

**William Beck/Becke junior of Cliddesden, yeoman, 1676**  
**Ref: Hants. RO 1676A/010**

**Memorandum** that upon or about the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord [God] 1676 William Becke junior then of Cliddesden in the county of Southampton yeoman, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative, or by word of mouth, in manner and form (or after like), following effect that is to say **first** (after he had bequeathed his soul to God and his body to the earth), he gave and bequeathed the sum of one hundred pounds to be equally divided between his four children William Beck, Elizabeth Beck, Mary Becke and John Beck. **And if** any or either of them should happen to die then the said £100 to be divided amongst the survivors or survivor of them. **All the** rest of his goods and chattels he gave or left to Jane Becke his wife (his debts and funeral expenses being first paid and discharged), whom he thereby made his executrix of his last will and testament nuncupative. **All which** said like in effect the said William Beck said declared as and for his last will and testament in the presence and hearing of William Beck senior his father, and John Karsley who in testimony thereof have hereunto set their hands.

Will Beck senior  
John Karsley his mark

May the 30th 1676

An inventory here taken of the goods and chattels of William Beck the younger of Cliddesden in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, by us whose names are hereunto subscribed (vizt).

**In the chamber**

**Imprimis** his wearing apparel of woollen and linen  
valued at

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04   00   00

**In the hall**

One form, one hanging cupboard, 4 hanging shelves,  
4 joined stools valued at

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**In the kitchen**

One plain table, one plain form, 3 elbow chairs, one  
dozen of pewter, one chamber pot, one pair of  
bellows, one pair of andirons, one bacon rack, one  
jack to roast meat, one coterell, one spit, all  
valued at

02   00   00

**In the room adjoining**

4 beer barrels and one hogshead, 2 brass kettles,  
3 skillets, one brewing tub, one meal kiver, 8 milk  
trays, one butter churn and stuff one iron kettle, one  
frying pan, one bowl all valued at

03   00   00

**In the wellhouse**

The well bucket with the rope and chain, one  
bucking tub, one hog tub and a cheese press 01 00 00

**In the high chamber**

One high bedstead with mat and cord, one feather  
bed and bolster, 2 feather pillows, 2 blankets, one  
red rug, with yellow curtains and valances, a  
wainscot tester all valued at 05 00 00

**In the same chamber**

One truckle bedstead with mat and cord, a  
canvas tick with a flock bolster of canvas  
with a coverlet valued 01 00 00

**More in the same chamber**

One wainscot chest, one trunk, 2 boxes, a pair of  
andirons and tongs with brass tops, 7 pairs of  
canvas sheets, a table cloth and a dozen of napkins 03 00 00

**In the chamber over the kitchen**

2 bedsteads with mattress and cords, one flock bed,  
one hull bed, 2 pairs of blankets, 2 coverlets and 2  
bolsters, all valued 02 00 00

18 tod of wool in the house which we value at 11 14 00

Part of a rook of old hay valued at 04 00 00

Wood and faggots **in the backside** valued at 01 00 00  
One bill and one hatchet 00 01 00

**In the barn**

Barley unthreshed about 17 quarters valued at 15 16 00  
6 quarters wheat valued at 06 06 00  
15 quarters by estimation valued 06 15 00  
28 17 00

One wagon, 2 dung pots, 6 harrows, 2 ploughs,  
one roller with other utensils of husbandry 13 00 00

6 milk cows, 2 barren cows, 2 heckferths, one  
bullock of 2 years old apiece, 4 yearlings and  
4 weaning calves valued 34 00 00  
47 00 00

5 cart horses with their harnesses and their  
tackling 30 00 00  
7 swine valued at 04 13 00  
275 sheep of all sorts valued 68 05 00

102 18 00

**Corn upon the ground**

21 acres wheat valued at

30 00 00

16 acres vetches valued at

16 00 00

48 acres barley valued

50 00 00

19 acres peas valued

28 10 00

57 acres oats valued

57 00 00

181 10 00

Sum total

400 0 4

Will. Beck

Richard Waterman

The mark of John Kersley