

**Margaret Swathing/Swathen of Old Basing, widow 1585**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1585B/66**

**In the name of God Amen** The 3rd of April 1584 I Margrat Swathin of Basing in the county of Southampton widow of the age of 70 years or thereabouts being sick of body but of good and perfect memory thanks be unto the Almighty God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say **first** I bequeath my soul unto God my Creator and Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my body to be buried in the church of Basing aforesaid. **Item** I will that all such debts as I do owe of right or duty to be paid. **Item** I do give unto my son Roger Cowdre's youngest son Jhon Cowdre the lease of the farm in Basingstoke called Whites to enjoy the said lease or term of years yet to come during his life, and if it please God to call him out of this life before the years of the said time be expired then my will is that the remainder of the said years if any be shall remain unto William Cowdre son of the said Roger. **Item** my will is that my daughter Margrat shall have the sum of £10 which sum of £10 was due unto her by virtue of her father's will. **Item** I do give unto Rebecka Dering 1 feather bed. **Item** I do give Margaret Cowdre daughter to Symon Cowdre 2 ewes and 2 lambs and 1 pair of canvas sheets. **Item** I do give unto Rychard Cowdre son of Rogger Coward 3 ewes and 3 lambs. **Item** I do give unto 4 other of my son Rogere's children either of them a ewe and lamb. **Item** I do give unto Thomas Waterige 1 bushel of wheat. **Item** I do give unto goodwife Dod 3 yards and a half of white cloth. **Item** my will is that presently after my decease there be a true inventory taken of all my goods and cattles and that the same be praised by my overseers and 2 indifferent men with them, and out of my said goods my will is that all such debts and legacies as are here above named to be satisfied and paid. **And after** my burial finished and my debts paid and legacies delivered my will is that all the rest of my goods whatsoever shall be equally divided amongst my children, that is to say Roger Cowdrye, Edward Cowdry, Margrat Cowdre, Jone Maye, Alce Pearman. **Item** for the special trust I have in my sons Roger and Edwerd Cowdre do make them my executors to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning thereof. **Also** I do make my well beloved in Christ Frances Shrempton and William Wryght yeomen both of Basing the overseers and do by virtue hereof authorise them to see this my last will executed according to the true meaning thereof and for their pains taken herein I do give either of them a sheep. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in  
the presence of us Frances Shrempton,  
Wylliam Wryght  
George Hatrell (his mark)

Widow Swathen (her mark)

Obligation to Roger of Basing husbandman and Edward of Powderham in the county of Devon yeoman.

Probate granted 22 April 1585 to Roger and Edward Cowdrey executors.

An inventory of all the goods and cattles of Margaret Swathin widow of Basing in the county of Southampton deceased the 17th April 1584.

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| <b>The hall</b>  |   |    |   |
| <b>Item</b> 1 folding table  | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one joined form  | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> one cupboard of wainscot                                     | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one chair  | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 painted cloths   | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 pair of hangers in the chimney and 1 iron bar to bare them | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 carpet of dornex   | 0 | 0  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 tablecloths of canvas                                      | 0 | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 cushions   | 0 | 1  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 Flanders chest   | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| Sum  | 1 | 14 | 6 |

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| <b>The parlour</b>                                    |   |    |   |
| <b>Item</b> 1 table with a frame                      | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 joined bench and a form                 | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 joined chairs                           | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> a joined bedstead                         | 0 | 6  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 featherbed and bolster                  | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 curtains of buckram with 3 curtain rods | 0 | 1  | 1 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 piece of beech wainscot                 | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| Sum   | 1 | 6  | 7 |

The chamber over the parlour

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|--|---|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> 1 chest of wainscot with these parcels following | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 pair and one sheet of lockram                  | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pair of canvas sheets                          | 0 | 3  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 canvas apron                                   | 0 | 0  | 3 |

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| <b>Item</b> one other chest of wainscot with these parcels in it | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 8 linen head clothes                                 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 double kerchiefs                                   | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 partlets   | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pillow bere  | 0 | 0 | 4 |

