

**Walter Froude of Basingstoke, yeoman 1681**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1681B/20 and 1681AD/44**

**In the name of God Amen** the tenth day of January AD 1681 and in the three and thirtieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I Walter Froude of Basingstoke in the county of Southampton yeoman being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament. **First** and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into His everlasting kingdom through the only merits death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by none other merits or means whatsoever, and my body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executor and overseers hereafter named. **And as** for such temporal means or estate whereof the Lord of His bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts which I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease which being done and performed then I give and bequeath unto the poor people of Basingstoke aforesaid where I now live twenty shillings of current English money to be paid and distributed amongst them by the discretion of my executor and overseers hereafter named. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son John Froude and to his heirs and assigns forever all that my messuage or tenement situate, lying and being in the parish of Kingsclere aforesaid with all outhouses, edifices, buildings, lands, tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging now in the occupation of John Bond or of his assigns. **And all** other my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances situate, lying and being in the said parish of Kingsclere to have and to hold to him my said son John his heirs and assigns forever to the only and proper use and behoof of my said son John his heirs and assigns forever. **And also** I give and bequeath unto him my said son John Froude his heirs and assigns forever all that my messuage, tenement or inn situate, lying and being at Kintbury in the county of Berkshire with all outhouses, edifices, buildings, orchards, gardens, backsides, land, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances thereunto belonging now occupation of one [missing] or of his assigns to have and to hold to him my said son John Froude his heirs and assigns and to his and their only and proper use and behoof forever. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Froude and to her heirs and assigns forever all that my corner messuage or tenement, backside and garden with the appurtenances situate and being in Basingstoke aforesaid at or near a place called Cowcross now in occupation of William Wright or of his assigns to have and to hold to her my said daughter Mary her heirs and assigns forever and to her and their only and proper use and behoof forever. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Froude and to the heirs of her body all that my messuage or tenement called Brinckelowes in Basingstoke aforesaid with all outhouses, edifices, buildings, backsides, barns, stables, lands, commons, profits, commodities and appurtenances thereunto belonging provided that she and her brother and sister for the space of five years after my decease be conveniently maintained and provided for out of and by the rents, issues and profits issuing and arising out of the premises. **And she**, my said daughter Anne. paying her lord rent and also after the said five years ended paying to her sister Mary ten pounds a year yearly during here natural life to have and to hold the said message

or tenement lands and premises together with the lease thereof and all my estate and interest of and in the same to her my said daughter Anne and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten. **And for** default of such issue I give and bequeath the same to my said daughter Mary and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten. **And for** default of such issue to my son John Froude and his assigns during all the residue of the term or time to come of and by the said lease. **Item** I will that my said son John Froude and his assigns shall have and enjoy my messuage or tenement at Water End and all the lands, rents, commons, profits, commodities and appurtenances thereunto belonging lying and being in Nately Scures and Basing in the county aforesaid for the term of ten years next after my decease for and towards the payment of my debts. **And after** the expiration of the said ten years I give and bequeath the same with the lease thereof to my said daughter Anne Froude and her assigns with all my estate and interest in and to the same. **And all** my corn and grain as after the Feast Day of St Michael the Archangel next ensuing shall have been brought into my barn, backside and outhouses and other places shall be for the payment of my debts. **Item** I will that my kinswoman Hanna Holmes now living with me shall be kept and provided for during her natural life by my said daughter Anne Froude, or otherwise that my said daughter Anne Froude shall yearly and every year during her said lifetime pay unto her the said Hanna forty shillings a year of current English money for and towards her maintenance. **And in** case the said Hanna Holmes shall fortune to survive or overlive my said daughter Anne, then I will that my said son John Froude shall do the like for the said Hanna. **Item** I give and bequeath to my said daughter Anne Froude all such goods of what kind soever they be that heretofore were of her grandfather Richard Bickner deceased. **And all** the rest of my goods within my dwelling house as brass, pewter, plate, linen, woollen and other things I give and bequeath unto and amongst all my children namely John, Anne and Mary Froude equally to be divided between and amongst them and the survivor and survivors of them share and share alike. **And I** do make and ordain my said son John Froude to be executor of this my last will and testament, and executor in trust for and on the part and behoof of my said John during his minority I do make my said daughter Anne Froude. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and years first above written.

