

The Will of WILLIAM BASSOCKE Senior of Staplehurst in the County of Kent, yeoman, 22 October 1595. To the parish church of Staplehurst 3s. 4d. To my wife Mary all such moveable goods and household goods as were hers before we were married, £10 to be paid in two years, and 15s. a year to be paid for said two years, she entering into a bond of £80 not to make any claim on my lands for dowry. To my daughter Isabell 3s. 4d. To my daughter Mary 3s. 4d. and certain household goods. To my daughter Anne £9 at her age of one and twenty years or day of marriage. To my daughter Dorothy £9 at her age of twenty years or day of marriage. If either die before said time, they are to have power to leave it to such brothers and sisters as they think fit. To my daughter Mary an annuity of 20s., to be paid by my three sons, John, William, and Robert Bassocke, each paying 6s. 8d. If my said daughter Mary or her husband Jarvis Austen sell the annuity or make any claim on any of my lands, the annuity is to cease. To my son John Bassocke and his heirs £13. 6s. 8d. To my sons John, William, and Robert Bassocke all my lands in Staplehurst in fee simple. I forgive to Jarvis Austen and Mary his wife all such debts as they owe me and from me unjustly detain, on condition that they keep themselves quiet and live peaceably with mine executors and the rest of my children. And if they be contentious, then I give all such sums as they owe me to my executors. All the residue of my goods, moveables, and chattels to my sons William Bassocke and Robert Bassocke, whom I make my executors. Overseers: John Buckhurst and Thomas Symons of Staplehurst. [Signed] William Bassocke senior signu'. Witnesses: James Bixer, Not. Pub.:, Robert Marrant, John Mount, the marke of William Bassocke, the marke of Edward Bassocke. Proved 31 January 1596/7 by the executors named in the will. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 51, fo. 76.)