

Frances Box of Basingstoke, innkeeper, 1663

Ref: TNA PROB 11/310/498

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth of November in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and two I Frances Box of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton inn holder being weak in body but in whole and perfect in memory, thanks be given to Almighty God, do constitute, ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to the great mercy of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executrix. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Mary Lewis, widow dwelling in East Sherborne in the county of Southampton the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto the said Mary Lewes widow within twelve months after my decease. **Also** I give unto my daughter Elnor Box the sum of ten pounds to be paid her by my executrix within three months after my decease. **Also** I give and bequeath unto my son John Box the sum of twenty five pounds to be paid by my executrix at the day of his marriage or one and twenty years of age, the which of them shall first happen. **Also** I give and bequeath to my beloved son Edward Box the sum of twenty pounds to be paid to him by my executrix at the day of his marriage or at one and twenty years of age, the which of them shall first happen. **Also** I give unto my beloved son Frances Box the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my executrix at the age of one and twenty years or at his day of marriage the which shall first happen. **Also** I give unto my kinsman Thomas Wattridge in money two shillings sixpence. **And to** my servant Mary Apelton the sum of one shilling. **And all** the residue of my goods and chattels not given nor bequeathed my debts, legacies and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Elinor Box whom I ordain and make my sole and whole executrix of this my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written in the presence of those whose names are underwritten. **The overseers** of this my last will whom I ordain and make my beloved friend William Eliot and Henry Merefeild both of the town aforesaid and for their good care in it I give two shillings sixpence apiece to buy them gloves for this their good care in it. **The mark** of Frances Box, William Elliott, Robert Smith, Henry Merefeild.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us.

Probate granted 7 April 1663.

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An inventory taken this [*illegible*] day [*illegible*] all the goods, cattle, chattels of Francis Boxe late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton Innkeeper deceased as the same were seen taken and appraised the third day of January AD 1663 and in the fourteenth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland and France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., William Becke, Thomas Hall, William Elliott, John Borne of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

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In the chamber of the deceased

Imprimis his wearing apparel and ten shillings in

his purse valued at	5	0	0
Item a joined bedstead, with wainscot, tester, mat and cord, one featherbed, two feather pillows, one blanket one blue rug, one red rug and two feather bolsters	4	0	0
Item one trundle bedstead, mat and cord, one featherbed, one feather bolster, one blanket and a coverlet	2	0	0
Item a table with a joined frame and four joined stools	0	8	0
Item two wainscot chests, one coffer and three boxes	1	0	0
Sum	12	8	0

In the room joining to the chamber

Item an old chest and one old coffer	0	4	0
Item 23 pairs of sheets, some of flaxen cloth and some canvas	8	0	0
Item two pairs of Holland sheets	1	0	0
Item five pairs of Holland pillowberes	0	10	0
Item a dozen of flaxen napkins, six dozen and a half of other napkins, nine canvas and flaxen tablecloths, seven towels, three cupboard cloths and two dresser cloths	5	10	0
Sum	15	4	0

In a low room called the Starre

Item a joined bedstead with a wainscot, tester, bedstead, mat and cord, four old curtains of green, six with valance and fringe, three curtain rods, a featherbed, feather bolster and old arras coverlet	3	0	0
Item a table with a joined frame, 4 joined stools, a wainscot, a chair, a joined form and a matted chair	0	15	0
Item a double cupboard	0	8	0
Item a pair of iron dogs and pair of tongs	0	2	0
Sum	4	5	0

In the taphouse

Item the form and the table with the frame and a short joined form	0	8	0
Sum as is			

In the old hall

Item a table with a frame, a short form and a pair of iron dogs	0	7	0
Sum as is			

In the Griffen near the old hall

Item a flock bed, a feather bolster and other things belonging to the bed	0	10	0
Sum as is			

In an old room

Item two old tables two old forms with other lumber	0	3	4
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Sum as is

In the parlour

Item a joined bedstead, mat and cord, a wainscot, tester, three striped curtains, a featherbed, a flock bed, a feather bolster, a flock bolster, one plain green rug and a blanket	3	0	0
Item a trundle bedstead, mat and cord, a little featherbed and feather bolster and a green rug	1	0	0
Item two tables with joined frames, two joined forms, a joined stool, two old chairs and a half stool, a joined stool, two old chairs and a pair of iron dogs with other lumber	1	0	0
Sum	5	0	0

In the room called the Dragon

Item a joined bedstead with a wainscot, tester, mat and cord, five curtains of striped stuff, 3 curtain rods, a feather bed, a flock bed, a feather bolster, 2 feather pillows, a blanket, a set rug	6	0	0
Item a trundle bedstead, mat and cord, a flock bed, a red set rug	1	0	0
Item a drawing table with joined frame, a square table and frame, 3 chairs covered with red leather, 3 old stools, a pair of andirons with brass top	1	15	0
Sum	8	15	0

In the Lion

Item a wainscot bedstead with 4 curtains, and curtain rods and valance with fringe, mat and cord, a featherbed, two feather bolsters, a flock bed two, feather pillows, a blanket, two green set rugs	6	0	0
Item a trundle bedstead, mat and cord, a featherbed, a feather bedstead, a blanket, a coverlet and a rug	1	10	0
Item a long table and joined frame, a little square table and joined frame, a double side cupboard, three chairs, three joined stools covered with leather, a chair of striped stuff, three cushions and a half stool	2	0	0
Item a pair of andirons and tongs with brass knobs a pair of bellows	0	6	0
Sum	9	16	0

