

William Cowdrey/Cowdrye yeoman of Old Basing, 1557

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In the name of God Amen the 26 day of June in the year of our Lord God 1557 and in the third and fourth years of the reigns of our sovereigns Philip and Mary by the grace of God, King and Queen of England, Spain, France both the Sicilies, Jerusalem and Ireland, defenders of the faith etc., I William Cowdrye of the parish of Basing in the county of Southampton yeoman of good and perfect memory but sick in body do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and to our Lady Saint Mary and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in holy ground. **Item** I bequeath to my mother church at Winchester 2d. **Item** I bequeath to Roger Cowdrye my eldest son all my lands. **Item** I bequeath to John Cowdrye my son the house which I dwell in with the appurtenance after the decease of Margarete Cowdrye my wife. **Item** I bequeath to every one of my children £10 in money or goods. **The residue** of all my goods I give and bequeath to Margarete Cowdrye my wife, my debts and legacies being paid, whom I ordain and make my sole and only executrix to see this my will and testament well and truly fulfilled and executed and my children honestly brought up. **And after** the decease of my wife I will my goods to be equally parted amongst my children portion and portion like. These bearing witness Thomas Browne vicar, Richard Franklen, Thomas Whyte, Hierom Parrye, Richard Downes, Robert Nouwell with diverse other.

Probate granted 5 September 1557 to the executrix.

The inventory of all the goods, chattels and debts of William Cowdrey late of Basing in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased praised by Richard Franklin, John Savage, Florentine Ellys, Richard Downes and John Turner the 26th of July AD 1557 and in the 4th and 5th years of the reigns of Philip and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England Spain etc.

	£	s	d
In the hall of his dwelling house in Basing above specified			
Imprimis a joined table	0	5	0
Item a round table	0	1	4
Item an old form 4d and 4 old stools 16d	0	1	8
Item 2 painted hangings about the same hall	0	5	0
Item 8 cushions	0	4	0
Item an old carpet	0	1	4
Item a forest bill	0	0	8
Item a pound of casting counters	0	0	6
Sum	0	19	6
In the parlour			
Item an old joined bedstead	0	3	4
Item a flockbed a white heling, a blanket and a bolster	0	5	0
Item old hangings	0	1	4

Item a mill to try corn	0	3	4
Item an old cupboard, a chair and a joined stool	0	2	6
Sum	0	15	6

In the chamber over the entry

Item a joined bedstead with a tester of dyed buckram with a fringe	0	6	8
Item a featherbed, a bolster and 4 pillows	1	6	8
Item a coverlet of Arras work lined with canvas	1	6	8
Item a plain bedstead and a truckle bed	0	1	8
Item to the same bed a coverlet of tapestry work	0	6	8
Item a feather bed, a bolster, 2 pillows and a painted tester	1	0	0
Item 3 curtains of stained buckram with a tester of the same	0	5	0
Item 2 white woollen helings	0	2	8
Item painted hangings about the same chamber	0	3	4
Item a coverlet of dornyx	0	3	4
Item 5 yards of striped canvas	0	1	3
Item 2 joined chairs and a desk	0	3	0
Item 5 plain old coffers	0	3	4
Item 3 blankets	0	3	4
Item a flockbed	0	1	4
Item a red coverlet and a cradle cloth	0	3	4
Item 2 old painted clothes and a tester	0	2	0
Sum	6	0	3

His apparel

Item a black gown faced with say	0	10	0
Item 2 cloaks	0	13	4
Item 3 coats	1	0	0
Item 2 old doublets of black taffeta	0	10	0
Item one doublet of white fustian	0	1	0
Item a leather jerkin	0	5	0
Item an old worsted jacket	0	3	4
Item 3 pairs of hose	0	10	0
Item a hat and a cap	0	5	0
Item 10 shirts	1	0	0
Item a sword, sword-girdle, buckler and dagger	0	6	8
Item a pair of boots and spurs	0	3	4
Sum	5	7	8

