

Ambrose Bickner of Upton Grey, blacksmith, 1608.

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In the name of God Amen, the sixth day of May AD 1608 and in the sixth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord James of England, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith etc., and of Scotland the one and fortieth, I Ambrose Bickner of Upton Grey in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but in sound and perfect remembrance and mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Preserver having a firm and certain hope to be saved by the gracious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer, and my body to be buried in Upton Grey church or churchyard at the discretion of my executors hereunder named. **Item** I give to the cathedral church of Winton 6d. **Item** I give to Dorithie my wife during her natural life my house wherein I now dwell and six acres of free land thereunto belonging. **And after** her decease I give my said house and land to William Bicknar my eldest son during his natural life and after his decease I give my said house and land with all and singular the appurtenance to Andrew Bickner the eldest son of my said son William Bickner and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten forever. **And for** want of such issue to the next heir male of my said son William Bickner forever. **Item** I give to Christopher Bickner my [*illegible*] son and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten one messuage or tenement in Upton Grey aforesaid and fifteen acres of land more or less thereunto belonging now or late in the tenure and occupation of widow Allen or her assigns. **And for** want of such issue I give my said house and fifteen acres of land to Ambrose Bickner my son and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten forever; and for want of such issue I give my said house and fifteen acres of land thereunto belonging to John Bickner my son and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten forever. **Item** I give and bequeath to my said son Ambrose Bickner thirty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to him by my said executors hereunder within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give to John Bickner my son thirty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to him by my said executors within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give to my son in law John White ten pounds of current English money to be likewise paid to him by my said executors within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give to every one of my son William Bicknar's children and to every of my daughter Margaret's children to each of them severally two sheep apiece. **Item** I give to my daughter Margaret's son John forty shillings. **The residue** of all my goods, cattels and chattels whatsoever not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Dorithye my wife and Christopher Bickner my son to be equally divided betwixt them whom I make my executors discharging my funeral expenses and my true and known debts and legacies herein bequeathed. **And I** do desire my well beloved in Christ my honest neighbours Thomas King and John Barnard to be my overseers desiring them to have a godly care herein to see this my last will performed according to my true intent and meaning herein. **And I** do give them for their pains three shillings four pence apiece and to have their charges borne by my said executors. This was done in the presence of Thomas Kinge and John Barnard.

The sign of John Barnard.

Probate granted 9 January 1608 to Dorothee relict and Christopher Bickner son. Obligation to Christopher Bickner of Upton Grey, blacksmith and Thomas Kinge yeoman.

Southampton 1608

The inventory of the goods and chattels of Ambrose Bickner late of Upton Grey deceased taken the eighth day of November in the sixth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and of Scotland the two and fortieth by Thomas Kinge, Robert Nash, John Scott and John Barnard.

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Imprimis in the hall one table, a frame, two forms, one cupboard, three joined stools, a chair, a bench and a joined back and other lumber	1	0	0
Item in the new chamber one joined bedstead with a joined tester, two feather beds, four blankets, two bolsters of feathers, two feather pillows, one coverlet	3	0	0
Item in the same chamber new woollen cloth	3	3	4
Item in the same chamber new linen cloth	1	13	4
Item one great chest, a coffer, two powdering tubs with other lumber	0	13	4
Item his wearing apparel	2	0	0
Item in the wool loft one parcel of wool	9	0	0
Item the cheese in the same loft	1	6	8
Item in the folks chamber two bedsteads, two flock beds with their furniture	2	0	0
Item one chest with a tub of hops	0	6	4
Item in the middle loft eighteen flitches of bacon	6	0	0
Item ten quarters of malt	13	0	0
Item two salt tubs, salt and a bushel	0	10	0
Item ten sacks and a hair with other lumber	0	6	8
Item in the chamber one joined standing bedstead and one truckle bed furnished	4	0	0
Item two coffers, a chair and other lumber	0	6	8
Item seven pairs of sheets and four tablecloths	2	3	4
Item in the kitchen three brass pots and an iron pot	1	10	0
Item six kettles	2	6	8
Item three posnets and four dripping pans	0	5	0
Item two spits	0	3	0
Item a frying pan, a gridiron, a pair of andirons, three pairs of pot-hooks, pothangers and a pair of tongs	0	13	4
Item three brasen candlesticks, two chafing dishes, a			

brasen skimmer and three wooden candlesticks	0	6	8
Item seven platters, two pottingers, four saucers and a salt cellar	0	10	0
Item two tinnen dishes and a dozen of spoons	0	1	0
Item dishes, trenchers and bowls	0	1	0
Item six barrels, four kivers, four tubs and a hogshead	0	8	0
Item a butter churn and other lumber	0	3	4
Item two vats	0	1	4
Item a bolting which and two kneading kivers	0	2	6
 Item in the milk house four bowls, three trays, three gallons of butter, three gallons of lard	0	16	8
Item earthen pots and other lumber	0	1	0
 Item in the cellar four quarters of sea coal	1	10	0
Item pitch and tar	0	5	0
Item whetstones	0	1	8
 Item in the shop all the iron tools, two anvils, beam, scales and weights	5	6	8
Item a malt quern	1	6	8
 Item in the loft over the shop three dozen and ten scythes and hooks and lumber	4	0	0
 In the house twelve bushels of wheat and rye	3	6	4
 Item the wheat in the barn	1	6	0
Item the barley	60	0	0
Item the peas	13	6	8
Item the oats	16	0	0
Item the hay	8	0	0
 Item the corn in the field 27 acres	24	0	0
 Item the willy, two sacks, sieves, a bushel and winnowing sheet	1	0	0
 Item eleven kine and a bull	27	0	0
Item seven bullocks	10	0	0
Item six yearling bullocks	3	12	0
Item four score wethers	20	0	0
Item seven and thirty ewes	7	10	0
Item five and twenty tegs	3	6	8
Item two fat hogs	2	10	0
Item one sow and ten store hogs	2	10	0
Item seven horses with their furniture	20	0	0
Item four iron bound carts	7	0	0
Item ploughs, harrows, ropes and other utensils of husbandry	1	8	0

Item wood, timber and boards	12	0	0
Item hurdles, hog trows and other lumber	0	10	0
Item the poultry	0	5	0
Item the grindstone, well bucket and rope	0	14	0
Item the lease of certain land called Gawniers	20	0	0
Item a caliver and a fowling piece	1	0	0
Item money owing from Parkridge of Greywell	4	10	0
Item from Chaundler of Dogmersfield	1	7	0
Item from Sir Henry Wallop	1	4	0
Item from Page of Chichester	1	12	0
Item from Bewry the smith of Guildford	0	15	0
Item money left of shop that were sold	0	5	0
Item vetches on the ground	2	10	0
Sum total	374	15	2