

William Harris of Old Basing, 1594

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In the name of God Amen the thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord God one thousand five hundred ninety four I William Harris sick and weak of body but of good and perfect remembrance thanks be unto Almighty God do ordain and make my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Redeemer and Saviour desiring Him of His infinite goodness and mercy to accept this bequest into his holy hands and my body to be buried in Christian burial.

Imprimis I give to Master Simon and Master John Cafawde twenty shillings apiece.

Item I give to my fellows at the discretion of my master sixteen shillings three pence.

Item I give to the poor thirty shillings.

Item to my brother Clement Harris of Compton 30s.

Item of the ten pounds master Powlwheele owes me I give six pounds to them, I mean my master and mistress, as they of themselves shall think good in their own house.

Item I give to Margerie 10s. and to Joane Churcher 10s.

Item to Elizabeth Beare 5s. and to Thomas Locke 5s.

Item I give to Swift 5s. and to William Light 5s.

Item I give to Gregorie his wife 10s.

Item I give to William Spenser and his wife 10s.

Item for my burial 20s. and to Joane Churcher six ells of canvas. To Swift a jerkin and a pair of hose.

Item to Locke a frieze jerkin, a sackcloth doublet and russet hose.

Item to Thomas and Arthur so much of my old cloak as will make them each a pair of hose.

Item I give to John Denham my cloak.

Item to Alexander Cufaud my nag in consideration thereof I will he shall give John 10s.

To Alexander Cufaud my sheep, I mean my one sheep that goes among his.

In consideration of 12*d.* I owe Swift I give him my two shirts.

Item to Bourne for an ounce of sugar candy 4*d.*

Item I give to Thomas Suthell my surplice shirt, three handkerchiefs and two lockeram caps.

All the rest of my goods and cattles not given nor bequeathed I give to my master Alexander Cufaud whom I make my sole executor of this my last will and testament in the presence of these whose names are underwritten.

William Harris his mark.

William Spenser

Jo: Denham

Thomas Buttler

Probate granted 28 February 1594 to Alexander Cufaude sole executor. Obligation on Alexander Cufaud of Basing, gentleman and John Denham of the same place, yeoman.