

John Bickner of Upton Grey, husbandman, 1615

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In the name of God Amen the seven and twentieth of February in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland, King, defender of the faith etc the twelfth and of Scotland the 48th and in the year of our Lord God 1614, I John Bickner of Upton Grey in the county of Southampton husbandman, sick in body but of good and perfect memory (God be praised), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Upton Grey aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the cathedral church of Winchester four pence. **Item** I give unto the parish church of Upton Grey aforesaid five shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor of the same parish five shillings to be distributed within two months next after my decease at the discretion of the overseers for the same poor. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving mother Dorothy Bickner five pounds to be paid to her within three months next after my decease. **Item** I give unto my brothers William, Christopher and Ambrose Bickner twelve pence apiece to be paid to them and every of them within two months next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to the child now being in the womb of Ann my wife, fifty pounds to be put forth to the best profit and increase of a stock for the same child by the supervisors or overseers of this my last will and testament here undernamed or any other honest person or persons by them or either of them surviving, put in trust and with the privity of Ann my said wife within one year next after the birth of the said child until he or she shall fully accomplish the age of one and twenty years. **But if** the said child fortune to die before the age of one and twenty years in him or her be fully accomplished then my will and meaning is that ten pounds of the said fifty pound legacy be by my said overseers or others by them put in trust, delivered and well and truly paid unto the children of John White my brother in law which he has by Margret my deceased sister and be equally divided amongst them and so many of them as shall be then living within six months next after the decease of my said child in the womb aforesaid. **And the** residue and remainder thereof together with the profit thereof made as aforesaid, to remain and be unto Ann my said wife whom I make and ordain sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And** all the rest of my goods, chattels and cattles, my debts, legacies and funeral expenses be paid and discharged I give, bequeath and leave unto my said executrix. **And** I ordain and make my well beloved friends in Christ Henry Spratberow my father in law and Bryan Mathew my neighbour, supervisors and overseers of this my last will and testament whom I heartily desire to see this my last will and testament performed in every respect as far forth as in them lie. **And for** their pains to be taken therein I give and bequeath to either of them 3s 4d apiece over and above all such reasonable charges and expenses as they or either of them shall be at, in or about executing and performing my will in this my testament. **And I** utterly revoke and annul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies bequests, executors and overseers by me in any wise before this time named, willed, and bequeathed. **This** being witnessed

Brian Mathew

James Lee his mark

Geo Bayly

Probate granted 24 April 1615.

An inventory of the goods, chattels and cattles of John Bickner late of the parish of Upton Grey in the county of Southampton husbandman deceased, taken, valued and appraised by Thomas Kinge, Bryan Mathew, Phillip Guy, Thomas Mathew senior and George Bayley the fourth day of March in the twelfth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland, King, defender of the faith etc and Scotland the 48th AD 1614.

	£	s	d
Imprimis in money due upon bond and bill, desperate and otherwise	50	0	0
Item a lease of a tenement in Upton Grey aforesaid for a term of 26 years yet to come	10	0	0
Item his wearing apparel	1	10	0
Sum	61	10	0

In the hall

Item a joined cupboard, a table, a form and a joined stool	1	0	0
Sum	1	0	0

In the chamber next to the hall

Item a boarded bedstead, a mat, a feather bed, three bolsters, 2 pillows, a pair of blankets and a coverlet	2	6	8
Item 2 flock beds, 2 coffers, one form with other lumber	0	16	0
Sum	3	2	8

In the loft over the hall

Item a joined bedstead, a coffer and a chest	0	17	0
Item 2 pairs of canvas sheets, a table cloth and two pillow beres	0	8	0
Item a linen wheel, one tub with other lumber at	0	6	0
Sum	1	11	0

In the kitchen

Item a bolting which, 3 tubs, 2 kivers with other wooden utensils	0	7	0
Item 3 kettles and a brass pot	1	0	0
Item 12 pieces of pewter, 2 salts and two brasen candlesticks	0	11	0
Item a pair of cotterels, a gridiron, a spit, a well bucket and a rope	0	12	0
Item two hogs of bacon	1	0	0
Item three sacks and a hair	0	6	0
Sum	3	16	0

Corn in the barn thrashed and unthrashed

Item one heap of barley thrashed	1	0	0
Item wheat thrashed and unthrashed	1	10	0

Item a quarter of malt		0	16	0
	Sum	3	6	0

In the backside and fields

Item a horse		1	10	0
Item 12 sheep		2	0	0
Item a hoggerel		0	5	0
Item 2 acres and a half of wheat and vetches growing in the fields		1	13	4
	Sum	5	8	4
	Sum total	79	14	0

Thomas Kinge
Brian Mathew
Philip Guys mark
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