

William Spencer of Basingstoke, clothworker, 1667

Ref: Hants. RO 1667A/100

In the name of God Amen I William Spencer of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton clothworker senior, being aged and infirm in body but praised be God of a perfect memory and mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **That is** to say first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer and my body to be decently buried and for my worldly goods which it has pleased the Lord to lend me I thus dispose of as follows.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Edward Brambly my son in law five shillings to be paid unto him within six months after my decease by my executrix.

Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest son William my house and the piddle adjoining to it after the decease of my wife Margaret to him and to his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Spencer all my shop stuff and racks, only the two racks are to remain where they now stand until the decease of my wife.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elinor Seagrove ten shillings to be paid unto her within six months after my decease by my executrix.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jone twelve pence to be paid unto her six months after my decease by my executrix.

Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Richard Spencer twelve pence to be paid to him six months after my decease by my executrix.

Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Jane twelve pence to be paid unto her six months after my decease by my executrix.

Item I make Margaret my loving wife my sole executrix to whom I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and cattle and chattels which I now am seized off paying and discharging all my debts and legacies aforesaid.

And lastly I make and constitute William Lambe of Basingstoke and my son William Spencer of Basingstoke in the county aforesaid overseers of this my last will and testament to whom I give twelve pence apiece for the care and pains herein.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this present sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty and seven.

The mark of William Spencer the elder.

Signed, sealed and published by the said testator in the presence of Richard Lambe, Isaac Miles.

Probate granted 9 December 1667 to the named executrix. Obligation on John Wells of the same place, yeoman.

An inventory of the goods and chattels of William Spencer of Basingstoke deceased taken November the 5th 1667.

	£	s	d
Imprimis without door			
Item three and twenty sheep	6	4	0
Item two cloth racks	0	13	0
Item the wood in the yard	0	5	0

In the hall

Item two tables, one dresser, two forms, two stools, four old chairs and other lumber	0	12	0
Item one cupboard	0	4	0
Item one cotterell, two spits, one pair of andirons, one smoothing iron, one pair of tongs, one iron bar, one fire pan, one fender, one frying pan, the chimney chain, the flesh hook	0	8	0
Item two brass pots, two brass pans, two kettles, two brass skillets, one brass skimmer, one basting ladle, three brass candlesticks, on epiece of brass candlestick, three brass spoons	1	5	0
Item a bible	0	0	6
Item one and twenty pieces of pewter and six spoons	0	18	0

In the buttery

Item five old firkins	0	6	0
Item three kivers, one bowl	0	6	0
Item one old cupboard, one old table and other lumber	0	3	0

In the shop

Item the shelves and shop stuff with the weights and scales and other lumber	0	16	0
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In the inner chamber

Item two old bedsteads	0	5	0
Item one chest	0	4	0
Item six cofferes, two boxes	0	8	0
Item two flock beds, two flock bolsters	0	10	0
Item two feather pillows	0	4	0
Item two old coverlets, two pairs of sheets	0	12	0
Item one tablecloth, one blanket and other lumber	0	2	0

In the outer chamber

Item twelve bushels of barley with straw hulls	1	4	0
Item two old bushels and other lumber	0	5	0
Item flocks	0	7	0

In money nothing

The sum is 16 2 0

Thomas Adams, William Spencer, Isaac Miles, William Lambe.