

**Arthur Baffe of Basingstoke, woollen draper, 1606**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1606B/02**

**In the name of God amen** the 4th day of August 1606 in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland king defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the fortieth year, I Arthur Baffe of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton, woollen draper, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory, God be thanked therefore, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator and to Jesus Christ his only son my saviour and redeemer hoping to be saved by the shedding of his most precious blood. **Item** I give to the trinity church of Winchester – 4d. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Basingstoke aforesaid – 10s to be divided amongst them by the discretion of my overseers. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Phillis my wife the lease of my house in which I dwell during her widow's state and if she happen to marry I will and give the lease to William my son. **Item** I give unto William my son - £6 to be delivered within one month next after my decease and all my debts which he owes me. **Item** I give unto John Baffe my son - £4 to be delivered him within two months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto Arthur Baffe my son if he be living - £4 to [be] delivered him within three months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto Agnes Turner my daughter one feather bed with all furniture thereunto belonging. **Item** I give unto Richard Baffe the son of my son William – 20s. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Arthur Turner the son of Thomas Turner – 20s. **Item** I give unto William Turner and John Turner the sons of the said Thomas Turner 10s apiece. **Item** I give unto Elizabeth Baffe, Joan Baffe, Alice Baffe and Ursula Baffe the daughters of William Baffe my son 5s apiece. **Item** I give unto Thomas Turner my cloak and 20s. **Item** I give unto Phillis Turner, Margaret Turner and Edeth Turner the daughters of Thomas Turner – 40s to be equally divided amongst them. **Item** I give unto Barbara my daughter – 5s. **I give** the rest of my apparel unto John Baffe my son. **The rest** of all my goods and chattels not before bequeathed nor given I do give unto Phillis my wife whom I make my whole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And my** overseers thereof I do ordain and make James Romboll and William Arnoll and for their pains to be taken – 5s apiece I give unto them. **I will** that the lease of the house in which I dwell shall be in the custody of the said James Romboll to the use of the said Phillis and William Baffe. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto put my hand.

Witnessed hereunto  
Florentyne Eiles and  
Richard Eiles

the mark of  
Arthur Baffe

The inventory indented of the goods and chattels of Arthur Baffe of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton, woollen draper, deceased taken made and praised by James Rumbold, William Arnoll, Edward Davis and John Myles the two and twentieth day of September in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England France and Ireland king defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the fortieth year 1606.

	£	s	d
<b>In the hall</b>			
<b>First</b> one little table with a frame with one chair and 11 joined stools	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> two joined cupboards	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> the joined wainscot with a carpet and the cushions	0	5	0
Sum	1	5	0

**In the shop**

<b>Item</b> one piece of cloth of wormwood colour of 8 yards	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a kersey of silk russet containing 18 yards	2	10	0
<b>Item</b> one other piece of silk russet containing 10 yards	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> one piece of cloth of French green containing 14 yards	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> one piece of cloth of [venyss*] colour containing 6 yards	0	18	0
<b>Item</b> one piece of cloth of primrose colour containing 6 yards	0	18	0
<b>Item</b> one piece of cloth of sea green containing 12 yards	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> one piece of cloth of 6 yards of stone grey	0	15	0
<b>Item</b> one remnant of cloth of 4 yard of holly colour	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> a remnant of cloth of red colour containing 7 yards	0	14	0
<b>Item</b> a remnant of cloth of sad sage colour containing 10 yards	1	5	0
<b>Item</b> one piece of horse flesh colour containing 12 yards	1	4	0
<b>Item</b> one remnant of sad green containing 4 yards	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> a remnant of holly green colour containing 3 yards	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> of remnants of sundry colours containing 7 yards	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> 36 yards of baize	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> 54 yards of coloured cottons	3	6	8
<b>Item</b> 7 yards of white cotton	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> 5 yards of grey frieze	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> 8 yards of black cotton	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 6 yards of [ioyne] fustian	0	4	0
<b>Item</b> 2 dozen of women's hose and 18 pair of men's hose	2	10	0
<b>Item</b> one table and a chest with a form with shelves and hangings	0	10	0
Sum	25	15	0

**The pewter and brass in the kitchen**

<b>Item</b> two basins, 12 platters, 12 pottingers and 6 saucers	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> two candlesticks, 2 quart pots, a pint pot, 2 salt cellars and a broken pot	0	6	8
Sum	1	6	8

**The brass with other things there**

<b>Item</b> 7 little pots, 6 kettles, 2 pans, 6 little skilletts, 2 candlesticks, a chafing dish with a mortar and iron pestle	3	1	0
<b>Item</b> a skimmer, 2 frying pans, a flesh hook, 3 pot hooks. 3 gridirons, 3 broches, 4 andirons, a fire shovel and a pair of tongs	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> a trough with a kiver and tub and other lumber	0	5	0
Sum	3	12	8

### The loft over the shop

<b>Item</b> a joined bedstead, a feather bed, a feather bolster a flock bed, 2 blankets, a listen coverlet with a feather pillow	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> a little table, a box, one chest, 6 coffer one old chair and old bedstead with a form	0	13	4
Sum	2	5	0

### The loft over the hall

<b>Item</b> a joined bedstead	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> a bed of mill puffs, a feather bolster, a feather pillow, 2 blanket and a listen coverlet	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a little truckle bedstead	0	2	6
<b>Item</b> a flock bed, a flock bolster, an old feather pillow, an old blanket and an old coverlet	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> a court table, a little table upon a frame, a chest, 2 forms, one coffer and a chair	0	10	0
Sum	2	14	2

### The loft over the kitchen

<b>Item</b> an old bedstead, one feather bed one old flock bed with other lumber	1	0	0
Sum	1	0	0

### The linen

<b>Item</b> eight pair of sheets, 6 pillow beres, 2 long table cloths, 2 short table cloths, one dozen and a half of table napkins	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> his apparel	1	10	0
Sum	3	10	0

### The backside

<b>Item</b> 6 loads of wood	1	0	0
Sum	1	0	0

Total sum 41 18 6

Probate:

[....] the said deceased after the writing of his said will viz the morrow after being of very good and perfect memory did give and bequeath unto William Bath his son £4, to be paid in manner following: 40s within one year after his death and the other 40s within 2 years next after his death which he willed shall be added to his will in the presence of William Arnold and Arthur Hawkins and others

Jacobus Rombold of Worting yeoman and  
William Arnold of Basingstoke clothier

\* This may be 'Venice' which was a shade of red.