

Henry Leach of Nately Scures, yeoman, 1604

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In the name of God amen the sixteenth day of February and in the fore and fortieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith etc., I Henrie Leach of Nately Scures in the county of Southampton yeoman, being of good and perfect memory, God be thanked for it, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator and to Jesus Christ His only son my Saviour and Redeemer faithfully believing to be saved by the shedding of his most precious blood. **Item** I give to the trinity Church in Winchester 6d and to the parish church of Nately Scures 5s. **Item** I do give to the poor people there 10s. **Item** I do give and bequeath to my cousin Thomas Browne £5 in money; to my cousin John Browne £25 in money; to my cousin Ciceley Browne £5; to my cousin Em Frost £5 and one mare; to my cousin Agnes Browne £5 and to my cousin Elizabeth Browne £5 all which legatees before given I will to be delivered within one month next after my decease. **Item** I do will and give to Ciceley Leach my daughter all my messuage, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances situate, lying and being in *Old Basing* in the county of Southampton with all corn that there shall remain in my lands there or sown upon any my grounds thereat, to have and to hold to the said Ciceley, her heirs and assigns forever to beholden of the chief lord of the fee thereof by the rents and services therefore due and accustomed. **Item** I do will, give and bequeath to the said Ciceley my daughter three score pounds of good and lawful English money to be paid her within one month next after my decease; my lease of Poors Land in *Old Basing* which I have of the Lord Marquis of Winchester and my lease of the land which I took of Anthonie Reding lying in *Old Basing* aforesaid. **Item** I will, give and bequeath to the said Ciceley my daughter twelve silver spoons, a feather bed, a coverlet, a feather bolster, a pair of blankets, a pair of canvas sheets and a livery bedstead all which lie and be in the lower chamber in the house at Nately Scures. **Also** I will and give to my said daughter Ciceley all my right, title and interest of the going, feeding and pasturing of four score sheep in and upon the common field of Basingstoke belonging to the farm of Brinklows with one load of wheat straw and one load of barley straw to be delivered yearly during the term mentioned in a pair of indentures made between me and Reynold Eliot according to the true meaning thereof. **Item** I do will and give to the said Ciceley my daughter one great chest standing in the hall in the said house at Nately Scures. **Item** I do will and give to my said daughter Ciceley half my goods moveable and unmoveable within the said house of Nately Scures to be divided and delivered unto her by the discretion of my overseers with half the corn now lying in the barn there and growing in and upon the ground at Water End and half my cattle to be likewise parted and delivered to the said Ciceley by my said overseers. **Item** I do give to my cousin John Browne one mare. **Item** I do give to William Hall my wife's son one yoke of oxen, two mares, one cow, a bullock and one blue coat. **And** I give to Thomas Browne and John Browne my kinsmen all the rest of my apparel to be equally divided between them. **And** I will that my cousin John Browne shall have the bringing up of the said Ciceley my daughter until she shall come and be of the age of 21 years or else be married which of them shall happen first, and shall also have the receiving of all such rents and duties as shall be due unto her and the custodial of her stock to be delivered when she shall be of the said age of 21 years or else be married. **And if** the said Ciceley

my daughter shall happen to decease before the age of 21 years not being married, then I will and give all my lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances to her before bequeathed to my cousin John Browne, his heirs and assigns forever. **Also I** will and give all the residue of my goods and cattles, my debts, legacies and funeral expenses paid and discharged, unto Elinor my wife whom I make my executrix of this my last will and testament and my overseers thereof I do ordain and make my cousins William Frost and John Browne and to each of them I do give for their pains taken 20s apiece.

Probate granted 15 December 1604, administration to the relict.

A court paper, partly in Latin and partly in English dated 3 June 1604, written by Francis Shrimpton, concerns a discussion which probably arose because the will was not signed. It explains that the will was written by Florentine Iles, a scrivener in Basingstoke. Probate is granted to the relict who also queries where the deceased should be buried as it is not stated in the will.