Elezabethe my wife my full and whole executrix and after my debts paid and legacies above rehearsed I do give unto Elizabeth my wife all the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed. **And for** that my trust is that my wife will have a special care in the well bringing up of my said children and for her better help therein my will is that that she shall have in the custody and use at the said sum of £24 which is my children's legacy so long as she shall keep herself sole and widow. **But if it** happen that my said wife shall marry or contract herself with any other man, then my will is that those persons hereafter named, that is to say John Wakefeld, John Cheatter, Frances Shrempton and Rychard Styll or either of them, shall be those present have full authority to take the said goods from my said wife or else to take sufficient bonds and securities for the answering of the said goods unto my children at the times above rehearsed. **And also** I do make the said John Wakefeld, John Chearter, Fraunces Shrempton and Rychard Styell my overseers and do by these present give them full authority to execute all and singular this my last will according to the true meaning thereof and I utterly revoke and deny all and every other the testaments, wills, legacies executors or overseers by me before this time made.

Probate granted 7 December 1580 to the executrix. Obligation to Francis Shrimpton of Basing yeoman and John Charter of the same place, yeoman.

An inventory of all the goods and chattels of John Alstone of Basing in the county of Southampton taken the 7th of September AD 1580 as follows.

	£	s	d
Household stuff in the hall			
Item a cupboard of oak	0	2	6
Item a joined table	0	3	0
Item a back of wainscot	0	2	0
Item 3 joined stools	0	1	0
Item a painted cloth	0	1	0

The bed chamber

Item a wainscot bedstead	0	6	0
Item 4 old chests	0	6	0
Item 2 painted cloths	0	2	6
Item a flock bed	0	2	0
Item a coverlet	0	2	0
Item 3 pair of sheets	0	8	0

The chamber above

Item 2 bedsteads	0	3	6
Item a flock bed	0	2	6
Item a pair of blankets	0	2	0

The kitchen

Item 2 brass pots	0	6	0
Item one brass pan	0	2	0
Item 4 kettles	0	10	0
Item 2 skillets	0	1	0
Item 6 pewter dishes	0	4	0
Item a chafing dish and a mortar	0	1	4
Item 5 old tubs	0	2	0
Item 2 flitches of bacon	0	3	4
Sum	4	13	8

Cattle

Item one ox	2	10	0
Item 6 milk kine	9	0	0
Item 5 young bullocks	3	0	0
Item 12 wether tegs	3	5	0
Item 4 ewe tegs	0	16	0
Item 15 ewes	0	19	0
Item 2 young colts	2	13	4
Item 6 small hogs	0	10	0
Sum	23	4	4

Corn and other grain

Item 3 acres of wheat	2	0	0
Item 6 acres of barley	3	0	0
Item 5 acres of pease	1	10	0
Sum	6	10	0
Sum total	33	8	0

John Wakefelld praised by Frances Shrempton, John Charter, Rychard Styell.