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| <b>Item</b> 2 wainscot chests with these parcels in it | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one diaper towel                           | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one canvas tablecloth                      | 0 | 1  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 pair of canvas sheets                    | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> a Holland sheet                            | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 cupboard cloth                           | 0 | 0  | 2 |
| <b>Item</b> 4 pillow beres                             | 0 | 3  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 rail                                     | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 half sheets                              | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 Holland kerchiefs                        | 0 | 1  | 0 |

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| <b>Item</b> 2 old kerchiefs                             | 0  | 0  | 3 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 canvas smocks                             | 0  | 1  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 old aprons                                | 0  | 0  | 3 |
| <b>Item</b> 10 old cloths                               | 0  | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> one other wainscot chest with these parcels | 0  | 0  | 1 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 dozen of pewter platters                  | 1  | 16 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 charger                                   | 0  | 1  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 small dishes                              | 0  | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> a basin                                     | 0  | 0  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 15 smaller dishes                           | 0  | 7  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 23 saucers                                  | 0  | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 6 porringers                                | 0  | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 salts                                     | 0  | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 dozen of spoons                           | 0  | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 chamber pot                               | 0  | 0  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 8 latten candlesticks                       | 0  | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 brasen mortars with 2 pestles             | 0  | 10 | 0 |
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| <b>Item</b> 2 bedsteads of wainscot                     | 0  | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 painted sealing of canvas                 | 0  | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 flock beds of canvas                      | 0  | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 flock bed with a tick                     | 0  | 3  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 feather beds with bolsters                | 2  | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 4 pillows of tick                           | 0  | 4  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 4 pillows of feathers with fustian cases    | 0  | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> a red coverlet                              | 0  | 4  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 coverlets of tapestry                     | 2  | 17 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 carpets                                   | 0  | 4  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 wainscot chest                            | 0  | 1  | 8 |
| <b>Sum</b>  | 13 | 7  | 5 |

**The chamber next to the entry**

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> one boarded bedstead                            | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 flock bed of canvas                           | 0 | 1  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 white blanket                                 | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 featherbed with a fustian case with a bolster | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pair of canvas sheets                         | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 white coverlet                                | 0 | 3  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 red coverlet                                  | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> a tester of yellow and red                      | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 4 old painted cloths                            | 0 | 0  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> bolster of canvas and one bolster of tick       | 0 | 3  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 pillows, one of tick and the other of canvas  | 0 | 1  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 coverlet of dornix                            | 0 | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> a chest of wainscot                             | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 pair of canvas sheets                         | 0 | 6  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 old cupboard cloth                            | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 diaper napkins                                | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 plain napkin                                  | 0 | 0  | 2 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 wainscot chest                                | 0 | 1  | 0 |

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| <b>Item</b> 4 pair and one sheet of canvas | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 diaper napkins               | 0 | 0  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 plain napkin                 | 0 | 0  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 tablecloths of canvas        | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| Sum  | 3 | 5  | 0 |

**The chamber over the hall**

|   |   |    |    |
|---|---|----|----|
| <b>Item</b> 1 standing bedstead of wainscot           | 0 | 10 | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 flock beds and 2 bolsters               | 0 | 3  | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 lockram fringe                          | 0 | 0  | 10 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 old painted testers                     | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 white coverlets                         | 0 | 3  | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 white blankets                          | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pair of fustian blankets                | 0 | 6  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 coverlet of dornix                      | 0 | 5  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> pillow of tick                            | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 old chest of wainscot                   | 0 | 0  | 8  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 pair of canvas sheets and one old sheet | 0 | 4  | 8  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 tablecloth                              | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 old towel                               | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 linen fringe for a bed                  | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 little wainscot chest                   | 0 | 0  | 8  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 desk                                    | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 little joined table                     | 0 | 0  | 8  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 great wainscot chest                    | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| Sum   | 2 | 3  | 8  |

**The chamber over the entry**

|                                 |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Item</b> 2 boarded bedsteads | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 old chest         | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sum                             | 0 | 1 | 8 |