His linen

Item 30 pairs of sheets whereof one pair Holland	3	0	0
Item a dozen table napkins whereof 3 napkins are diaper	0	3	0
Item one tablecloth of diaper and five others of canvas	0	10	0
Item one towel of diaper	0	3	0
Item a white tester with a fringe	0	3	4

Item an old canvas hand towel	0	0	4
Item 10 pillowberes	0	8	0
Sum	4	7	8

In the chamber over the hall

Item a joined bedstead	0	6	8
Item a feather bed, a flockbed, a bolster, a white heling and a blanket	0	10	0
Item 5 plain old coffers	0	5	0
Item 2 wicker baskets	0	0	8
Sum	1	2	4

In the chamber over the parlour

Item a joined bedstead	0	6	0
Item a feather bed, 2 flockbeds, 2 bolsters and a white heling	0	13	4
Item a pair of fustian blankets	0	3	4
Item 2 wicker baskets	0	0	6
Item by estimation 30 tods of wool after 16s the tod	24	0	0
Sum	25	3	2

In the servants' chamber

Item 2 plain bedsteads	0	0	8
Item 2 coarse flockbeds, 2 bolsters, 2 helings, 2 old hangings and a tester	0	5	0
Sum	0	5	8

In the cheese loft

Item 4 score and 3 cheeses weighing by estimation 5lb after 10s the hundred	2	10	0
Item 6 brass pots	1	6	8
Item 2 cauldrons, 2 pans, 2 kettles and a chafer	1	6	8
Item 3 malt sieves and 2 cheese racks	0	0	6
Sum	5	3	10

In the buttery

Item 5 drinking cups	0	0	6
Item 9 tubs and barrels	0	3	4
Item 12 candlesticks	0	5	0
Item one leather bottle	0	1	0
Suma	0	9	10

In the kitchen

Item one brass pan, 3 little kettles and a skillet	0	6	8
Item a malting vat and 2 cheese vats	0	3	4
Item a skimmer, a posnet and 4 dripping pans	0	3	4
Item a churn	0	0	3
Item 3 buckets	0	0	6
Item 5 kivers	0	3	0
Item 2 chafing dishes	0	1	4

Item a dozen spoons, 2 dozen trenchers	0	0	11
Item a cheese press	0	1	0
Item a well bucket iron bound with a chain and rope	0	1	0
Item a broche and a bird broche	0	1	0
Item one andiron	0	0	6
Item a pair of cobirons	0	0	8
Item 2 trivets	0	1	4
Item a salting trough	0	0	8
Item 2 pot-hangers and a pair of pothooks	0	1	0
Item an old fire shovel	0	0	2
Item 4 great bowls	0	1	0
Item 2 dozen treen dishes	0	1	0
Item a chopping knife	0	0	4
Item an old trough	0	0	1
Item a brasen ladle	0	0	4
Item a furnace	0	3	4
Item 2 dozen and an half of platters	1	10	0
Item 3 pottingers	0	1	6
Item 6 eared dishes	0	2	0
Item 4 salts	0	2	0
Item 7 saucers and a basin	0	2	3
Item 26 flitches of bacon	2	6	8
Item 6 pieces of Martinmas beef	0	6	8
Item 4 bills, 1 axe, 1 mattock and 2 shovels	0	2	8
Item an old hair	0	0	1
Item 2 brasen mortars and 2 pestles	0	1	8
Item a gridiron	0	0	4
Sum	6	8	2

In the bolting house

Item a brewing vat and kive and three standing tubs	0	3	4
Item 2 spinning wheels	0	1	0
Item a cleansing sieve, 2 bushels, a basket and a little tub	0	1	4
Sum	0	5	8

In the barn

Item 2 sieves, 2 ridders and a winnowing sheet	0	1	2
Item 2 prongs	0	0	8
Item 4 rakes	0	0	4
Item 5 forks	0	0	2½
Sum	0	2	4½

