

William Stocker of Basingstoke, yeoman, 1604

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In the name of God Amen 1601 the twentieth day of May and in the three and fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith etc., I William Stocker of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sound of body and of good and perfect of mind and memory, thanks be given to the Almighty God. **And** for that it is agreed and meritorious and a charitable deed to set things in good order whensoever the Lord shall please to call me out of this present world, not only for my own mind and quietness but also for the quietness and good that I have to my wife and children, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, committing my soul to the Almighty in whom I hope to be saved, and first following and concerning the disposing of my lands and tenements. **Item** I give and bequeath to Johan Stocker now my wife and to her assigns, all that my messuage, house or tenement with the appurtenances, with all grounds, feedings, pastures, meadows and heritable lands to the same messuage belonging, lying and being in Basingstoke in the said county of Southampton and now in the occupation of me, the said William Stocker. **And** also two closes of land with a little grove or underwood to the same containing by estimation 7 acres more or less, lying in the parish of Cliddesden for and during the term of one and twenty years from and after my death if she, the said Johan my wife, does long happen to live, upon condition that she shall not alien, sell, assign or put away any right of the said term from my two children Thomas and Margery to whom I have hereafter named to come and remain unto. **And** if it happen that my wife do die before the end or expiration of the said term of one and twenty years, that then I give, will and bequeath the residue of the said term that shall be then to come and not ended after the death of my said wife, of all the said messuage or tenement and other the said premises to the same belonging before mentioned, to Thomas and Margery my two children which I have borne by Johan, now my wife, and to their assigns, equally to be divided between them if they do so long live during the said term of 21 years. **And** if they be not then come to the age of 21 years, or at least 20 years next after the death of Johan my wife, then I will that Thomas Leache and William Warner my overseers or survivors, or the longer liver of them if any of them die, in this my will appointed to have the disposing, setting and lettings of the said messuage or tenement and other the premises with the appurtenances to the same belonging before mentioned for and to the use and behoof of the said Thomas and Margery my children to their best profit and commodity. **Item**, I give unto John Stocker my second son all the aforesaid messuage or tenement lands and others, the premises as well as common, severalties, enclosure with the appurtenances to the same belonging before mentioned, together with the three acres being in Wildmoor after the said term of 21 years before named, to my wife, to him the said John and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten one after the other. **And** for default of such issue I will it to Thomas my younger son before named and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten one after the other. **And** for default of such issue I will and give the same to Richard my eldest son, to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for default of such issue I will it to the right heirs of me the said William Stocker forever, provided always that they, nor any of them, shall not be about to alien or discontinue the same, but that it shall come and remain to their heirs males of their bodies one after the other as it is before specified by this my will.

Item I give unto Richard my eldest son the tenement or house and garden wherein he now dwells in the parish of Cliddesden, and all the piece of ground taken out of Hackwood Field being in Basingstoke to him and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for default of such issue I will it to Thomas Stocker my younger son and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for default of such issue to John my second son and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. **And** for default of such issue to the right heirs of the said Richard Stocker my eldest son and his heirs forever. **Item** I give unto my daughter Margery 6 ewes and the truckle bedstead in the low chamber with a featherbed in the same; the covering blankets, sheets and bolster to the same and also the cupboard there in the same chamber. **Item** I give unto my son Thomas 6 ewes and the high wainscot bedstead with a featherbed, pair of blankets, pair of sheets, covering and bolster to the same in the same low chamber there. **All these** things to be delivered and paid unto them at the age of 21 years or day of marriage if they be then living. **And** if any of them die before that day, that then I will as his part or portion so given as before to come and remain to him or her so then living. **And** if they both die before the age of 21 years or day of marriage then I will that their part and portions shall come and remain to Johan my wife and her assigns. **Item** I give unto my son John also the powdering tub or trough in the cellar, the cupboard in the shop and a folding table in the parlour and a chest standing in the loft over the parlour and the lesser cauldron and a pair of canvas sheets and 6 wether sheep. **All these** I will to be given to him by my executrix at the age of 21 years or day of marriage. **Item** I give unto my son Richard ten sheep wethers. **Item** I give unto my daughters Mary and Dorothy, either of them, 6 sheep apiece at the discretion of my wife the executrix. **Item** I give unto my wife's sister Katherine Barefote 4 bushels of wheat and 4 bushels of malt to be paid to her at the day of marriage. **Item** I give unto my son Richard's children to every one of them 12d apiece and to every of the children of my daughters Mary and Dorothy 12d apiece to be paid unto them that dead month next after that I, the said William Stocker, shall be buried. **Item** I give unto my sister Agnes Pointen one bushel of wheat and unto my cousin William Poynton one bushel of wheat. **Item** I give unto the poor people of Basingstoke 20s in money to be distributed among them to the discretion of my executrix. **Item** I appoint by this my will, Henry Leach and William Warner, to be my overseers and supervisors and I give unto them for their pains thereon 10s apiece. **The residue** of all my goods not given and bequeathed I give them wholly to Johan my wife whom I do ordain also and make her my full and whole executrix of this my last will and testament and renouncing and revoking all other former wills before this made. **In witness** whereof I, the said William Stocker, have hereunto set my hand and seal [...] the day and year first above written. 1601