In the Beare

Item a wainscot bedstead, mat and cord, five dornyx curtains, curtain rods and valance, a featherbed, feather bolster, a feather [pindle] and a dornyx coverlet	1	10	0
Item a table with a joined frame, three joined stools, a joined form, a matted chair, a pair of iron dogs and bellows and a cushion	0	15	0
Sum	2	5	0

In the Bell

Item a joined bedstead, mat and cord with a wainscot, tester, a featherbed, a flock bed, a feather bolster, 2 feather pillows, four striped curtains with valance of the same fringed, a blanket and a coverlet

3 10 0

Item a table with a frame, two joined forms, 2 joined stools, a wainscot chair, a leather chair, a pair of dogs and a cushion

1 0 0

Sum

4 10 0

In the Rose

Item a joined bedstead, mat and cord with a wainscot, tester, curtains, curtain rods and valance of striped stuff, a featherbed, a feather bolster, 2 feather pillows, a flock bed, two blankets and a red rug

5 0 0

Item a trundle bedstead, mat and cord a featherbed, feather bolster and red rug

2 0 0

Item three tables with joined frames, thirteen joined stools, four leather chairs, two leather stools, a turkey work chair, four cushions, a carpet of striped stuff, a side cupboard, a pair of table, basin and ewer, a pair of andirons and tongs with brass knobs and a pair of bellows

3 10 0

Sum

10 10 0

In the Crowne

Item two joined bedsteads with mats and cords and wainscot, tester, one with dornyx curtains and the other with green [stynchs], two featherbeds, a feather bolster, three flock bolsters, 2 blankets, two green set rugs and a feather pillow

6 0 0

Item a trundle bedstead, mat and cord

0 3 4

Item a long table with a joined frame, two lesser tables with frames, eight joined stools, a pair of iron dogs and tongs and a pair of bellows

1 5 0

Sum

7 8 4

In the Cheqr

Item bedstead, mat and cord, a little old table, an old form, cradle with other lumber

0 10 0

Sum as is

In the Larder

Item a powdering tub with a kiver, five small barrels, 3 earthen butter pots

0 10 0

Sum as is

In the Celler

Item nine hogsheads and 2 pipes and four hogsheads of beer

5 10 0

Item a dozen and a half of jugs and a dozen and a half of glasses	0	8	0
Item two hogs of bacon, a salting kiver with other lumber	3	0	0
Sum	8	18	0

In the other cellar 2 hogsheads, 2 small barrels, a tub and other lumber	0	15	0
Sum as is			

In the brewhouse

Item a brass furnace	6	0	0
Item a mash vat, a kive, a sweet wort vat, a cooler, 2 long kivers and other kives, 2 bucking tubs, two old water tubs, a shoot with a scoop and a fire fork	5	0	0
Sum	11	0	0

In the Kitchen

Item 33 pewter platters of a bigger sort and 10 pewter platters of a lesser sort, a dozen pewter porringers, 7 pewter flagons, five pewter salts, 3 pewter basins, a dozen pewter candlesticks, a dozen of pewter chamber pots, five small pewter plates, 8 pewter saucers, a little pewter bottle, a wine pint pot and a wine half pint pot and another pint pot of pewter, a still, a close stool pan with a box	9	0	0
Item 5 brass pots small and great, 4 brass kettles, a little brass pan, a bell skillet, and 4 other skillets	4	15	0
Item a spit, a jack with a leaden weight, a pair of iron andirons, a pair of iron dogs, 3 cotterells, a toasting iron, 3 smoothing irons, 5 fire shovels, 2 pairs of tongs, an iron dripping pan, a cleaver, a shredding knife and three latten dripping pans	2	2	6
Item a pair of bellows, an iron kettle, 3 pairs of iron pothooks, a pair of beef forks, a warming pan, a broken skimmer, a basting ladle, a brass chafing dish, a brass mortar and 6 tinnen candlesticks	1	10	0
Item 2 little square tables with frames, 6 joined stools, a joined form, 3 matted chairs, a double cupboard, another old cupboard, a chopping block, a looking glass, a pillow, 2 cushions, a flasket, a case, a meal tub, 3 buckets with iron bales	1	0	0
Item ten silver spoons	2	10	0
Sum	20	17	6

In the corn loft one quarter of wheat	1	12	0
Item 20 bushels of oats	1	10	0
Item five bushels of peas	0	12	6
Sum	3	14	6

In the hay loft

Item 4 loads of hay	4	0	0
Sum as is			

In the backside

Item twenty cords of wood	11	0	0
Item eleven hundred of faggots	4	0	0
Item a fatting hog	1	10	0
Item five lean hogs	1	10	0
Item seven store shoots	2	0	0
Item trestles and planks for butchers to use on market days	1	10	0
Item 2 ladders, a wheelbarrow, a mattock, an axe and 3 iron bars	0	10	0
Sum	22	0	0
Sum total	153	14	8

William Becke
The mark of the said Thomas Hall
William Elliott
John Borne

Debts sperate Richard Greene of Readnitt in the county of Berkshire by bill	1	18	6
By Peter Taylor in [douer ..heane]	0	7	6
	2	5	6

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