

John White of Old Basing, servant 1608

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In the name of God Amen I John White of Basing servant to the Right Honourable the Lord William Marquis of Winchester being not sick in body but of sound and perfect remembrance thanks be to God de make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **And first** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my only Creator and Redeemer hoping by His most painful death and passion to inherit His heavenly kingdom most humbly beseeching the appraisers of the Holy and Blessed Virgin St Mary with all the saints in heaven. **My body** I will to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executors. **First** I bequeath to the Right Honourable my very good Lord and master one gold ring with a stone therein like a great pearl in colour humbly beseeching his Lord to take it as the last token of dutiful affection and love that I bear toward his Lord. **To the** right Honourable my very good Lady and mistress I give a jewel the price five pounds at the discretion of my executors humbly beseeching her Lady to take it as the last token of my dutiful affection, love and service that I do bear towards her Lady. **To the** Right Honourable the Lady Anne Dennys wife to the Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Dennys Knight I give two spur-royals praying her Lady to accept thereof in token of my dutiful love and goodwill. **To mistress** Marie Watson my Lady and mistress, gentlewoman I give one spur-royal. **To mistress** Edmondess I give a gymmowe ring price five shillings. **To Mr Johnson** chaplain I give a ring price six shillings eight pence. **To Captain** Wye I give a ring price six shillings eight pence. **To Mr William** Cheverell and all other gentlemen that serve my Lord in house I give each one a gymmowe ring, five shillings apiece or so much in money. **To the** yeomen and grooms in household I give three shillings apiece. **To William** Cooke and John Palmer Oater I give each sixe shilling eight pence apiece. **To mistress** Skymer I give my limbeck and brass bottom to the same. **To the** maid servants in household I give two shillings six pence apiece. **To the** youths serving in the house in any place I give two shillings apiece. **To the** Right Worshipful Sir Raffe Hare knight of Stow Bardolph in Norfolk I give a jewel or piece of plate price three pounds. **And to** the Right Worshipful the Lady *missing* Hare his worshipful bed fellow I give a jewel or piece of plate price three pounds. **To Mr** Thomas Turner, Mr Thomas Shouldham, Mr Charles Shouldham, Mr John Gislingham servants to the Right Worshipful Sir Raffe Hare and Giles Campion I give five shillings apiece. **To the** men and women otherwise servants in household there to be equally divided I give three pounds whereof I will five shillings to be delivered to Anne Arnolde and three shillings to Edmund Lambe.

The six alms people at Stow I give twelve shillings to the poor, on Stow Green I give ten shillings. **To the** poor of Wimbotsham thirteen shillings four pence. **And to** the poor of Stow Bank I give thirteen shillings four pence. **And for** the better relief of the six alms people at Stow I give ten pounds at the disposition of the Right Worshipful Sir Raffe Hare for them. **To Mr** Edmund Cowper of Stow I give a gold seal ring the five pounds of Our Blessed Saviour engraven therein the which he has in keeping. **Also** I give him my black gown faced with budge and lined with cotton. To his son Nicholas I give thirteen shillings four pence. **And to** his three other children I give five shillings apiece. **To White** Winter, John Winter's son of Stow, I give three shillings four pence. **To William** Holder carpenter of Stow I give ten shillings, all which parcels of money that be bequeathed to them and otherwise I request my executors to pay to the Right Worshipful Sir Raffe Hare of Stow Bardolph knight

praying his worship to cause the same according to my will to be distributed, or may it not please his worship to deal therewith then to request my good friend Mr Edmund Cowper of Stow to do so much for me.

