

John Spire/Spier of Basingstoke, maltster, 1663

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In the name of God Amen the eleventh day of May in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and four I John Spier of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton maltster, being sick and weak in body but of good and perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto Almighty God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping and steadfastly believing in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting. **And** my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter mentioned. **And** as for the worldly goods which the Lord has endowed me withal I do give and bequeath and bequeath in manner and form following. **First** I do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife my two messuages or tenements lying in Basingstoke aforesaid which I lately purchased of William [Rime] withal and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining during the term of her natural life if she keeps herself sole and unmarried. **Item** I give unto John Spier my eldest son and his heirs and assigns for ever my other messuage or tenement lying in Basingstoke aforesaid late in the possession of the late widow Wateridge with the appurtenance thereunto belonging. **And** my will and meaning is that my son John Spier my eldest son shall have ingress, egress and regress in and through the gatehouse and backside of the messuage belonging to the messuage or tenement now given to my son Thomas with carts, horses and carriages at all times convenient at his will and pleasure. **And** my will and meaning is that if either of my sons John or Thomas happen to die before they come to enjoy the estate given unto him that then his estate shall equally be divided amongst the rest of my children. **And** my will and meaning is that if my sons John or Thomas do come to enjoy their estate that then they shall pay thirty pounds apiece in manner following. **That** is to say John to pay thirty pounds to my son William and Thomas thirty pounds to my son Richard within one year after they come to enjoy their estates. **And** if William or Richard happen to die before the money comes payable that then the portion of him or them so dying shall be equally divided amongst the rest of my children surviving. **Item** all the rest of my goods, cattles, chattels, implements of household and household stuff whatsoever I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I do make sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And** I do entreat my well beloved friends William Spier and John Lambold to be my overseers of this my last will and testament to see it truly performed. **In witness** whereof I have here unto put my hand and seal the day and year above written.

The mark of John Spier

Signed, sealed and published to be the last will and testament of me the said John Spier in the presence of William Barnard, John Hunt.

Basingstoke

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels of John Spire late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton maltster deceased, taken and appraised the thirteenth day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and four as follows.

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| In the kitchen | | | |
| Imprimis a table and frame, a chair, 2 stools, 2 cupboards, a dresser, 8 dishes of pewter, 5 flitches of bacon, a fire shovel and tongs, 2 andirons, 6 wooden dishes and other lumber | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| In the bedchamber | | | |
| Item one bedstead and one trundle bedstead, two little flock beds, 2 bolsters, 2 pillows, 2 old coverlets and blankets, 3 coffers, one chest, one little box and a warming pan, one stool, one chair and other lumber | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Item his wearing apparel and money in his purse | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| In the malthouse and malt loft | | | |
| One quern, 2 old shovels, a screen, an old haircloth, a bushel, a trundle bedstead, 2 pillows, a coverlet and 120 quarters of malt | 91 | 19 | 0 |
| In the buttery | | | |
| Five barrels, 3 old kivers, a bushel, one tub, 2 small brass pots, 2 small brass kettles, one old coffer and other lumber | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| In the shop | | | |
| Two hundred and forty bricks and other lumber | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| In the backside | | | |
| [The] billet, faggots and other things | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Debts owing to the testator | 12 | 0 | 8 |
| | 110 | 5 | 8 |
| Debts owing by the testator | 212 | 0 | 0 |