

John Clarke of Old Basing, fuller 1602

Ref: Hants. RO 1602A/16

In the name of God Amen I John Clarke of Basing in the county of Southampton fuller being sick in body but of whole and perfect memory, do ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I commend my soul unto Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Basing aforesaid. **Also I** do give unto the church of Basing aforesaid the sum of 2s 6d. **Also I** do give to Jerome my son 4 ewes or tegs. **I do** likewise give to my daughter Agnes other four ewes or tegs, and to George her son one ewe and a lamb. **Also I** give unto Rychard my son all the working tools for our trade which are now in the shop together with the use of the same shop to his best benefit. **And I** will that he shall continue with his mother and that he shall have of her the same allowance yearly during his mother's life which heretofore I gave him, behaving himself dutifully towards her, as my trust is he will. **I do** also give unto every one of my godchildren 4d as they shall come and demand it of my executor. **Further** I do give to Richard my son one bed, one bolster. **And I** will that my wife shall give all the goods which shall remain to her, and be in her possession at the time of her death to my children and her's, and I do appoint her my wife to be whole executor of this my last will and testament, and I will that these legacies before mentioned be given and delivered as is hereby appointed within one month next after my decease, and this my will is dated October 19 and in the year of Our Lord 1601 and in the three and fortieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc.

John Clarke's mark.

Signed and delivered in the presence of John Younge, John Wakefild. Obligation on Margaret Clarke of Basing, widow, and John Wakefild of the same, yeoman, and Henry Seaside of the same yeoman.

Item I do give to Mr Younge our minister and to John Wakefield the elder, either of them 3s 4d to be paid to them in manner and time as the rest of my legacies and this is to be given them in lieu of their pains taken with me whom I entreat to be overseers of this my last will and testament.

Probate granted 13 March 1602 to the relict, sole executor.

They goods herein appraised were viewed and valued the day and year aforesaid by us whose names are hereunto annexed.

John Yyounge
John Wakefild
Henerye Seyse
Robartt Brabam

A true inventory of all the goods and chattels late John Clarke of Basing in the county of Southampton Fuller, deceased, taken this 23 day of October AD 1601 and in the three and fortieth year of her majesty's reign etc.

	£	s	d
In the hall			
Imprimis 2 tables, 6 stools joined, 3 chairs, one joined form, one joined cupboard ,2 benches, 6 cushions and 2 old painted cloths	1	6	8
In the parlour			
One joined bedstead with a tester, one flockbed, a bolster one coverlet and a little round table	0	16	0
In the upper chamber			
First 3 ordinary bedsteads with 3 white linen testers and their furniture, and one other flockbed, a bolster and 3 pillows	3	0	0
Item nine pairs of ordinary sheets and one Holland sheet	2	0	0
Item 3 tablecloths, 6 napkins and 6 pillow beres	0	6	8
Item 5 ordinary coffers, and one great joined chest	0	16	8
Item John Clarke his wearing apparel	1	13	4
Item 2 pairs of blankets	0	10	0
In another chamber			
Item one bedstead of old boards with a covering of old painted cloth, half a tod of wool	0	13	4
In the kitchen			
Item in brass	1	10	0
Item in pewter	0	14	6
Item 2 iron spits, one pair of andirons, one flre prong, fire shovel and tongs and pot-hangers	0	5	0
Item in malt ground and unground the quantity of an 11 bushels	1	2	0
Item in lumber	1	1	6
Item in cheese	3	0	0
Item in hops	0	2	6
Item in apples	0	5	0
Item the mill shop with the furniture and the flocks	3	0	0
In the barn			
Item in wheat, barley and vetches and hay	8	0	0
In cattle			
Item 5 kine	7	5	0
Item in sheep being 19	2	13	4
Item 5 hogs and 2 shoots	2	12	6
Item one old horse	0	17	6
Item the fuller's earth	1	3	4
Item one little cart	0	5	6
Item the wood in the yard	3	5	0
Item money in his purse	0	5	0

The total hereof is

48 4 8

Item one bar of iron, one sledge, one axe, one hatchet, one bill, one prong, a tenon saw and a hand saw, 5 augers, 3 chisels, a mattock, 2 spades, one twibill, a jennet, 4 iron wedges

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Item a frying pan and a gridiron

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