

*Administration & Bond
of William Beale
of Hankerton
Probate Granted 6th May 1685*



Original reference:

We present:

- Edith Beale of Hankerton. Widow.
- Richard Beswick of Charlton. Clerke.
- Edward Jeffreyes of Hankerton. Yeoman

Are held and firmly bound unto Robert Woodward, clerke – To be bound in a bond for £.. Signed 6th of May 1685

The condition of the obligation is such that if the above bounden Edith Beale. Widow relict and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of William Beale. The elder, late of Hankerton now deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of her the said Edith Beale or into the hands and possession of any person or persons for her and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the Archdeacon of Wilts, at or before the last day of July next ensuing. And the same goods, chattels and credits and all other the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Edith Beale or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her do and well truly administer according to law.

And further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of her said administration at or before the last day of May to be in the year 1686 and all the rest and residue of the said goods and chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their decree or sentence (pursuant to the true intent and meaning of a late Act of Parliament made in the 22nd and 23rd years of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the second entitled (“An Act for the better settling of interest; estates”) shall limit and appoint.

And if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said court making a request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Edith Beale above bounden being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in the said court – then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else remain in full force and virtue

Sealed and delivered in the presents of:

William Rose

The mark of Edith Beale

Signed

William Beale

Inventory of William Beale of Hankerton 1684

An inventory of the goods and chattels of William Beale of Hankerton, deceased this life the 4th day of March 1684. Taken and praised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed the 10th day of the same month aforesaid.

Items: His wearing apparel of all sorts £2. 0. 0d

Item: In the Hall

2 Table boards and frames – 1 cupboard – 2 chairs – 1 form 15s. 0d.

Item: 2 stools – fire shovel and tongs and other lumber 1s. 6d.

Item: In the Kitchen:

1 Table board and form – 3 cowles – 1 dough trough – 1 churn and
1 pail with other small lumber 13s. 4d.

Item: 3 brass pans – 2 brass pots – 1 warming pan – 3 small kettles –
with other small pieces of brass £3. 0s. 0d.

Item: 10 small dishes of pewter – 2 candlesticks – 1 flagon 10s. 0d.

Item: a furnace and a pair of andirons – 1 pair of potholes and Hangnells £1. 0s. 0d.

Item: In the Milk House

A malt mill – a salting trough – 4 shelves with our lumber 16s. 0d.

Item: In the Buttery:

5 barrels with other lumber 12s. 6d.

Item; In the Chamber over the Hall:

1 feather bed and bedspread with all that belong to it – 1 table board – 1 court
cupboard – a chest – 1 box – 2 old chairs – a pair of andirons £5. 0s. 0d.

Item: In the Chamber over the Buttery:

1 feather bed and a half headed bedspread – a chest – a press – 1 desk –
1 coffer – with other lumber £1. 10s. 0d

Item: 3 pairs of sheets – 2 table cloths with other small pieces of linen 10s 0d.

Item: about 6 acres of wheat on the ground and some in the soil and barn £9. 0s. 0d.

Item: 1 yoke of Oxen – 4 milch cows and other beasts £28. 0s. 0d.

Item: 2 horse beasts £2. 10s 0d.

Item: a waine and a plough with materials belonging to husbandry £2. 0. 0d.

Item: About the house and wood £2. 0. 0d

Item: 1 Executors Year on a copyhold worth per annum £8. 0s. 0d.

Item: A chattel Lease worth per annum £10. 0s. 0d.

Appraisors: Richard Gagg – Giles White – Joseph Tomkens _ George White