The inventory indented of the goods and chattels of William Stocker of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, taken, made and appraised by Florentine Eiles, Richard Reve and John Tomkine the twentieth day of April 1604

	£	s	d
The hall			
First one table with a frame, one form, the wainscot, a bench and two chairs	0	6	8
Item four andirons, two pot-hangers, one fire pan, a			

pair of tongs, a gridiron, six broches, a pair of bellows,
a cupboard cloth and painted cloths

Item a cupboard

	0	13	4
	1	0	0
Sum	2	0	0

The buttery

Item three brass pots, two brasen pans, four kettles,
six brasen candlesticks, two frying pans, three dripping
pans, two skillets, a posnet, a brasen ladle, two pot-hangers
and a skimmer

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Item one basin, one colander, twelve platters, thirteen
pottingers, twelve saucers, two quart pots, two pint pots,
twelve spoons, three salt cellars

1	6	8
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Item one plank, four treen platters, four bowls, three
buckets, three shelves, one bench with ten dishes

	0	3	4
Sum	3	10	0

The parlour

Item one joined bedstead, one featherbed, one feather
bolster, two feather pillows, two blankets, one coverlet
and one settle

3	0	0
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Item one little table, two joined stools, one little cupboard,
two andirons, one fire pan, a sheaf of arrows, a sword, a
dagger, a girdle and a cap

	0	13	4
Sum	3	13	4

The chamber over the shop

Item one joined bedstead, one truckle bedstead, one
mattress, one featherbed, one feather bolster, one feather
pillow and one coverlet

2	0	0
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Item nine pairs of canvas sheets, two pillow beres, eight
table cloths, eight table napkins, four towels

2	10	0
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Item thirteen cushions

0	6	8
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Item one table with a frame, one bench, two stools and
one form

	0	6	8
Sum	5	3	4

The chamber over the hall

Item one bedstead, one truckle bedstead, two flockbeds,
two feather bolsters, one flock bolster, two coverlets, three
blankets

1	10	0
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Item one coffer

	0	1	0
Sum	1	10	0

The chamber over the parlour

Item one joined bedstead with a mattress, five cheeses,
one cheese rack and wool

1	10	0
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The cellar

Item three barrels, one firkin, two [up]stands, a kiver, a

powdering trough, one funnel, one butter churn	0	10	0
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The shop

Item one bolting which, one kiver, two old tubs, eight stone jugs	0	3	4
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The kitchen

Item one spinning wheel, two forms, one painted cloth, one hand saw, one hammer, one wimble, two prongs, one spade and shovel, one mattock, one axe, one bill and two bottles	0	5	0
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The brewhouse

Item one quern, one brewing vat, one hogshead, one bushel, one peck, one gallon measure, one rope, one trough, one iron peel, one coal rake, one trivet and one stand	1	0	0
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The well house

Item one well bucket, rope and chain, one yoting vat, two tubs, four sacks and 11 fitches of bacon	4	0	0
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The malt loft

Item 7 quarters of barley and malt	3	10	0
Item 3 quarters of oat malt	1	0	0
Item trestles and planks for standing	0	10	0
Item for boards	0	10	0
Sum	5	10	0

The backside

Item nine hens, one cock, one duck and one mallard	0	5	0
Item four hogs and ten pigs	2	0	0
Item 70 sheep and 17 lambs	17	0	0
Item wood	3	0	0
Item one quarter of wheat	1	0	0
Item one beam and one pair of scales	0	2	6
Item the glass about the house	0	6	8
Sum	23	14	2

Corn in the field

Item 15 acres of wheat	8	0	0
Item one acre of vetches	0	6	8
Item 10 acres of barley	4	0	0
Item his apparel	1	0	0
Sum	16	16	8
Sum total	69	6	8