

Robert Melton of Holt, Nately Scures, gentleman, 1640
Ref: Hants. RO 1640A/116

Southampton
28 day September AD 1640

In the name of God Amen, the day and year above written, I Robert Melton of Holt in the parish of Nately Scures in the county of Southampton gent., being visited by Almighty God with sickness, but of good and perfect remembrance, God be praised therefore, and considering of the mortality of mankind, do in this my perfect memory make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, and to Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer by whose precious death and blood shedding I constantly hope for the remission of all my sins. **And I** commend my body to the earth, to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Up Nately or Nately Scures at the discretion of my executors or overseers. **First** I give to Nicolas Melton of Up Nately, my eldest son 12d. **Item** I give to James Melton my son 12d. **Item** I give and bequeath to William my son the sum of four and twenty pounds of lawful English money to his own proper use to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease and six pounds more to be paid to Edward Browne, a baker dwelling in Reading in the county of Berkshire, for and in consideration of his accepting of my said son to be bound unto him as an apprentice. **Item** I give and bequeath the parish churches of Nately Scures and Up Nately 20s apiece to be paid unto the churchwardens of each of those parishes within one month after my decease. **All other** the rest of my goods, cattles and chattels moveable and unmoveable what or wheresoever I give and bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth Melton and Margaret Melton whom I make my executrixes of this my last will and testament, **And I** appoint my loving friends John Russell of Sherlands and Mr John Nutby, parson of Nately Scures, to be my overseers of this my last will and testament to whom I give five shillings apiece for their pains taken therein. **In witness** whereof I have to these present set my hand the day and year first above written.

Robert Melton

Signed and delivered in the
Presence of John Nutby and
James Knight, his mark

Probate granted 30 November 1640 to the executrixes. Obligation to the same spinsters.

Inventory £211 14s 8d

A true inventory of the goods, cattles and chattels of Robert Melton of Holt in the parish of Nately Scures lately deceased gent., taken and appraised the 15th day of October AD 1640 by John Nutby clerk, Richard Atthooke gent., and Nycolas Melton as follows.

	£	s	d
Imprimis in the hall 1 table, 3 joined stools, 2 joined chairs, the wainscot and joined benches	1	10	0
Item there 1 carpet, 2 cushions, 1 linen wheel	0	8	0
Item 1 old bible	0	4	0
Item in the best chamber 1 joined bedstead, 2 feather beds, 1 bolster, 1 pillow, 1 coverlet	6	0	0
Item 1 side cupboard, 2 chests, 1 desk	0	13	0
Item 5 pairs of sheets, 5 tablecloths, 1 dozen of napkins	1	10	0
Item of linen thread 6lb	0	4	0
Item in the chamber over the hall 1 bedstead, 1 featherbed, 1 coverlet, 1 bolster, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 pillow beres	2	10	0
Item 1 chest, 1 side cupboard	0	6	8
Item his wearing apparel	3	0	0
Item in cheese 1 126	7	0	0
Item 1 pot of butter 20lb	0	6	8
Item of apples 2 quarters	0	16	0
Item 1 cheese rack, 1 pair of trestles	0	3	0
Item in the kitchen 12 pewter platters, 3 salts, 1 pewter candlestick, 1 pewter cup	1	0	0
Item 4 brass kettles, 2 brass pots, 1 warming pan, 3 brass pans, 1 skillet	3	0	0
Item 4 spits, 2 iron dripping pans, 3 andirons, pair of tongs, 3 pot-hangers, 2 smoothing irons, 2 pairs of pot hooks	1	0	0
Item 1 iron beam, tod weight, 1 pair of scales with other small leaden weights, spoons 1 dozen, 1 brass mortar	0	8	0
Item 1 table 4 forms	0	5	0
Item 1 cheese press, 7 cheese vats, 7 trays	0	10	0
Item 1 pair of [strodes], 1 plough chain, 1 horse lock	0	4	0
Item 4 wedges and old hair	0	4	0
Item 2 stone jugs, wooden dishes, 1 lanthorn	0	3	0
Item 2 tubs, 2 kivers, 1 yoting vat, 1 powdering trough	0	13	4
Item 2 barrels, 3 buckets	0	6	0
Item 1 debt by specialty of the sum of	50	0	0
Item in ready money	40	0	0
Item in oats in the barn	30	0	0
Item all the hay in the barn	10	0	0
Item 2 mares and a colt	5	0	0
Item 11 kine	30	0	0
Item 4 yearling bullocks, 3 weaners	10	0	0

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Item 6 hogs, 4 pigs

	4	10	0
Sum total	211	14	8

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