

William Wakefield Senior of Old Basing, yeoman, 1586

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In the name of God Amen, I William Wakefield the elder of Basing in the county of Southampton yeoman being sick in body but whole and perfect of remembrance, thanks be given to God for it do constitute, ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God hoping only of my salvation by Christ His death, my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the church yard of Basing. **I give** to the mother church of Winchester 2*d*. **I give** to the parish church of Basing ten shillings. **I give** and bequeath to Jhon Wakefild the son of Jhon Wakefild my grandson in good and current English money six pounds thirteen shillings and 4*d*. **I give** more to him one trunk chest and a smaller chest. **I give** and bequeath to Barnarde Wakefild the son of Jhon Wakefild six pounds thirteen shillings and 4*d*. **I give** more a great chest and a small chest to the said Barnarde Wakefild. **I give** and bequeath unto Zacharie Wakefild the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and 4*d*. **I give** more to him 2 chests. **I give** and bequeath unto William Wakefild the son of Jhon Wakefild the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and 4*d*. **I give** to him also 2 chests. **I give** and bequeath unto Ellinor the daughter of Jhon Wakefild the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and 4*d*. **I give** also to her my biggest chest and a small chest, my great candlestick, one joined bedstead with a wainscot tester over it, one feather bed, 2 tick bolsters, 2 pillows, 2 pairs of sheets, one pair of canvas the other of lockram, a pair of blankets and a coverlet all which legacies I will to be given, paid and delivered up into the hands of the said children at the age of 21 years. **And if it** shall please God to call out of this life any of the said children before they come to the full age of 21 years then I will that the money and legacies before bequeathed shall remain to the rest survivors and then living of the said children equally to be divided and distributed among them. **I give** and bequeath unto Thomas Palmer of Mattingley four pounds which I lent unto Barnarde Wakefild and sent it him by Jerom Goddinge to be paid unto him, the said Barnard, immediately after my death. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable I give unto Jhon Wakefild my son whom I do make my full, whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **Overseers** I appoint Jhon Blake and Henrie Seasen and I give to each of them for their pains 3*s*. 4*d*. **Written** the 11th of October AD 1585 in the 27th reign of Queen Elizabeth.

This is the last will and testament of me William Wakefild the elder of the parish and county aforesaid yeoman, touching and concerning the disposition and bequeathing of my lands and tenements which I have. **I give** and bequeath all my land at Water End which I bought of Alexander Belchamber to Barnard and Zacharie the sons of Jhon Wakefild to be divided between them in manner as follows. **I give** to Barnarde the lower ground that is a great close, a little copes and a meadow plot. **I give** to Zacharie four closes bounding upon the Queen's highway with a house and backside wherein Jhon Heth now dwells provided always, and my will is, that Zacharie his heirs, executors and administrators shall permit and suffer his brother Barnard his heirs, executors administrators or assigns to have free egress and regress with cart horses or other cattle whatsoever through his ground to and from the ground of the said Barnarde's. **I give** and bequeath unto Zacharie Wakefild my house called by the name of Dickars which I bought of George Mulfurde with a barn, a backside and one acre and a half of ground lying in Deanefield. **I give** and

bequeath the stable adjoining to the said barn to Barnard the son of Jhon Wakefild and my will is that the said Barnarde Wakefild shall have free egress and regress through the backside to and from the said stable with horse, cart or other cattle whatsoever at his will and pleasure and not only for him but also the like liberty shall be given and granted to the heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of the said Barnarde concerning the egress and regress to and from the said stable. **But my will** is that my son Jhon Wakefild and Ellinor his wife that now is, shall have, hold, occupy and enjoy during their two natural lives and the longest liver of the two all the lands, grounds at Water End the house called Dickars the backside, the barn, stable and ground in Deanefield. **And after** the decease of Jhon Wakefild and Ellinor his wife it shall remain to Barnard and Zacharie Wakefild and to their heirs forever accordingly as is before mentioned, the yearly rents which issue and come out of the said land by due and right sixteen shillings and 3d. whereof 10s. is due to be paid unto Thomas Belchamber which rent and sum of 10s. I will that Zacharie Wakefild shall pay out of his ground and six shillings 3d. is due to the bailiffs of Basingstoke, which sum of six shillings 3d. Barnard shall discharge out of and for his grounds; and the fiveteenes to be equally discharged between them. **Written** the day and year abovesaid and delivered as his act, deed and last or testament unto Jhon Wakefild his said executor in the presence of these under named.

Signed, sealed and delivered the year
and day in the presence of these
Joel Doughtie
Henry Rose
Richard Gary his mark
Richard Moral his mark

William Wakfild his mark

Probate granted 14 April 1586 to the executors named.

The inventory of all the goods and cattles of William Wakefeild the elder of Basing in the county of Southampton yeoman who deceased the 4th day of December 1585 and overseen and praised by John Blake, Henrie Sayie and Thomas Paulmer the 7th of February.

	£	s	d
In the hall			
Item one long table and 4 joined stools	0	3	4
Item one cupboard and one round table	0	10	0
Item one back of iron	0	3	0
Item a caliver furnished	0	12	0
Item 2 chairs	0	1	4
In the Chamber			
Item ten chests	1	10	0
Item 2 joined bedsteads	0	16	0
Item 4 feather beds and 2 flock beds	4	10	0
Item 4 coverlets and 3 pairs of blankets	1	14	0
Item 4 tick bolsters and 4 pillows	0	13	0

Item 6 pairs of sheets 1 4 0

In the buttery

Item one cupboard and 4 tubs 0 6 8

Item one dozen of pewter, 2 salts, 6 candlesticks,
one chafing dish and a brass mortar 1 6 0

In the kitchen

Item 2 cauldrons 0 15 0

Item 6 pans 1 0 0

Item 5 pots and 6 kettles 1 12 0

Item 3 broches, 3 pairs of pot hooks one pothanger
and a gridiron 0 5 0

In the barn

Item wheat ten quarters 13 0 0

Item barley 20 quarters 10 0 0

Item oats 8 quarters 2 13 4

Item vetches 3 quarters 2 0 0

Item hay 1 0 0

In the backside

Item wood 20 loads 2 0 0

Item one half of a gelding 1 0 0

Item 6 hogs 1 0 0

Item 4 kine 6 0 0

Item 20 cheeses 0 13 4

In the field

Item one hundred and 20 sheep 24 0 0

Item 6 tod of wool 4 10 0

Item ten acres of wheat 5 0 0

Item 4 acres of vetches 1 6 8

Sum total 86 5 8