

John Russell of Newnham, yeoman, 1641

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In the name of God Amen. The last day of September the year of our Lord God 1640 etc., I John Russell of Newnham in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect remembrance, thanks be given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following. **And first** I commend my soul unto Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer, hoping and resting assured of salvation through the mercies of God and the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, and my body to be buried in *the* churchyard of Newnham aforesaid. **And I** give to the repairs of the church of Newnham five shillings, and to the mother church of Winton four pence. **Item** I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right to any person or persons be well and truly satisfied and paid by my executors hereafter mentioned. **And after** my debts paid and funeral expenses performed, I will that such goods and chattels as God has blessed me withall be orderly valued and appraised. **And thereof** I give unto my nephew John Russell, son of my brother Robert late deceased, the sum of ten pounds and a little brass pot. **Item** I give to my nephew Charles, another son of my said brother Robert deceased, ten pounds. **Item** I give to the rest of the children of my said brother the sum of ten pounds to be equally divided amongst them and to be paid unto them immediately after my decease. **Item** I will that the foresaid legacies which I have bequeathed to my foresaid nephews John and Charles be paid unto them within one year after my decease, and if either of them, or any of the other children do die before the said legacies be paid unto them, that then their said legacy or legacies to be equally distributed amongst them which shall survive. **Item** I give unto Martha the daughter of my brother Gilbert Russell ten pounds. **Item** I give to John and Alice the other children of my said brother Gilbert ten pounds to be equally divided between them. **Item** I give to Anne, the daughter of my sister Anne Knight, ten pounds and to Nicholas and John, two other children of my said sister, I give ten pounds to be equally divided between them. **Item** I give to Anne, the daughter of my sister Elianor Vicarie, the sum of ten pounds. **Item** I give to Robert and Thomas, Elizabeth, Phoebe and Joan the sons and daughters of my said sister Elianor the sum of ten pounds to be equally distributed amongst them. **Item** I give to Joan Abrey, the daughter of my sister in law Elizabeth Abrey, the sum of ten pounds, and to Richard the son of my said sister in law, five pounds. **Item** I give to Anis the daughter of Anis Primmer five pounds and to William and Anne two more children of the said Anis five pounds to be divided equally betwixt them. **Item** I give to James the son of Joane South the sum of five pounds and to Anne and John two more children of the said Joane the sum of five pounds to be equally divided betwixt them. **Item** I give to by servant William [Wergine] five shillings. **Item** I give to my brother William Russell twenty shillings in gold. **Item** I give to Joan the daughter of John Hooke deceased the sum of twenty shillings, and to John, brother of the said Joan ten shillings. **Item** I give to every of my god-children 12d to be paid unto every one of them upon the day of my burial. **Item** I give to the poor of Newnham ten shillings to be distributed amongst them according as my executors and the churchwardens of Newnham in their discretion shall think fitting. **Item** I give to Anne my wife the sum of ten pounds and my best bedstead and bed with the furniture thereof. **Item** I give unto the said Anne my wife the remainder of the years which I have in my house at Hooke. **And of** the execution of this my will I make and ordain the said Anne my wife and John Vicarie the son of the foresaid Elianor Vicarye my sister, my executors,

and I do give unto them all the rest of my goods and chattels by me herein not bequeathed. **And I** ordain and appoint my good friend Mr William Cape and my loving brother William Russell to be overseers of the executors thereof desiring them to assist my said executors with their counsel and advice and I give to either of them for their labour in that behalf the sum of five shillings. **In witness** and confirmation of which my said will and testament I have hereunto put my hand and seale

John Russell his seal and
mark

Postscript I will also that the legacies whose times of payment are not set down in my will above written shall be paid within one year after the decease of the foresaid Anne my wife and executor

Witness hereof
William Cape

John Russell his mark

An inventory of the goods, chattels and credits of John Russell late of Newnham in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, taken the 30th day of October 1640 and praised and apprized by us whose names are underwritten

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel	3	0	0
Item in money in his purse	0	3	0

Item in the chamber over the hall one joined bedstead, one feather bed one flock bed, one coverlet, one pair of blankets and two pairs of sheets, and one bolster two pillows and two pillowberes	3	10	0
Item four chests, one basket chair and one shelf	0	11	0
Item three pairs of sheets, three tablecloths, one dozen of napkins and two pillowberes	1	5	0

Item in the chamber over the kitchen two old bedsteads, one feather bed, two bolsters, one pillow, one rug, one coverlet and two blankets	1	13	4
Item two old chests	0	2	0

Item in the old chamber at the end of the house one old bedstead, one flock bed, two old coverlets, one blanket, one sheet, one salting trough and other lumber	0	10	0
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Item in the new hall one table, one form, one cupboard and one bible	1	0	0
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Item in the old hall one table, one old cupboard, 2 chairs and other lumber	0	3	4
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Item in the kitchin a cheese press, a form with other lumber	0	5	0
Item one tub with three bushels of salt, two kivers, two firkins and other lumber	0	10	0
Item two brass pots, three kettles and three skillets	1	6	8
Item three andirons, two pothooks, one cotterell, one fire shovel and a pair of tongs	0	6	8
Item two spits and two dripping pans	0	2	0
Item eight platters, ten pottingers, three saucers, one pewter dish, 12 spoons and a salt and two candlesticks	1	7	0
 Item in the milk house two butter churns, five kivers, sixe bowls and other lumber	 1	 0	 0
 Item in the wash house two tubs, six cheese vats, with some wooden platters, dishes and other lumber	 0	 10	 0
Item all the cheese in the house	13	6	8
 Item in the garret loft in beans, onions and wool	 1	 5	 0
Item four flitches of bacon	2	13	4
Item in butter ten pound	0	3	0
Item in oats and peas thirty acres	45	0	0
Item in wheat 12 acres	27	0	0
Item the hay of 22 acres and an half	16	0	0
Item one long-cart two dung carts with their wheels, two ploughs and two pairs of harrows	3	0	0
Item six hogs, and ten shoots or steer hogs	8	0	0
Item one stone horse, three mares and four colts	15	0	0
Item one yoke of oxen	10	0	0
Item ten yearling calves	10	10	0
Item one bull and fifteen kine	45	0	0
Item three fatting kine	8	10	0
Item two steers and four heifers	11	10	0
Item four other heifer bullocks and one steer bullock	6	10	0
Item two heaps of chalk	2	10	0
Item in credits upon specialties	30	0	0
Item in credits without specialties in the hands of several persons	20	8	6
Item twenty four sheep and lambs	6	0	0
Item four acres of copse wood	6	3	4
Item the remainder of one lease	6	0	0
Suma totalis	312	4	10

Richard Hooke
William Amlin
Henry Lambell (his mark)