

William Fry of Old Basing, tailor, 1587

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In the name of God Amen I William Fry of Basing in the county of Southampton tailor 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 bequeath my soul to Almighty God hoping only to be saved by Christ His death, my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in the churchyard of Basing. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Robart dwelling at Basingstoke one little coffer which was my daughter Marye's and a red scarf with a handkerchief in it and ten shillings in money to be delivered and paid unto him at the Feast of Phillip and James Apostles which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1589. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Cristofer a black scarf with a handkerchief and ten shillings in money to be paid him at the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1589. **And if it** shall please God to call out of this life either of my said sons before the time and times above mentioned then I will that the survivor and longest liver of the two shall have his brother's legacies and bequests at the time prefixed. **And if** it happen that Robart and Cristofer my said sons do die before the times afore rehearsed, then I will that the legacies and bequests that remain upon half to Katheryne my wife and the other half to my 4 children which I had by her viz., to James, to Richard, to Margret and to Elizabeth my children. **Item** I give to my eldest son William Fry 4*d.* to be paid him after my death if he demand it. **Item** I give my brass, pewter, tables, chests, forms, bedsteads, beds, sheets, pillows, bolsters and al my household stuff as tablecloths, napkins and suchlike the one half to Katherine my wife and the other half to James, Richard, Margret and Elizabeth my children equally to be divided between them, being valued and prised by honest men. **All the** rest of my goods and wood and money except before excepted, my debts and legacies being paid, I give to Katheryne my wife whom I make full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **Overseers** I appoint William Wakefield of Basing bailiff and Jerom Wakefield of Sherfield *on Loddon* written the 11 of March AD 1585 in the 29th year of the reign of Elizabeth.

Probate granted 27 April 1587 to the executrix. Obligation to the widow and Richard Foster of the same place, yeoman.

An inventory of the goods and household stuff of William Frie sometime of Basing deceased, taken the 25th day of April 1587 in the 29th reign of Elizabeth by William Wakefield, bailiff William Wright, Jhon Charter with others.

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In the chamber over the hall			
Item a old standing bedstead of wainscot	0	6	0
Item 2 flock beds	0	8	0
Item 3 pillows of feathers	0	1	6
Item one bolster of flocks	0	0	8
Item 2 coverlets of list	0	6	8
Item 7 wainscot chests	0	12	0
Item 12 pairs of sheets	1	15	0

Item 3 lockram sheets	0	6	0
Item 13 table napkins	0	4	0
Item 6 pillowbers	0	5	0
Item 3 tablecloths	0	4	0

Item his apparel

Item one coat of russet, one doublet, one pair of hose, one hat, one girdle, an old cloak	0	13	4
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In the chamber over the buttry

Item an old boarded bedstead	0	0	6
Item an old flock bed	0	2	0
Item 2 old flock bolster	0	1	4
Item and old red coverlet	0	1	6
Item an old white tester over the bedstead	0	0	2
Item an old table and 2 trestles	0	1	0
Item a cradle	0	0	4
Item a wheel to spin linen	0	1	8
Item 3 riphooks	0	0	3

In the parlour

Item a table with 2 trestles	0	1	4
Item 3 benches	0	0	4
Item a form to sit on	0	0	2
Item an old wainscot cupboard	0	2	6
Item 3 old stained cloths	0	0	6
Item 6 old boards	0	0	4
Item 2 joined stools	0	0	8
Item 5 dozen of trenchers	0	0	5

Item in the hall

Item a wainscot table with a form, item a form serving to the table	0	3	4
Item 4 benches	0	0	6
Item a wainscot cupboard	0	2	0
Item 4 old cushions	0	0	4
Item a pair of andirons	0	1	0
Item a chain and a rack for the chimney	0	0	6
Item a pair of pot hooks	0	0	2

In the chamber over the kitchen

Item 2 old boarded bedsteads	0	0	8
Item 2 flock bed with 2 flock bolsters	0	4	0
Item 3 old coverlets	0	2	4
Item an old tester	0	0	1
Item a pair of stockcards	0	0	6
Item a pair of scales with an iron beam and nine pounds weight of lead	0	1	6
Item 6 old tubs	0	1	2
Item 2 kivers	0	0	8

Item 2 old stained cloths	0	0	2
Item 2 earthen pancheons	0	0	1
Item 2 shelves	0	0	2
Item in the kitchen			
Item in 2 brass pots	0	6	8
Item 4 brass kettles, item a pap pan, item a skimmer, item a frying pan	0	10	0
Item a skimmer, a frying pan	0	1	4
Item 2 chafing dishes	0	1	6
Item a fire pan	0	0	4
Item one broche	0	0	4
Item a brasen mortar with a pestle	0	1	2
Item a dripping pan	0	0	6
Item a trivet	0	0	8
Item 4 latten candlesticks	0	2	0
Item 19 pewter platters	0	5	0
Item 10 pewter dishes	0	3	4
Item a pewter basin	0	0	3
Item six saucers	0	1	4
Item 4 salt sellers	0	1	0
Item a goblet of pewter	0	0	2
Item a wooden pair of scales, item 2 pewter pottingers	0	0	6
Item a little kettle,	0	0	2
Item a bolting hutch, item a brewing vat	0	0	10
Item 4 great bowls	0	1	4
Item a bushel and a peck	0	0	8
Item 29 wooden dishes	0	0	4
Item 13 wooden tubs	0	2	0
Item 2 buckets	0	0	3
Item an axe, item a spade	0	0	6
Item a gridiron	0	0	2
Item a bench	0	0	1
Item a chopping knife	0	0	1
Item a pair of bellows	0	0	2
Item 2 stands	0	0	2
Item 2 shelves	0	0	1
Item a bench	0	0	1
Item a basting ladle	0	0	1
In the buttery			
Item an old cupboard	0	0	4
Item a salt box	0	0	1
Item five pewter pots	0	2	0
Item four earthen pots	0	0	3
Item a tray	0	0	1
Item 2 stands	0	0	3
Item <i>illegible</i>	0	0	10

In the backside

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Item in wood 6 loads price	0	6	0
Item 2 iron wedges price	0	0	6
Item a prong price	0	0	4
Item an old table with a backside in the summer house within the backside, with 2 forms and a frame price	0	1	4
The inventory of Wylliam Frye's goods deceased	9	8	6
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