

John Davies Senior of Basingstoke, clothier 1680

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In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of April AD 1680 and in the two and thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I John Davies the elder of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier 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 commend 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 being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **And to** such temporal means of estate whereof the Lord of His bounty has bestowed in me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts which I duly and truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed then I give and bequeath unto Barbara my well beloved wife ten pounds a year of lawful money of England for and during her natural life to be yearly and every year issuing due and payable unto her out of all my lands and estates and hereditaments situate, lying and being in Basingstoke aforesaid and paid unto her at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel and Our Lady day by even and equal portions. **Also** I give and bequeath unto her, the said Barbara my wife, the room called the parlour of my dwelling house and all such bedding and other goods as are therein for the term of her natural life. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son in law William Blunden five shillings of current English money. **And to** his two children, namely William Blunden and Elizabeth Blunden, twenty shillings apiece of like money. **Item** I give unto my two sisters Johane [Kimon] and Mary Simpson twenty shillings apiece of current English money. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid, legacies in this my will performed and funeral expenses discharged I wholly give and bequeath to John Davies my son whom I make and ordain to be full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And overseers** of the same I do make my well beloved friends and neighbours Mr William Coleman and Mr Joseph Mooring to whom for their pains to be taken in assisting my executor I do give five shillings apiece to buy them gloves. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them stand in force but this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first over written.

John Davies

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will
and testament of the said John Davies the elder in
the presence of Samuell Wheate
William Simpson
John Borne snr

Probate granted 4 May 1680 to the executor nominated.

In this inventory or writing indented is contained all and singular the goods and chattels of John Davies late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothier deceased as the same were seen, taken valued and appraised the nine and twentieth day of April in the two and thirtieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., by Samuell Wheat of Pamber and Lawrence Reeves and Aquila Clapshew of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

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In his lodging chamber			
Item his wearing apparel money in the house and Books	5	0	0
Item one featherbed, 3 blankets, one coverlet, 2 bolsters, one pair of sheets, a pillow and pillowbere, a joined bedstead with curtains and valance	3	0	0
Item one great chest and therein a blanket and rug)			
Item 2 chests more, 4 coffers and 3 small boxes)			
Item 4 dozen of napkins and towels and 9 pairs of sheets with cloth and plate)	5	0	0
In the servant maid's chamber			
Item a bedstead and bed, 2 blankets and coverlet, a pair of sheets, 2 pillows and bolster and 2 coffers	1	0	0
In the hall			
Item 2 tables, 7 joined stools, a cupboard, 10 leather chairs, a pair of brass andirons, a pair of dogs, a pair of tongs, a fire shovel, a pair of bellows, 8 cushions, 2 carpets and 2 window curtains	3	0	0
In the parlour			
Item a bedstead, 2 featherbeds, curtains and valance, one rug, 2 blankets, a bolster and pillowbere a pair of dogs, a side cupboard and cloth, a cushion, 3 window curtains and rods	5	5	0
In the kitchen			
Item 78 pieces of pewter great and small with 2 flagons, 2 chamber pots and a close stool	2	5	0
Item 6 brass kettles, 2 brass candlesticks, 2 brass ladles, a skimmer, 5 skillets, a mortar and pestle, 4 brass pots, a warming pan and one brass pan	3	10	0
Item 2 iron dripping pans, 2 pairs of pot-hooks, 5 spits, a jack, a pair of andirons, a pair of dogs, <i>missing</i> pair of cotterells, a gridiron, <i>missing</i> , fire shovel, a pair of tongs, 2 great iron pots, 2 frying pans, 3 forms, a settle, 4 chairs and a little table	2	10	0
In the brewhouse			
Item one brew furnace, 11 kivers, two mashing tubs, 2 wash tubs with other lumber	1	10	0

In the shop

Item 2 looms, 5 pairs of shears with other lumber	1	10	0
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In the malt loft

Item for malt and malt mill, sacks, screen, bushel, strike, malt shovels and other things	40	0	0
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In the cellar

Item 14 barrels, a powdering tub and three stands with other lumber	1	5	0
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In the backside

Item 2 hogs and 6 small pigs	1	10	0
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Item for sheep and lambs	7	0	0
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Corn in the field

Item 10 acres of wheat, 4 acres of vetches, 8 acres of peas and fifteen and a half acres of barley	25	0	0
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In all	108	5	0
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Samuell Wheate
Lawrence Reeves
Aquila Clapshew