**The smoke loft**

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> 2 old tubs and 3 old kivers       | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 27 fitches of bacon               | 3 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 quarters, 5 bushels of malt     | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| <b>Item</b> 7 iron strakes                    | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pair of iron tongs and 2 struts | 0 | 1  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 chest of old iron               | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| Sum   | 5 | 3  | 5 |

**The malt house**

|  |   |    |   |
|--|---|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> 1 bedstead                                   | 0 | 0  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 flock bed and bolster                      | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 white blankets                             | 0 | 0  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 old coverlet                               | 0 | 0  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 great cauldron with 2 rings                | 0 | 6  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 other cauldron                             | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 kettles of brass one bigger than the other | 0 | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 brass pots                                 | 0 | 6  | 8 |

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| <b>Item</b> 5 tubs                | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 great kiver         | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 churn               | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| <b>Item</b> 6 old bowls           | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 bushel of barley    | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pair of stockcards  | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 settles and 3 forms | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> a coop for hens       | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sum                               | 2 | 8 | 0 |

**The kitchen**

|  |   |    |    |
|--|---|----|----|
| <b>Item</b> a furnace                    | 0 | 5  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 pot hangers in the chimney | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 broches                    | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 fire fork                  | 0 | 0  | 10 |
| <b>Item</b> a pair of cobirons           | 0 | 1  | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 gridiron                   | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 trivet                     | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 skimmer                    | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pair of pot-hooks          | 0 | 0  | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> 5 brass pane                 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 3 brass pots                 | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 chafer                     | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 kettle                     | 0 | 0  | 8  |
| <b>Item</b> dripping pans                | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 chafing dishes             | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| Sum                                      | 2 | 18 | 2  |

**The milk house**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Item</b> 2 troughs                                   | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 old tubs                                  | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| <b>Item</b> pair of iron scales with 2 half tod weights | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Sum   | 0 | 4 | 9 |

**The house next to the buttery**

|                                  |   |   |   |
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| <b>Item</b> 1 ale tub            | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 bolting hutch      | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 trough             | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 bushel             | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 old tubs           | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 kettle             | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 pail               | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 shelves            | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 plank for a settle | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 andiron            | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Sum                              | 0 | 5 | 9 |

**The buttery**

|                        |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Item</b> 1 cupboard | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 settles  | 0 | 0 | 8 |

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| <b>Item</b> 3 leather bottles | 0 | 3 | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> 2 leaden weight   | 0 | 0 | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> 1 tub             | 0 | 0 | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> 3 pewter dishes   | 0 | 1 | 6  |
| Sum                           | 0 | 5 | 10 |

**The barn with carts and plough**

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> 2 quarters 6 bushels of wheat                       | 1 | 13 | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 winnowing sheet                                   | 0 | 1  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 iron bound cart                                   | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 plough with his furniture and 1 pair of harnesses | 0 | 8  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 old wheels  | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 old dung pot                                      | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 3 pieces of timber                                  | 0 | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> the harness for horses                              | 0 | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 grindstone  | 0 | 0  | 8 |
| Wood  | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 cock and 6 hens                                   | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| Sum   | 4 | 4  | 4 |

**Cattle**

|                                  |    |    |   |
|----------------------------------|----|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> 3 horses and 3 mares | 11 | 0  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 colts              | 1  | 4  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 7 kine               | 9  | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 steer              | 1  | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 22 wethers           | 5  | 13 | 4 |
| Ewes and lambs 7 couples         | 1  | 5  | 0 |
| Barren ewes                      | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Tegs 19                          | 3  | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 sows               | 0  | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 8 shoots             | 1  | 6  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> 2 lesser shoots      | 0  | 4  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 4 weaning pigs       | 0  | 6  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 7 sucking pigs       | 0  | 3  | 6 |
| Sum                              | 36 | 19 | 2 |

**Wheat and other corn in the field**

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|---|----|----|---|
| Wheat and vetches in the field 28 acres | 9  | 0  | 0 |
| Barley, peas and oats 38 acres          | 7  | 14 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 1 bill of debt              | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| Sum                                     | 31 | 14 | 0 |

Sum total of all the goods aforesaid as they were praised by Frances Shrempton, William Wryght and George Hawtrell and Rychard Mulford all of Basing to the sum of

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