

William Beck/Becke of Cliddesden, yeoman, 1681

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In the name of God Amen the fifth day of October AD 1680 and in the two 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 William Becke of Cliddesden 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 commend 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 no 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 executors hereafter named. **And 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 William Becke my grandchild (after the decease of me and my wife and the decease of the longest liver of us), all that the messuage or tenement wherein I now live situate, lying and being in Cliddesden aforesaid, and all the lands with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, containing by estimation four yardlands or thereabouts, be it more or less, together with the lease thereof by which I hold the same of and from Henry Wallop Esq. **Provided** always that if my grandchild's mother shall not well and truly satisfy and pay all and every such debts, sum or sums of money for which I with, at her request, am and stand bound for her to any person or persons whatsoever, that then John Becke my son and his assigns (after my wife's decease), she dying within three years after my decease, shall hold and enjoy the said messuage or tenement, lands and premises for satisfying and paying of the same, paying unto my said grandchild yearly and every year during and until he shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty years for and towards his maintenance and keeping, five pounds a year of current English money. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Olliver Becke the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England twenty pounds whereof I will shall be paid unto him within six months after my decease and the other twenty pounds within twelve months after my decease. **Item** in case my daughter in law Jane Beck do pay all such debts for which I do stand bound or engaged with or for her to any person or persons whatsoever then I give and bequeath unto her, my said daughter in law, the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England, and to Elizabeth Becke, Mary Becke and Olliver Becke her children five pounds apiece of current English money. **And my** will is, that the said debts being paid, that my said daughter in law, her legacy of ten pounds be paid to her within six months after my decease, and the several legacies of five pounds apiece to her daughters when as they shall accomplish their several and respective ages of twenty and one years or days of marriage which shall first happen to be, and the legacy of five pounds to her son when as he shall accomplish his full age of twenty and one years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter in law Joane, the wife of my son John Becke, ten pounds of current English money to be paid unto her within six months after my decease; to her son John Becke I give five pounds of current English money to be paid unto him when he shall accomplish

his full age of one and twenty years; and to her daughter Johane Becke I give five pounds of like money to be paid unto her at one and twenty years of age or day of marriage which shall first happen to be. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Dorothye my now wife my best bed and the furniture thereunto belonging, and to my grandson William Becke I do give my other best bed. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Phillip Russell and Alice Hasthe my ancient servants twenty shillings apiece. **And to** such other servants as shall be with me at the time of my decease five shillings apiece of current English money over and above such wages as shall be due to them from me at the time of my decease. **Item** I will that my meal trow, salting trow, furnace and malt mill remain and be as standard in my dwelling house and left there for my grandson William Becke after my wife's decease. **And whereas** I promised to give my son John Becke my furnace at my decease, my will is that he shall have the same so as he deliver up a great brewing kettle which I lent him, to my wife. **And all** the rest and residue of my goods and chattels (my debts being first paid, legacies in this my will performed and funeral expenses discharged), I wholly give and bequeath unto the said Dorothye my wife, and my son John Becke whom I make and ordain to be full and sole executors of this my last will and testament. **And overseers** of this my said will I do make my brother in law Michael Merriat and my cousin Samuel Wheat desiring them to be aiding and assisting unto my said executors to see this my said will performed, unto whom for their pains to be therein taken I do give ten shillings apiece of current English money. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them 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.

My will and meaning is that not withstanding I have made my son John Becke joint executor with his mother, yet I will that his mother, my wife, shall during her life time have the full power of herself in disposing of all my linen and plate as to her, shall seem good. **Witness** my hand Will: Beck.

Witness hereunto

Richard Allin, Edward Dredg, John Borne snr.

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said William Beck in the presence of Richard Allin, Edward Dredg, John Borne Snr

An inventory of the goods and chattels of William Becke late deceased in the parish of Cliddesden appraised and truly valued by Mr Michall Merriott of Ellisfield, Mr Samuel Wheat of Pamber and John Kersly of Cliddesden Feb 24 1680/1.