To the Worshipful Mr Robert Hare esquire I give three large cushions of arras the work Byshops Myters filled with feathers, also ten pounds of money. **To Mr** Richarde Chamberlayn in office in the Court of Wards under the Worshipful Mr John Hare esquire I give a gymmowe ring of ten shillings. **To Mr** William Chimney servant to the Worshipful Mr Hughe Hare of the Inner Temple I give a gymmowe ring price ten shillings. **To Mistress** Elizabeth Dewe widow sometime to Mr Richard Dewe Physician at Exeter I give a gymmowe ring price twenty shillings. **To my** cousin William White of Apson two miles from Exeter in Devonshire I give five pounds. **To my** cousin Thomas White of Hatherlie parish dwelling at Pinder in that parish in Devonshire I give five pounds. **To my** sister in law Annis Rice dwelling in Barnstable in Devonshire I give four pounds. **To my** niece Katherine Diamonde her daughter in Barnstable aforesaid I give six pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

To the poorest of my kinsfolk in Tawstock parish dwelling within six miles thereof I give three pounds to be equally divided amongst them of my mother's side whose father's name was Rendle, the which I request my cousin Harrye Berrye equally to distribute amongst them. **To my** cousin Annis Williams widow dwelling in Combe Martin in Devonshire I give thirteen shillings four pence. **To her** three sons I give three shillings four pence apiece. **To the** poor people of Tawstock parish I give thirty shillings to be equally divided. **To my** cousin Harrye Berrye's children of Tawstock I give to be equally divided amongst them twenty six shillings eight pence. **To the** poor in Barnstable to be equally divided amongst them I give thirty shillings. **To Mr** Thomas Leader alias Stephen Attorney at Lion's Inn London, I give forty shillings praying my executors with the same to deliver all such sums of money with the same as I have particularly bequeathed in Devonshire to be delivered according to my will or to my cousin William White of Apson so to disburse or pay the same.

To Mrs Margarette Bye of Basingstoke widow I give a ring price thirteen shillings four pence. **To Mr** John Bye of Basingstoke I give a ring the print of a lamb thereon to seal value forty shillings. **To Mr** Reynold Bye brother to Mr John Bye, I give a ring price thirty shillings. **To Mr** Frauncys Peascod Almose Alms Knight of Windsor Castle I give a ring price thirty shillings. **To Mistress** Katherine Pope late widow to Mr Ellys Lance now dwelling in Dorset I give a seal ring of gold a death's head with a cross weighing forty shillings. **To Mr** Robert Weston Uphylder dwelling in St Peter's church yard near Cornhill at London I give three pounds six shillings eight pence, and whatsoever he shall be indebted to me at my death I do freely forgive it to him. **To his** daughter Bridgitt I give forty shillings. **To every** poor household at Basing I give two shillings apiece. **To Annis** Palmer wife of John Palmer the younger I give three silver spoons price six shillings eight pence. **To John** Palmer her husband I give a pair of brandirons, a fire shovel and a pair of tongs of mine in the chamber where I do lodge. **To John** Palmer the elder I give two good lockeram sheets of mine.

To the widow Froste at Basing I give a pair of my sheets, housewife clothe and five shillings of money. **To Margarette** Paice wife of John Paice labourer at Basing I give a pair of good sheets, housewife cloth, also a pillow bere of lockeram with a pair of linsey woollen blankets well worn and twenty shillings in money. **To my** niece

Katherine Diamond I give a tapestry coverlet little worn with a pair of white, large cotton blankets not much worn, she dwells at Barnstable in Devonshire. **To John** Hawterell Keeper of the Right Honorable my very good Lord and Mistress Howse at Basing I give two shillings six pence. **To William** Write Armourer there I give two shillings six pence. **And to** John Palmer of the wood yard I give three shillings four pence. **I do** give more unto Margarett Paice that has kept me in my sickness twenty shillings in money. **I do** give unto Agnes servant unto John Palmer two shillings six pence. **I do** give unto the two loaders John and Nicholas Hanwood that serve John Palmer two shillings and six pence apiece. **I do** give unto Marye of the Grange Two shillings and six pence. **And I** do give unto William Hildesley gent., ten pounds in money. **And of** this my last will and testament I do make my executors my trusty and well beloved friends John Petit of Hackwood esquire and William Hildesley of Mortimer gent., giving unto each of them for their painstaking in the execution of this my last will and testament thirty pounds in money desiring them to bestow the rest of my goods after my funeral and legacies discharged upon such good uses as to them shall seem best. **In witness** whereof I have put to my hand and seal this eighteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred and seven John White, Thomas Lover, John Knappe.

Probate granted in London 22 April 1608 to John Petyte and William Hildesley