

Margaret Cooper/Coper of Old Basing, 1597

Ref: Hants. RO 1597A/023

In the name of God Amen the 21st of December AD 1596 I Margaret Coper of Basing in the county of Southampton, being sick of body but of good and perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **That is** to say, firstly I bequeath my soul to God my Maker, to Jesus Christ my Redeemer and to the Holy Ghost my Comforter and my body to be buried in the church yard of Basing aforesaid. **Item** I give unto the Cathedral Church of Winchester 4d. **Item** I give to be distributed amongst the poor of Basing 15s. **Item** I give Elnor Copper my mother £6 in money. **Item** I give unto my brother William Coper 40s in money. **Item** I give unto my sister Winifreyd Breakestone 40s. **Item** I give unto Amye Brushood 20s. **Item** I give unto my goddaughter Margaret Hegat 10s. **Item** I give unto Marie Wright 5s. **Item** I give unto John Hegat 5s. **Item** I give unto Richard Holding 5s. **Item** I give unto Frances Brownesmyth 5s. **And all** the rest of my goods unbequeathed whatsoever I give unto my sister Jone the wife of William Yeate who in all things knows my mind, how I have bestowed them do make her my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **Signed** with my hand the day and year above said.

Frances Shrimpton

The mark of Elinor Cooper

The mark of Aymie Brushood, Wm Yate

Probate granted 5 April 1597 to Johanne Yate sole executrix. Obligation on Francis Shrimpton of Basing, yeoman.

An inventory of the goods of Margaret Coper deceased the 21st of December 1596 as follows, appraised the 6th of March 1596 as follows viz.

	£	s	d
Imprimis one gown of purple cloth	1	0	0
A petticoat of stamel cloth	0	10	0
One other gown and petticoat much worn priced at	0	13	4
Item 3 sheets priced at	0	10	0
Item 3 smocks	0	6	0
Item 4 partlets	0	6	0
Item 4 kerchiefs	0	2	8
Item 3 aprons	0	2	0
Item 1 ell of new cloth	0	3	0
Item a felt hat	0	2	6
Item a small wainscot chest	0	1	8
Item in money	25	0	0
Sum	28	17	2

Francis Shrimpton

Wm Yate

The mark of Gilbert Dunce

The mark of John Higgatt