

**Ann Benham of Mapledurwell, 1635**

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**In the name of God Amen.** The twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord God 1635 and in the eleventh year of our sovereign Lord Charles, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith, I Ann Benham of the parish of Mapledurwell diocese of Winchester and county of Southampton, widow, sick in body but of perfect mind and good remembrance, thanks be to Almighty God, do ordain, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I bequeath my soul unto God my maker, redeemer and sanctifier hoping and steadfastly believing to have free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins only by and through the merits of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be decently buried in the parish church yard of Mapledurwell aforesaid.

**Item** I give and bequeath unto the cathedral Church of Winchester six pence. **Item** I give unto the parish church of Mapledurwell two shillings and six pence and to the relief of the poor of the same parish five shillings. **Item** I give unto my son Thomas Benham's children forty shillings apiece and Rose Benham, daughter unto Thomas Benham, she is to have the greater brass pot. **Item** I give unto every one of my daughter Annis Goodchild's children forty shillings apiece saving her daughter Ann; she is to have five pounds and one flock bed and all as does belong unto it, one joined bedstead in the chamber and one new coverlet, one little kettle and a coffer. **Item** I give unto every one of my daughter Margreat's children forty shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto my son Willyam Benham's children forty shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto my daughter Ann Iffould's children forty shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto my daughter Annis Goodchild one feather bed and all as does belong unto it, one kettle, the greatest, saving two. **Item** I give unto my son Willyam Benham a pair of sheets and the lesser kettle saving one. **Item** I give unto my daughter Margreat Clapshow a joined bedstead and all as does belong unto it. **Item** I give unto Mary Clapshow one chest. **Item** I give unto Ann Ifould one flock bed and all as does *belong* unto it, one Holland sheet, one Holland double [kincher] and the biggest kettle saving one and the great chest in the chamber. **Item** I give unto Margreat Clapshow one cauldron and a brass pan. **Item** I give unto Ellyonar Bebington a lockram sheet. **Item** I give unto every one of my children's daughters a piece of pewter. **Item** I do make my son Thomas Benham and my son Willyam Benham and my daughter Annis Goodchild and my daughter Margreat Clapshow, my daughter Ann Iffould to be all joint executors with him. **Item** I do make my son in law Willyam Clapshow and my son in law John Ifould to be my overseers to see my last will and testament performed accordingly. **In witness** where of I, the said Ann Benham widow, have set my hand the day and year as above written.

Ann Benham her mark

Sealed and delivered as her last will and testament in our presence

Thomas Benham his mark

Willyam Benham his mark

Annis Goodchild her mark

Margreat Clapshow her mark  
Ann Iffould her mark

A true inventory of all the goods and chattels which late were Ann Benham's late of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton widow deceased, taken and praised the 28 day of July in the eleventh year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith and by Hugh Mathew and Henry Smith as follows, that is to say:

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis</b> her wearing apparel	2	10	0
<b>Item</b> one joined bedstead, one pair of blankets one coverlet, two bolsters <b>in the chamber within the hall</b>	2	0	0
<b>Item in the chamber</b> one standing bedstead, boards, one flock bed, one old rug, one blanket	1	10	4
<b>Item</b> in the same, one chest with other things	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> in the same chamber one Holland sheet and a pair of canvas sheets	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> two painted cloths	0	5	0
<b>Item in the loft over the chamber</b> beds and all as does belong to it with other goods	6	10	0
<b>Item in the hall</b> the cupboard and the board and other goods	1	17	0
<b>Item in the chamber over the hall</b> some bacon	1	10	4
<b>In the same</b> chamber barley and malt twelve bushels price	1	12	0
<b>Item</b> for cheese and sacks, two sieves and a butter basket, an oatmeal tub	0	16	4
<b>Item</b> in the buttery for brass price	3	7	6
<b>Item</b> three barrels with a stand, 3 bottles and a jack	0	16	0
<b>Item</b> one [trist], one gridiron, one spit and a saw with other lumber	0	7	0
<b>Item</b> 14 pieces of pewter, half a dozen of saucers, two pewter dishes, 3 salts	1	7	0
<b>Item</b> a spitting shovel a mattock	0	5	0
<b>Item in the backhouse</b> a kneading kiver and other things	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> one cow	2	16	4
<b>Item</b> for boards, planks, wood and timber	9	0	0
<b>Item</b> for hay	4	0	0
<b>Item</b> a fan, a ladder, a rack, a manger	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> a hog	0	13	4

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<b>Item</b> a cupboard, one keive, one brewing tub, two bowls	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a grinding stone	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> for an acre of vetches price	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> the poultry price	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> the linen	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> the cloak	1	0	0
Sum total	48	0	6

Hugh Mathew his mark

Henry Smith his mark