

Nicholas Sylvester of Old Basing, yeoman 1584

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In the name of God Amen, I Nicolas Silvester of the parish of Basing in the county of Southampton yeoman being sick in body but whole and perfect in remembrance, thanks be given to God for it, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeth my soul to Almighty God, my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the church yard of Basing. **Item** I give to the mother church of Winchester 2*d*. **Item** I give to the church of Basing 2*s*. **I give** to the poor of the parish of Basing 6*s*. 8*d*. **I give** to my son Cristofer one heckferth bullock of 2 years old. **I give** to Em my daughter six pounds thirteen shillings and 4*d*. of lawful English money. **I give** to my son Emanuel Silvester four pounds of lawful and current money of England. **I give** to my daughter Joane a heckferth bullock of 2 years old. **I give** to my daughter Joane, her child Avis Coxe, a weaning calf, all which legacies and bequests my wife shall have for payment and delivery unto the parties above mentioned the full term of two years after my decease if the said An my wife shall continue and remain a widow during the term aforesaid videlicet two years after my decease, provided always and my will is, that if An my wife shall happen after my decease to marry within the term and space before mentioned, that then she shall deliver and pay all those legacies and bequests before rehearsed unto Christopher, Emanuel, Joane, Em and Avis before the day and time of her marriage whensoever it shall be within the time before named. **I give** to Nicolas Jhonson my godson 12*d*. to be paid immediately after my death. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable, my debts and legacies being paid I give to An my wife whom I do make my whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **Overseers** I make William Pettie of Basing yeoman, Jerom Wakefield of Sherfield *on Loddon* yeoman and Joel Doughtey clerk. **And I** give to each of them for their pains 2*s*. 6*d*. apiece. **Written** the 12th of Julie AD 1584 in the reign of Elizabeth by the grace of God 26 in the presence of these hereunder named

Joel Doughty clerk
William Petty
Hugh Martyne
Richard Bryce

Nicholas Silvester his mark

The passage below is translated from Latin.

17th October AD 1584 the executrix above named in the Consistory Court by her own volition has renounced all right, title, and her interest in the execution of the aforesaid will between the Act of the same will on the same day appears. **Upon which** commission was made there and then by attorney William of Sarum Bachelor of Laws, Vicar General etc., to administer all the goods and chattels of the said deceased to Emmanuel Silvester the son of the said deceased with testamentary power to pay all the just debts and execute the will. **And to** produce an inventory by the feast of the birth of Christ.

HRO 1584AD/61

The inventory of the goods and cattles of Nicholas Silvester of the parish of Basing in the county of Southampton husbandman deceased taken made and praised the 18th day of December 1584.

	£	s	d
Imprimis ten bushels of wheat at 20 <i>d.</i> the bushel	0	16	8
Item 3 bushels and a half of malt by estimation at 15 <i>d.</i> the bushel	0	4	4½
Item 1 pair of canvas sheets	0	6	8
Item a flock bed of canvas	0	8	0
Item a flock bolster of tick	0	3	4
Item a cow	1	6	8
Item 2 acres and the third part of an acre of wheat in the common fields of Basingstoke	1	3	0
Item 3 acres and the third part of a half acre of barley in the said fields	0	13	4
Item the apparel of the said Nicholas	1	0	0
Item 2 cushions of flocks	0	1	4
Item in ready money	1	6	8
Item a coffer	0	1	8
Item 2 pottingers and a saucer	0	1	6
Sum	7	13	2½

Debts owing to the said Nicholas at the time of his decease

Item Christofer Silvester for all such goods and cattles as he bought of the said Nicholas his father before his decease	20	0	0
Sum as is			
Sum total	27	13	2½

Debts which the said Nicholas did owe at the time
of his decease

Item to his son Christofer Silvester	2	6	8
Item to Johan his daughter	0	4	0
Item for tithes due for one year to the farmer of the vicarage of Basing	0	3	4
Sum	2	14	0

Sum above deducted remains 24 19 2½

Exhibited was this inventory by Emmanuel Silvester an administrator of the goods of this deceased 8 January AD 1584(-5).