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Walter Froude in the presence of William Cutere  
John Borne snr  
the mark of James Hacke

the mark of the said  
Walter Froude

*Bond written in Latin*

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Margaret Golding, the aunt to John Froud a minor, the natural and lawful son and sole executor named in the last will and testament of Walter Froud late of Basingstoke in the said county deceased unto whom are committed letters of administration of all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased together with his last will and testament annexed (for that Ann Froud spinster the executrix in trust named in the said will

refused to take on her the execution of the same), during the minority and to the use and behoof of the said minor do well and truly administer all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased according to the tenor, intent and true meaning of the said will and to the use and behoof of the said executor during his minority. **(That is to say)**, do pay the debts and legacies of the said deceased so far forth as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the land charge paid, and do or [.....] unto the Registry of Winton a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said goods, chattels and credits at or before the Feast Day of John Baptist next ensuing and do make or cause to be made a true and just accompt of her said administration when you shall be thereunto lawfully required and further shall and do educate, bring up or cause to be brought up the said John Froud during his minority. **And when** he shall attain unto his lawful age and shall be admitted to take upon him Letters of Administration with the will annexed of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased shall deliver and pay him unto him the said John Froud all such sums of money, goods and chattels of the said deceased as shall be found and upon the said accompts due, then this obligation to be void the [...] else to be in force.

Signed and sealed in the  
presence of  
Henry Collier  
Susanne Collier

The mark of  
Margaret Goldinge

The mark of  
James Hack  
William Wright

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An inventory of the goods and chattels of Walter Frowde deceased taken by us whose names are underwritten this 18th day of February 1681.

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis</b> wearing apparel and money in purse	5	0	0
<b>Item</b> 3 horse beasts and 2 colts, 4 pairs cart harness, 4 pairs plough harness, 5 bit halters [thill] tugs and panels, 2 pairs fetters, 1 shovel and dung pike	10	5	0
2 woodrope chains, 2 cart ropes, 2 [tilns] ropes	1	0	0
2 cows, 2 heifers, 2 calves and a yearling bullock	12	10	0
<b>Item sown in the fields</b>			
10 acres and half of wheat			
2 acres of misling			
5 acres of winter vetches			
1 wagon, 1 cart, 2 dung carts, 2 ploughs, 2 drags, 3 harrows	12	10	0
1 saddle, 2 bridles	0	6	0
34 ewes, 22 wethers, 30 tegs, 2 sheep bells	24	8	0
<b>Item</b> wheat in sacks 12 bushels	2	5	0
Wheat in the barn 3 quarters and a half	5	5	0
Barley in the barn 10 quarters	11	5	0

Peas in sacks 4 bushels	0	11	0
Peas in the barn 5 quarters	5	6	0
A cock of hay	1	10	0
About a load of vetches	1	10	0
6 middling hogs	3	0	0
18 sacks, 4 fans and sieves, 1 bushel, 1 gallon and shovel	1	12	0
4 cow racks, a broken wheel	0	10	0

**In the parlour**

1 long table, 1 little round table, 8 joined stools	1	17	0
2 side cupboards, 6 matted chairs, 1 great old chair	0	16	0
5 swords, 2 belts, a pair bandoleers, 1 musket	0	10	0
A pair andirons, fire pan and tongs and 2 old pikes	0	7	0
8 turkey worked cushions	0	12	0

**In the hall**

1 long table and form, 1 jack and weights			
1 joined chair, 3 joined stools, 1 matted chair			
1 little cupboard	0	19	6
1 pair andirons, a pair tongs, a pair of bellows			
An old crossbow	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
	131	1	10

**In the little cellar**

2 barrels, 1 stand, faggots and other lumber	0	6	8
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**In the room over the cellar**

