

Nicholas Melton of Up Nately, yeoman, 1669

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In the name of God Amen I Nicholas Melton of Up Nately in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory and understanding (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all people might yield unto death when it shall please God to call them, do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking and making void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, either nuncupative or in writing and these present to be taken for my last will and testament and none other. **And** first and principally I commend my soul unto Almighty God from whom I received the same and my body being earthly, I will the same unto the earth again to be interred in such decent manner as it shall be thought fit by my executor hereafter. **And** as concerning that temporal estate which God of his bounty has here lent me, I do dispose of the same in manner following (that is to say), **first** my will and meaning is that all such debts as in right or conscience I owe unto any person or persons shall be well and truly paid by my executor hereafter named. **And** after my said debts paid I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Melton my son one hundred pounds. **Item** I give unto my son John Melton twelve pence. **Item** I give unto my son Robert Melton twelve pence. **Item** I give unto Jone Melton my daughter five shillings. ~~**Item** I give unto the poor people of Up Nately aforesaid.~~ **All the** rest and residue of my goods and chattels whatsoever I give unto Elizabeth my dear and well beloved wife whom I make my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **In testimony** whereof I have hereunto set hand and seal the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord 1669 and in the one and twentieth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Charles the Second by the grace of God of England etc. King etc.

Nicklas Melton

Read, sealed and delivered in the presence of
William Elliott
The mark of Robert
The mark of Alice King

Probate was granted 12 December 1669 to Elizabeth, his widow.