

John Byam of Cliddesden, warrener, 1593
Ref: Hants. RO 1593A/015

In the name of God Amen I John Byam of the parish of Cliddesden in the county of Southampton warrener, do make my last will and testament in manner following. **I give** my soul unto my saviour and sole redeemer, my body to buried in Worting churchyard. **I will** and bequeath all such goods and implements as I had by my wife Joan Austin to her father Edward Austin. **I give** to my father Byam all my nets and ferrets and my wearing apparel. **I give** to my sister forty shillings. **I give** to my maid Elizabeth my first wife's best petticoat and a frieze gown and that be paid unto her that which I owe her for her wages. **I give** to my daughter Rose the rest of my first wife's wearing apparel, a christening sheet and four pillowberes and the best of my beds furnished. **Item** I give to my son John Byam my mare and colt and to my son William my cow. **The rest** of my goods, chattels or whatsoever to me belongs I give and bequeath to my three children before named John Byam, William Byam, Rose Byam whom I do constitute and make my executors of this last will and testament. **Further** I will that if any of my children do die before they are to possess their portions, that each of them to possess the dead's portion equally to be divided amongst them. **For this** my last will and testament I make my overseers Robert Richardson, Thomas Widnet, John Wythers, William Prynce to take order for the bringing up of my children and to appoint out of their portions at their discretion as may be most convenient for their years and whatsoever they or any three of them shall desire. **I do according** witness my mark this 7 of September 1592.

John Byam – mark
Witness Robert Richardson and Wylliam Prynce

Probate granted 19 April 1593. Thomas Woodnett appointed supervisor during the minority of Rose, John and William.

The Inventory of John Byam

	£	s	d
First one basin			
Item 4 platters			
Item 2 pottingers			
Item 4 saucers			
Item 1 pewter dish			
Item 1 pewter can			
Item 1 salt			
Item 1 tinnen bottle			
Item 1 candlestick			
Item 6 spoons	0	5	0
Item 2 kettles			
Item 1 pot			
Item 2 skillets	0	6	8
Item 1 pair of shears			
Item 1 gridiron			

Item 1 pair of pot-hooks			
Item 1 pair of pothangers			
Item 1 spit			
Item 1 frying pan			
Item 1 hatchet			
Item 1 digging staff	0	1	8
Item 2 tubs			
Item 3 kivers			
Item 3 firkins			
Item 1 barrel			
Item 1 old barrel			
Item 1 kive			
Item 1 powdering tub	0	4	0
Item 8 trenchers			
Item 4 dishes			
Item 1 tunning bowl			
Item 3 earthen pots	0	0	4
Item 4 coffers			
Item 1 cradle			
Item 1 bottle	0	7	0
Item 2 bedsteads			
Item 1 flock bed			
Item 2 feather bed			
Item 1 flock bolster			
Item 3 pillows			
Item 2 coverlets	1	3	4
Item 5 pairs of sheets	1	10	0
Item 3 Holland pillowberes			
Item 4 hens, 3 chickens, 1 cock	[missing]		
Item 1 saddle and 1 bridle	[missing]		
Item 1 table cupboard	[missing]		
Item 1 table with a frame	[missing]		
Item 3 forms whereof Rasse Byam has one	[missing]		
Item 4 stools whereof Rasse Byam has two of them	[missing]		
Item 1 [piece] of a cupdish	[missing]		
Item 1 pair of fetters and a lock	0	0	10
Item 1 bolts	[missing]		
Item 1 gown	[missing]		
Item 1 hat	0	2	1
Item 1 cow	1	13	4
Item 1 mare	1	13	4
Sum	8	6	0

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.... Thomas Woo... ator of the goods of Cliddesden deceased ... Rose John and William Byam ... ecutors of the last will ... Byam deceased ... 1597.

Charges imprimis the charges himself with goods and chattels of the said John specified in an inventory were taken and executed unto the ... amounting to the sum of

8 6 0

Item this accountant declares that John Withers of Manydown did owe and was indebted to the said John Byam at his decease four score pounds

80 0 0

Item this accountant further declares that Gilbert Withers of Dummer did owe unto the said John Byam at his decease ten pounds

10 0 0

Item this accountant further declares that one [missing] Lidford of Wonston did owe to the said John Byam at his decease ten pounds

10 0 0

Item this accountant declares that the said John Withers has received into his hands and possession the said several sums of Gilbert Withers and [missing] Lidford

Item this accountant declares that the said John Withers has paid us for the said money yearly [.. £9] pounds towards the bringing up and keeping of the said children from the feast of St Michael the Archangel 1592 until the feast of Nativity of Christ [...]

47 5 0

155 10 5

.... this accountant ...as also in the ... John Withers praise ...paid

Item paid by ... [...] this accountant ... half to and of the said John ... deceased for wages due ... to her

1 3 4

Item paid by this accountant for the bringing up of the said three children for their [....] drink, apparel and schooling for the said five years and the rate of three pounds for three year for every of them

47 5 0

Item the said John Wythers laid out for the said John Byam for sundry debts of his and in the time of the sickness of the said John Byam for inefficiencies above

8 0 0

	Sum alone	56	18	4
[.....]	...	[38	12	4]
		98	12	0
There ... hands of the said John ...		88	0	0
The rest ... with in this accountant		10	12	0
Probate to William Byam, Thomas Woodnet.				
Obligation to Richard Bull of Micheldever, husbandman.				