

William Benham of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1635

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In the name of God Amen. The 20th of December in the year of our Lord God 1631 and in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God, *King* of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King defender of the faith etc, that is to say, the 7th, I Willyam Benham of Mapledurwell the elder in the county of Southampton, yeoman, being sick in body but of perfect mind and good remembrance, thanks be to God, do ordain, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, **first** and principally I commit my soul unto Almighty 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 precious death and merits of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, and I will my body to be decently buried in the parish church yard of Mapledurwell aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the mother church of Winchester eighteen pence. **Item** I give unto the parish church of Mapledurwell two shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Thomas Benham forty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my youngest son William Benham five pounds. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Iffould the wife of John Iffould five pounds. **Item** I give unto Agnis Goodchild my daughter, widow, eight pounds. **Item** I give unto Margreate Clapshew my daughter, wife unto William Clapshew, five pounds. **Item** I give and bequeath unto all my children's children 12 pence apiece but unto such of my children's children as are my godchildren I give two shillings apiece. **Item** I give unto all the rest of my godchildren twelve pence apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath the rest of my goods and chattels, movable and unmovable and not before given and bequeathed, I do give unto Ann Benham my wife whom I do make my sole executrix whom I will that she shall pay and discharge all such portions and sums of money by me given and bequeathed within one whole year next after my decease. **Item** I desire my son Thomas Benham and William Clapshew my son in law to be my overseers to see this my last will and testament performed accordingly. **In witness** hereof I the said Willyam Benham thelder have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written.

William Benham

William Smith
The mark of Henry Mathew

A true inventory indented of all such goods and chattels which late were Willyam Benham's the elder of Mapledurwell in the said county of Southampton, yeoman, deceased taken and praised the 20th day of March 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 by Hugh Mathew and Willyam Smith appraisers as follows. That is to say

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Imprimis all his apparel price	2	0	0
Item one joined bedstead, one feather bed, one flock bed one pair of blankets, one coverlet, two bolsters in the chamber within the hall price	2	0	0
Item in the same chamber one standing bedstead with boards, one flock bed, one old rug, one blanket price	0	13	4
Item in the same chamber one joined chest, three coffers one box to put linen clothes price	1	0	0
Item in the same chamber one Holland sheet and a pair of canvas sheets price	0	12	0
Item two painted cloths price	0	5	0
Item in the loft over the hall one joined bedstead, one flock bed, three bolsters, one blanket, one coverlet price	2	6	8
In the same loft one coverlet and four feather pillows price	1	6	8
Item in the same loft six pair of canvas sheets and one lockram sheet price	3	3	4
Item one chest price	0	5	0
Item in the hall one table with a frame and a form, one cupboard, two joined chairs, two joined stools and a dresser and two other little stools price	1	10	0
Item two cushions, two pot hangers, one andiron, one pair of bellows price	0	6	8
Item in the loft over the chamber a quarter and a half of barley and malt price	1	10	0
Item three pecks of beans and 16 sacks, a gallon and a half of grease and some potted butter and lard price	1	13	8
Item three pecks of wheat price	0	3	0
Item in the buttery one cauldron, two brass pots, five kettles, three skillets, one little brass pan, one brass mortar with a pestle, one brasen candlestick, one frying pan price	3	7	6
Item four barrels with a stand, three bottles and a jack with other lumber	0	16	0
Item one (<i>missing from copy</i>), spit and a saw with other such iron price	0	12	0
Item two sieves and a butter basket, an oatmeal tub and other things price	0	2	0
Item thirteen pieces of pewter, half a dozen of saucers, two pewter dishes, three salts price	1	7	0
Item a halberd a [spitting] shovel, a mattock price	0	5	0
Item in the kitchen four flitches of bacon price	2	10	0
Item in the back house one kneading kiver one,			

bolting which, one salting trough price	0	13	4
Item two kine price	6	13	4
Item for boards and planks price	2	0	0
Item in the orchard for wood and timber price	7	0	0
Item for hay price	4	0	0
Item in the stable one fan and a ladder and a rack and manger price	0	12	0
Item for a hog price	0	13	4
Item one cupboard, one kine and brewing tub and kiver, two bowls with other lumber price	1	0	0
Money due upon specialty	262	9	7
Sum total	312	16	5