

John Wareham of Basingstoke, bricklayer 1691

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In the name of God Amen I John Wareham Basingstoke in the county of Southampton bricklayer being indisposed or weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) **first** and principally, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. **And as** touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows.

First I will that my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged by my executrix.

Item I give unto my son Thomas one shilling.

Item I give unto my son William one shilling.

Item I give unto my loving wife Alice the lease and holding of the house and premises that I now dwell in during her natural life.

Item I give unto my son John (after the decease of my said wife), the south part of the said house and half the garden thereunto belonging, and also one acre of land lying and being in Winchester Field belonging to Basingstoke aforesaid in a place called King's Furlong.

Item I give unto my daughter Anne (in manner aforesaid), the north part of the said house, and the other half of the said garden, together with the malthouse and the mill with the things that belongs to the said malthouse and mill, and also one acre of land lying and being in Winchester Field aforesaid in the left hand of Combe Way.

All the rest and residue of my personal estate, goods and chattels whatsoever I give and bequeath to my loving wife Alice, my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I, the said John Wareham, to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal the nineteenth day of December AD 1690.

The mark of John Wareham

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said testator in the presence of

Edward Clapshew

Richard Fletcher

Aquila Clapshew

An inventory or writing indented and made this eight and twentieth day of March AD 1691 and in the third year of the reign of our sovereigns Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England etc., wherein is contained all and singular the goods and chattels of John Wareham late of Basingstoke in the

county of Southampton bricklayer deceased, as the same were taken, valued and appraised by Henry Merrifield and William Warner of Basingstoke aforesaid as follows.

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In the chamber over the shop			
Imprimis a parcel of wheat	0	12	0
A screen, a table board, a bushel, a shovel and other lumber	0	5	0
In the shop			
Item one pair of cotterells, a fire shovel, a pair of tongs, a gridiron, three chairs and one stool and lumber	0	3	0
In the meal shop			
Item two iron mills, two meal chests and meal, four kivers, two searches and a ranger, two gallons, a half gallon and other lumber	0	18	0
In the salt house			
Item three tubs, two kivers, weights thirty pounds and other lumber	0	9	0
In the chamber over the parlour			
Item one bedstead, a feather bed, a flock bolster, a pair of blankets, a mat and cord	1	10	0
One small trunk, one box, one coffer, a press, a joined chair and an old tub	0	10	0
In the chamber over the hall			
Item one bedstead, mat and cord, curtains and valance, two flock beds, one flock bolster and one feather bolster, one trundle bed, two old rugs, four blankets	2	0	0
Two coffers, two joined chairs, one box and some lumber	0	5	0
Four pairs of sheets, twelve napkins, two tablecloths, two pairs of pillow cases and four towels	1	4	0
In the parlour			
Item four brass kettles, five skillets, two brass pots, eight pieces of pewter	1	15	0
One cupboard and one side cupboard, one table and frame and one joined form and a little lumber	0	16	6
In the buttery			
Item four barrels, one stand, four trays, a frying pan and a basting ladle	0	13	4

In the hall

Item twenty pieces of pewter, one still	0	17	6
One pair of cotterells, one pair of iron andirons, three spits, two warming pans	0	8	6
One table and frame, three joined stools, a settle and other lumber	0	8	8
Books	0	5	0
A furnace	0	9	0
	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

In the millhouse

Item an oatmeal mill, a fan and lumber	0	16	6
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In the backside

Item a sow and five small pigs	1	0	0
Item two acres of corn sown in the fields	1	10	0
Item the lease of the house	5	0	0
Item his wearing apparel and money in his pocket	1	0	0
	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

Henry Merryfield
William Warner

Total is

Proved 24 December 1691

Know all men by these presents, that I Alice Wareham the widow, relict and sole executrix named in the last will and testament of John Wareham late of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton deceased, for diverse good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, have renounced and refused, and by these presents do renounce and refuse, to take upon me the execution of the said will and administration of the goods and chattels of the said deceased. **And do** hereby desire that letters of administration of the goods and chattels of the said deceased with his will annexed may be granted and committed unto John Wareham the natural, lawful son of the said deceased, and legatee named in his said will. **And that** this my renunciation may take its due and just effect I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr Thomas Alexander and Mr Charles Traffles notaries publics, Proctors General of the Consistory Court of the said Bishop of Winchester jointly and severally for me and in my name to exhibit this my proxy of renunciation before any competent judge in this behalf, and to see and procure the same to be admitted and enacted accordingly, hereby promising to satisfy and confirm whatsoever my said Proctors or either of them shall do in the presents. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the one twentieth day of December ADi 1691.

Sealed and declared
in the presence of
Henry Meryfield
Aquila Clapshew

The mark of Alice Wareham