

Richard Benham of Up Nately, husbandman, 1634
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In the name of God Amen, 30th day of July in the year of our Lord God 1628, and in the fourth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., I Richard Benham of Up Nately, within the diocese of Winton, and county of Southampton husbandman, being sick and weak in body but of good and perfect memory, the Lord be praised for it, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping to have free remission and forgiveness of all my sins through the passion and blood shedding of my only saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ. **And** I commit my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the churchyard of the parish of Up Nately. **Item** I give unto the mother Church of Winton 4d. **Item** I give unto my son John Benham's daughter 6d. **Item** I give unto Richard Benham my son 12d. **Item** I give unto my daughter Anne Bayley 12d. **Item** I give unto my daughter Ellinor Barton £4 which is to be paid within half a year after my decease. **Item** I give unto my son Richarde Child one ewe sheep. **Item** I give unto my son Robert Benham fifteen pounds to be paid within one whole year after my decease. **Item** I give unto my daughter Elenor Bartone's children one ewe apiece which is to be paid unto them within one whole year after my decease. **All the** residue of my goods and cattle not given nor bequeathed my debts paid, my body orderly buried, and this my last will and testament in all payments performed and fulfilled, I give wholly and altogether unto Elizabeth Benham my daughter whom I do make my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And** I appoint George Bayley and Henry Eggar to be my overseers of this my last will and testament to see the same in all payments performed according to the true meaning thereof and thus our Lord have mercy upon us these being witnesses.

Georg Bayley
Henry Eggar
Georg Barton

A true inventory indented of all the movable goods and cattle and chattels that late were Richard Benham's of Up Nately in the county of Southampton husbandman deceased, taken the eighth day of April Anno Domini 1634 in the tenth 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 etc., valued and appraised by Thomas [Filter] and Richard King and others as hereafter ensues.

	£	s	d
Imprimis 1 cow	2	6	8
Item 5 sheep and 3 lambs	1	5	0
Item 1 half acre of wheat	0	10	0
Item his apparel	0	15	0
Item he had in his purse	0	0	6½
Item money owing him upon a bond	10	0	0
The whole sum is	15	7	2½