In the stable

Item 6 horse harness with the appurtenances	0	10	0
Item 2 wood ropes and a corn rope	0	4	0
Item 3 ladders	0	1	4
Item 3 saddles and 3 bridles	0	13	4
Item two hammers and a pair of pincers	0	0	8
Item an old scythe	0	0	10

Item a tenon saw	0	1	4
Item an hatchet	0	0	4
Item a want staff	0	0	2
Item 8 riphooks	0	1	8
Sum	1	13	8

In the backside

Item 4 loads of pole	0	5	4
Item a thousand fagots	0	16	4
Item 2 loads of other wood	0	2	8
Item an hundredth of [vitrige bourde]	0	3	0
Item 2 iron bound carts and a car	2	13	4
Item 2 hog troughs	0	0	10
Item a grinding stone	0	1	0
Item 4 dozen of hurdles	0	4	0
Sum	4	6	6

In the outer yard

Item 8 loads of pole	0	10	8
Item 3 loads of other fire wood	0	4	0
Item a horse plough and an ox plough with their apparel	0	16	0
Item 4 harrows	0	5	0
Item 4 cow racks	0	1	0
Sum	1	16	8

Almanac of live cattle and live ware

Item 7 cart horses praised at	14	0	0
Item 8 plough oxen	16	0	0
Item 3 hackney horses	10	0	0
Item one hackney horse foundered	0	1	8
Item 2 mares	3	0	0
Item one mare colt two years old	1	0	0
Item one horse colt being one year old	0	13	4
Item 33 kine and one bull at 26s 8d the piece	45	6	8
Item 11 bullocks of two years and upward at 16s the piece	8	16	0
Item 7 bullocks of 12 months and upward at 10s the piece	3	10	0
Item 15 calves at 5s the piece	3	15	0
Item 398 wethers at £13 6s 8d the hundred in the whole	39	14	8
Item 125 ewes for £10 the hundred	12	10	0
Item one hundred lambs	8	6	8
Item 7 sows and a boar at 3s the piece	1	4	0
Item 26 shoots at 20d the piece	2	3	4
Item 13 weanling pigs at 12d the piece	0	13	0
Item 2 geese and a gander	0	1	0
Item 32 ducks at 3d the piece	0	8	0
Item 6 [rooming] capons	0	3	0
Item 10 hens and a cock	0	3	8

Item two dozen chickens	0	2	0
Item 6 stalls of bees	0	10	0
Sum	172	2	0

Corn in the field

Item in Basingstoke's fields 26 acres of wheat at 8s the acre	10	8	0
Item in the same fields 30 acres of barley at 6s 8d the acre	10	0	0
Item in the same fields 3 acres of summer vetches at 5s the acre	0	15	0
Item 35 acres of wheat within the parish of Basing at 8s the acre	14	0	0
Item within the said parish 16 acres of barley at 6s 8d the acre	5	6	8
Item 2 acres of pease within the said parish at 6s the acre	0	12	0
Item within the parish of Sherfield <i>on Loddon</i> 8 acres of oats and 4s the acre	1	12	0
Item 6 acres of pease within the sad parish at 3s 4d the acre	1	0	0
Item by estimation 20 loads of hay at 5s the load	5	0	0
Sum	48	13	4

Plate and juelles

(Nothing listed)

Redye money

(Nothing listed)

Chattels real

A lease of the park of [privat] in the county of Southampton for certain years whereof are yet to come 9 years valued at	3	0	0
A lease in reversion of the said park of [privat] for the term of 40 years	20	0	0
A lease of certain lands in Sherfield <i>on Loddon</i> in the county aforesaid called Shiplandes in the which are yet to come 38 years	20	0	0
A lease of 4 closes of pasture called Poores with others in the which are yet to come 17 years	5	0	0
Sum	47	0	0

Debts owed to the testator

Thomas Lord Sandes	55	5	4
Walter Coke, gent	13	6	8
Robt Puttenham, gent	17	19	4
Sum	84	11	4
Sum total	416	15	4½