

James Baldchild of Nately Scures, yeoman, 1695

Ref: Hants. RO 1695A/009

In the name of God Amen, I James Baldchild of Nately Scures in the county of Southampton yeoman being at this time weak in body but of good memory and understanding, thanks be to God therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say **first** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my wife and executrix hereafter named. **And as** touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give and dispose thereof as follows. **First** I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas my best set of cart harnesses for five horses, and also four score pounds of lawful English money to be paid him within two years next after my decease. **Also** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth twenty pounds and to my daughter Ann twenty pounds both of like money to be also paid them severally within two years next after my decease. **Also** I give to my daughter Prudence the like sum of twenty pounds to be paid her at her age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which shall first happen. **And if** it shall happen that either of my said children shall die before his or her legacy shall become payable, that then I do appoint that the legacy or legacies of him, her or them so dying shall remain unto and be equally divided amongst the survivors or survivor of them. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Bridgett twenty pounds, to my daughter Mary twenty pounds, to my daughter Martha twenty pounds, to my daughter Sarah twenty pounds and to my son James twenty pounds all of lawful money to be paid them severally at their several and respective ages of one and twenty years or days of marriage which shall first happen. **And my** will is that if either of my said last named five children shall die before his, her or their legacy or legacies shall become payable, that then such legacy and legacies of such of them so dying shall be equally divided amongst the survivors of them. **And I** do hereby nominate and appoint Richard Mulford the elder of Mattingley yeoman and John Mapleton of Odiham maltster overseers of this my will and do desire them to see the same performed and for their pains to be taken therein I give and bequeath to each of them twenty shillings. **Lastly** all the rest and residue of my goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever (my debts being first paid), I wholly give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth whom I do hereby make and ordain sole executrix of this my will. **In witness** whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred ninety and five.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the
said James Baldchild to be his last will and
testament (being stamped with the six penny stamp)
in the presence of

the mark of
James Baldchild

John Bassett
the mark of George Baldchild
James Feild

Probate granted 13 July 1695 to the executrix.

An inventory exhibited by Elizabeth Baldchild of the goods and chattels of James Baldchild her late husband deceased June the 25th 1695.

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of James Baldchild of Nately Scures in the county of Southampton yeoman, who died the nineteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord 1695 taken by us Thomas May of Nately Scures aforesaid and Peter Justice of Basing in the county aforesaid yeoman, appraisers, on the 25th of June 1695.

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Imprimis for his wearing apparel and money in his pocket	10	0	0

In the parlour chamber

Item one feather bed, one bolster, two pillows, one rug, two blankets, curtains and valance, one bedstead, five chairs, one chest, two trunks, one box, one pair of andirons, fire shovel and tongs	8	10	0
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In the hall chamber

Item one feather bed, one flock bed, one bolster, two pillows, one rug, two blankets, curtains and valance, two bedsteads, two chests, two chairs, two stools	5	0	0
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In the servants chamber

Item two flock beds, two bedsteads, two coverlets, one blanket and three bolsters	1	10	0
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In the chamber within the kitchen

Item one feather bed, two bolsters, one pillow, one blanket, two coverlets, one bedstead, one cupboard	1	15	6
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In the parlour

Item one table, one sideboard, two carpets, eight chairs, two forms, one pair of andirons, fire shovel and tongs	1	9	6
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In the hall

Item one table, one form, four stools, four chairs, one cupboard	2	0	0
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In the kitchen

Item one table, two forms, one settle, six chairs, pewter and brass, one pair of andirons, fire shovel and tongs, one jack, two spits and a fender	6	5	0
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In the brewhouse

Item one furnace, one brew vat, eight kivers, two tubs, one bin, one salting trough, one cheese press,

with other lumber	5	15	6
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In the milkhouse

Item two cheese tubs, one tumbler, four buckets, seven trays, two kivers	1	6	0
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In the cellar

Item fourteen barrels	2	4	0
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Item for wool	1	0	0
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Item four hogs of bacon	7	0	0
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Item cheese	2	0	0
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Item threshed wheat	6	0	0
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Item malt	5	0	0
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Item ten horses and harnesses	43	0	0
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Item two wagons, three dung pots, two ploughs and nine harrows	17	10	0
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Item two chains	0	14	0
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Item seventeen cows and five weaning calves	52	0	0
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Item eleven hogs and seven pigs	11	1	0
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Item forty nine acres of wheat upon the ground	98	0	0
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Item seventy six acres of barley and oats upon the ground	95	0	0
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Item eighteen acres of beans and peas upon the ground	22	10	0
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Item thirty four acres of meadow and seven acres of trefoil	41	0	0
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Item seventeen sheep	5	19	0
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Item ten pairs of sheets, four dozen of napkins, four tablecloths, four pairs of pillow ties	4	12	0
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Item one fan and sacks, one bushel and other necessaries belonging thereto	1	8	0
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Sum total	459	9	6
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In witness whereof, we the said Thomas May and Peter Justice (the appraisers afore mentioned) have thereunto set our hands this five and twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord 1695.

Thomas May
Peter Justice