

**Lancashire Record Office**  
**Nuncupative will of Robert Bankes 1624**

**Modern English**

Memorandum that upon the four and 20th day of August in the two and 20th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. and of Scotland in the fifty seven anno domini 1624 Robert Bankes of Feizor within the parish of Clapham and Archdeaconry of Richmond did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following. First he did commit his soul unto God and his body to the earth. Also he did bequeath the benefit use and occupation of his tenement unto Elline his wife until John Bankes his son has accomplished his age of 21 years. Also it was his mind and will that after the said John has accomplished his said age of 21 years that he the said John should have two third parts of his said tenement and that Elline his said wife should have the other third part of the said tenement during her life and after her death the said John Banks his said son to have the said tenement. Also it was his mind and will that all his due debts and funeral expenses should be paid out of his whole goods so far as his goods would extend and reach and if his goods would not extend and reach to pay all his said debts it was his full mind and will that so much of his said tenement should be let as should pay all the rest of his said debts that his said goods would not extend and reach to pay. Also it was his will and mind that his said son John Bankes should have one great ark, one cupboard or aumbry, and all his husbandry gear if the same could be spared from the payment of his debts. And he did name and appoint Elline his said wife to be sole executrix of this his will. Witnesses hereof Robert Clapham of Feizor and John Burton of Giggleswick

The inventory of all the goods and chattels of Robert Bankes late of Feizor within the parish of Clapham and Archdeaconry of Richmond deceased truly valued and appraised the 27th day of August in the year of our Lord God 1624 by Robert Clapham Thomas Hall Roger Armitsteade and John Burton as follows vizt.

Imprimis two mares, two foals and two colts (ap)prised	£11-0-0
Item four oxen	13-6-8
Item 7 kine and whyes with two calves	16-0-0
Item four stirks (ap)prised	3-6-8
Item 40 only sheep and 14 lambs	12-12-0
Item barley and hemp on the fields	5-5-0
Item oats on the field	5-15-6
Item hay	12-0-0
Item meal, malt, groats dust(?) and salt	20-0
Item two brass pots	20-0
Item five pans	13-4
Item pewter and brass	20-0
Item wood vessels	20-0
Item sheets with two tablecloths	50-0
Item bedding	3-13-4
Item sacks(?) windowcloths pokes and cushions	3-0-0
Item woollen cloth yarn and wool	3-0-0
Item new boards and wheel timber	40-0
Item ploughs and plough gear with iron	40-0

Item carts and wheels	30-0
Item arks chests tables chairs stools	
bedstocks with hustlement in the house	3-10-0
Item butter and cheese	20-0
Item pullen	20-0
Item turves	20-0
Item his apparel and riding gear	4-0-0
Sum totals	114-4-6

Debts which he did owe at the time of his death

Imprimis to Thomas Braishaie	13-0-0
Item to Christofer White	7-14-0
Item to Christofer Wyldman	11-0-0
Item to Elizabeth Frankland	15-0-0
Item to Anthonie Clapham	11-0-0
Item to Hugh Bawdewaine	8-6-8
Item to Roger Armitsteade	5-10-0
Item to Thomas Remington	4-8-0
Item to the town of Feizor	5-6-8
Item to William Bankes younger	31-11
Item to Marie Lupton	38-6
Item to William Bankes elder	10-0-0
Item to Thomas Browne	3-10-0
Sum debits	98-5-9
Sum bonor debita deduct	15-18-9