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse	10	0	0
Item money in the house	5	0	0

Item one feather bed, one bolster, two pillows, curtains,

and valance, one joined bedstead, one rug and pair of blankets 4 0 0

Item one table and carpet, one side cupboard and carpet, 2 cushion leather chairs, one joined chair, three leather stools, one cushion, one pair of brass andirons, fire shovel and tongs, one pair of bellows and a pair of dogs brass headed 12 0 0

In the room over the hall

One feather bed, 2 bolsters, two pillows, one truckle feather bed, bolster, 2 pairs of blankets, two rugs ~~two bedstead~~ 5 0 0

Item one cupboard table, one other table, one basket chair, one elbow chair, two other chairs, one low stool, two trunks, one chest, three boxes 1 0 0

Item one pair of dogs, one fire shovel and pair of tongs, one pair of bellows 0 2 6

Item twelve pairs of sheets, three pairs of pillow beres, four diaper tablecloths, four cupboard cloths, five dozen of napkins four hand towels, four coarse towels 10 0 0

Item in the maid's chamber

One bed two blankets and one coverlet, one feather bolster with a bedstead, one press, one little round table, one joined chair, one stool, one coffer, one trunk, two desks, one little trunk with other lumber 1 16 0

Item in a cockloft

One flockbed and some old coverings 0 10 0

In the other cockloft lumber to the value of 0 6 0
One beam and scales and small weights 0 4 0

Item in a lower room one bedstead, one pair of blankets, one feather bolster and one pillow with curtains and valance one joined table, two joined stools, a little chair, one cheese table 1 10 0

Item in the hall one joined table, one cupboard table, one round table with two carpets, one settle, one joined chair, 4 leather chairs and 4 joined stools and 4 cushions and 4 leather chairs and an old clock, with andirons, fire shovel and tongs and 2 carpets and a piece of wainscot 4 1 0

Item in kitchen two tables, two cupboards, one form, four chairs, the rack, one jack, three spits, one fender, two pairs of andirons, 3 pairs of cotterels, two iron dripping pans, 2 gridirons, a cleaver and shredding knife	2	10	0
Item in the buttery 1 table, one form, two flagons, 8 candlesticks with other pewter great and small to the value of	5	2	0
Item in the meal house one meal bin with other lumber	0	6	0
Item in the long house one furnace, five kettles, two brass pots, one posnet, 4 skillets, one skimmer and one brass pan and one iron kettle	3	0	0
Item in the well house one malt mill, one cheese press, the well rope, chain and bucket with other tubs	2	5	0
Item in another buttery one table with butter, cheese and bacon	11	0	0
Item in the cellar 8 beer vessels, more brew vessels with sieves, one salting trow and a powdering tub	2	1	0
Item milk vessels, 1 dozen of trays, 1 sieve, two buckets and a close tub with a butter churn	1	0	0
Item plate one little tankard, one bowl and a dozen of spoons	7	2	0
Item five carthorses with their harnesses	24	0	0
One saddle nag	5	0	0
65 wether sheep	22	0	0
40 tegs, ewes and wethers	14	0	0
20 couples	7	0	0
1 rick of hay	2	10	0
12 store pigs	4	0	0
Rother beasts great and small, twelve	25	0	0
One wagon, one long cart, two dung carts, two ploughs, three pairs of harrows with their tackle, two rollers, two old carts lying up in the cart house with other lumber there	15	0	0
Horse meat	1	0	0

Item in the barn of Basingstoke about forty quarters

barley	34	0	0
Wheat there	3	10	0
White oats – five quarters	3	15	0

Item in Fletcher's barn peas, 8 quarters	8	0	0
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Item in the barn at home barley, 12 quarters	9	0	0
Wheat threshed and unthreshed, 6 quarters	8	0	0
Oats threshed and unthreshed, twenty six quarters	16	0	0

Item books in and about the house	1	0	0
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Item one fan, 1 dozen of sacks, 1 bushel, bills, wedges and prongs and rakes, one screen all to the value of	1	0	0
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Wheat on the ground sown, 21 acres	20	0	0
Vetches	7	0	0

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Appraised Michael Merriatt
Samuell Wheate
John Cerssly