

John Palmer of Nately Scures, cleric, 1662

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In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.

Forasmuch as it has pleased God of his Fatherlike care and love me to reveal unto me by His holy spirit the frail and slippery estate of this mortal life. **And that** he has warned me to set my house in order that I may be ready to follow His will when it shall please Him to call me. **I do therefore** make and ordain, and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I do render and give again into the hands of Almighty God and creator and my soul which He of His infinite goodness and mercy gave me beseeching Him for his son Jesus Christ, His sake my only redeemer that when it shall please Him to deliver me out of that misery and pain of this my mortal and sinful life to take the same out of the prison of this my vile and wicked body wherein it is enclosed but for a time and to place it in the possession and enjoying of that everlasting felicity which His dear son has purchased for me by His death and passion whence it came, hoping that through the death and passion when I was utterly lost and become a bond slave (through sin), unto Satan. **And as** concerning my body I commit it unto the earth from whence it came hoping that through the death and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer at the great day of general resurrection when He shall judge the quick and the dead I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God whereby He is able to subdue all things to himself not a corruptible body, mortal, weak and vile as now it is: but an incorruptible, immortal, strong and perfect like unto the glorious body of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to Richard my eldest son my house or tenement in Reading in the county of Berkshire with the backside, gardens and appurtenances commonly called the White Hart in London Street to him and to his heirs forever. **And also** one silver cup, which said Richard my son I do appoint to pay and discharge all those legacies that I have bequeathed in this my last will and testament and they are as follows (and I thus charge him in consideration of the great charges that I have been at to estate him in the said house or tenement).

Item I give unto my daughter Marie, the wife of Arthur Bristow, my house or tenement and backside at Eversley in the county of Southampton to her and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and in default of such heirs to my youngest son Robert to him and to his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my son Nicolas the sum of ten pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to the said Nicolas within one year after my decease. **Also** I give unto the said Nicolas one silver spoon.

Item I give unto my son Edmund or to his assigns twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to the said Edmund or his assigns within two years after my decease and also two silver spoons.

Item I give unto my daughter Barbara ten pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto the said Barbara when she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years or at the day of her marriage whichsoever shall soonest happen.

Also I give unto the said Barbara the feather bed and bedstead standing in the chamber over the hall with all the furniture thereunto belonging with the stools and chairs and cupboard there standing and the table and the andirons, fire shovel and tongs and bellows and all my linen and the best chest and two silver spoons and two gold rings.

Item I give unto my son Robert twenty five pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto the said Robert when he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years and all my books and my musical instruments and the feather bed and bedstead and the red coverlet with all the furniture thereunto belonging. **And in** case that either my daughter Barbara or my son Robert, or both of them, should depart this life before the time appointed for the payment of the aforesaid portions, that then my will is that the said portion or portions shall remain and be paid and divided amongst the rest of my surviving children by even and equal portions.

Item I bequeath to my six grandchildren twenty shillings apiece to be paid within a quarter of a year after my decease.

Item I do give and bequeath all my goods indisposed (my funeral expenses and debts first defrayed), unto Richard my eldest son whom I do appoint executor of this my last will and testament and I desire my loving friends Mr John Kinge of Weston and my loving brother Mr Edmund Pargister of [Hartley *Wintney*] to be overseers of this my last will and testament. **And in** thankfulness for their pains I do give unto each of them a pair of gloves of a half a crown apiece. **And so** revoking all former wills I do ordain this to be my last will and testament. **In witness** whereof I have put to my hand and seals on the five and twentieth day of December in the twelfth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King Charles the second and in the year of our Lord God 1660.

Signed and sealed in the presence of
Arthur Bristow
The mark of Dorothy Adams

Probate granted 17 April 1662 to the executor named. Obligation to the same of Alton, clothworker.

An inventory of the goods and chattels of John Palmer rector of Nately Scures in the county of Southampton rector deceased taken the 16th September 13th Charles the Second King by us whose names are underwritten.

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel and his money in his purse	5	0	0
Item an acre and a half of wheat upon the glebe	3	0	0
Item an acre and a quarter of oats upon the glebe	1	6	8
Item one cow, two heifers and one yearling bullock	9	6	8
Item one old mare and one young blind mare	2	10	0
Item two hogs and five small pigs	1	10	0
Item an old cart and old harness	1	0	0

Item a fan	0	5	0
Item a ladder and soil in the gate	1	14	0
Item in the hall a long table, 4 joined stools, one joined great chair and a joined cupboard and other lumber	1	15	0
Item in one little room within the hall a livery bedstead, one flock bed and bolster, an old coverlet and one blanket and a little table and other lumber	1	3	4
Item in the chamber over the kitchen one joined bedstead, one old rug, curtains and valance, 2 wooden chests, one old joined press, one truckle bedstead, some rough cloth and other lumber	2	0	0
Item in the kitchen ten old middling pewter dishes, 4 small pewter flagons and some other old pewter	1	0	0
Item in the kitchen 2 brass pots, 2 old kettles, 2 skillets, a skimmer and warming pan	1	10	0
Item a jack and two spits, 2 pairs of andirons, a pair of tongs and fire shovel, gridiron and two pairs of cotterells with other lumber	0	16	6
Item in the buttery six small barrels, a kneading kiver, butter churn, 2 old kivers, 3 trays and other lumber	1	4	0
Given to his daughter Barbara			
Item in the chamber over the hall one field bedstead, valance and curtains, 3 chairs, seven stools, one feather bed, 2 bolsters, 4 pillows, 1 coverlet and two blankets, 1 small table, 1 side cupboard, fire shovel, andiron, tongs, bellows	5	0	0
Item 2 silvers spoons, 2 gold rings, a pewter basin and ewer and another basin and 2 other fruit dishes	1	18	0
£41 16s 2d			
Given to his daughter Barbara			
Item 3 pairs of sheets, 5 pillow beres, 2 tablecloths, 4 napkins, 3 towels, 2 cupboard cloths	2	10	0
Given to his son Robert			
Item a bass viol and a treble viol	1	6	8
Item one feather bed, bedstead and coverlet, 1 bolster, 2 blankets	3	10	0
Item his study of books	10	0	0
Given to his son Nicolas			
Item one silver spoon	0	5	0

Given to his son Edmond

Item 2 silver spoons

0 8 0

Given to his son Richard

Item two other silver spoons

0 10 0

£18 9s 8d

Sum total

60 5 10

By us

John Kinge

Andrew Whelpdale

Nicholas Melton

William Hall