A parcel of malt dust, a skewer, 1 pair scales			
And a beam and weights and other lumber	1	15	0
1 bucking tub, 1 pitch kettle	0	5	0

**In the room behind the kitchen**

A parcel of malt dust and a which for hogs			
An iron bar, a mattock, a bill, a spade	2	16	0

**In the great cellar**

4 barrels, 2 tubs, 3 kivers and 2 stands and a tundish	1	0	0
2 more tubs	0	10	0

**In the chamber over the parlour**

4 chests, 2 coffers, 2 boxes, 1 desk	1	14	0
2 tablecloths, 2 dozen napkins	1	0	0
2 pillows, a set of old curtains and valance	0	8	0
A pewter still and basin	0	8	0
A deal partition	0	13	4

4 pair of sheets 1 10 0

**In the garret**

A parcel of old iron 0 3 0

**In the chamber over the hall**

1 bedstead, curtains and valance, curtain rods,  
cord and mat 1 15 0

2 feather beds, 1 feather bolster, 1 pillow, 1 rug 4 12 0

2 joined chairs, 3 chests 1 trunk and box and a  
close stool, 2 cushions 1 18 0

**In the closet**

1½ headed bedstead, mat and cord, 1 feather bed,  
2 feather beds bolsters, a pair blankets and 2  
coverlets 3 10 0

1 cane with silver head and ferule 0 6 8

A pair of dogs 0 1 6

**In the old chamber**

1 feather bed, 1 feather bolster and a parcel  
of lumber 2 5 0

**In the chamber over buttry**

1 feather bed, 1 feather bolster, 3 pillows, 1 flock  
bed 2 16 0

3 old rugs, 1 trundle bedstead, 3 coffers 0 12 0

30 0 2

One silver salt and cover 4 silver spoons and  
[trothpiece] 2 15 0

**In the kitchen**

19 pewter platters, 3 salts, 2 flagons, 3 old chamber  
pots, 1 basin 3 0 0

3 old warming pans 0 6 0

5 kettles, 3 skillets and 1 brass pan, 1 brass skimmer 1 18 0

2 brass pot, 1 brass mortar and a piece of a brass  
mortar and a brass ladle, 1 brass posnet 2 0 0

1 iron pot and an old iron pot 0 7 6

3 spits, 3 old dripping pans 0 4 0

1 cupboard, 1 settle, a little form, 3 buckets, 1 bowl 1 1 0

2 pair cotterells, 2 fire pans 0 5 0

A large gridiron, 1 cleaver, a toasting iron, 3 pairs  
pothooks, 1 smoothing iron, 2 scythes, 2 wedges, 0 12 6

1 leather chair 0 2 0

**In the buttry**

1 salting trough, 8 flitches of bacon, 1 meal tub,

1 dough kiver, 2 searches, 2 little tubs and other

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lumber 5 0 0

**In the backside**

A grindstone 0 2 0

A parcel of blocks and old wood, well bucket  
and chain and rope, horse trough, hog troughs  
and other lumber in the backside

2 0 0

Poultry and ducks

0 15 0

An old roller

0 4 0

10 planks

1 0 0

21 11 0

30 0 2

131 1 10

182 13 0

More a pair Holland sheets, 2 pair pillow beres,  
2 mantles, 5 wrought cushion cloths, a silver dish  
and a silver watch

3 10 0

And a looking glass

0 10 0

A parcel of dung

[missing]

186 13 0

Will Coleman senior

Geo Prince

William Cowderoy

the mark of Jeames Hack

**At Water End**

2 old bedsteads, 1 old table, 1 joined cupboard, 2  
kivers, 1 chair table and a spinning wheel

1 12 0

**At Will Wright's**

1 long table, 1 little table, 4 joined stools, 2 pairs  
of tongs, 1 bedstead, 1 spit and 1 side cupboard

1 13 0

3 5 0

186 13 0

189 18 0

William Coleman

William Cowderoy

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James Hack

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Walter Froud deceased