

A true and perfect

Inventory of all and singular the good
rights, creditts and chattels
of Edm^t Bacon Knight
and Baronett late justest his lorde
of Redgrave in the County of
Suffolk deceased, made and apprized
the seaventeenth day of April Anno
Domini m^r thousand six hundred
forty and nine by Tho: Smyth
Herr: Gathry, Tho: Rempsey
and Reg^t Bokenhame ad follo^gynge
vizt

In the Damaske Chamber.

Upprinn^t the hangings
bedding and other furniture.

In the inward Chamber thereto

belonging.

Vstenn the bedding and other
furniture.

In the Cocke Chamber.

Vstenn the hangings bedding and
other furniture with one littell p^tiff

in the Inward Chamber thereto

belonging.

In the old Gable end.

Vstenn two beds and other p^tiff
furniture.

In the Dining Chamber.

Vstenn hangings, tables and
carpetts with other furniture.

In the Red Chamber.

Vstenn the hangings bedding and
other furniture with one bedd^t.

In the Inward Chamber thereto

belonging.

In the Sheriffes Chamber.

Vstenn one bed with other

Chaplets with other furniture -

In the Red Chamber.

Item to Langman's bedding and
other furniture with one odd { pps.
In the Guard Chamber hereto }
belonging -

In the Sheriff Chamber

Item one bed with one odd
bed in the Guard Chamber { vijf
hereto belonging -

In the Black
Chamber.

Item the hangings, the bed
and odd bed and other furniture } pps.
with one bed in the Guard }
Chamber hereto belonging -

In the Three-bed Chamber.

Item two beds with furniture of vijf. and
to them

In the Ladies Chamber.

Item bed and bedding, the
hangings and other furniture }
with a bed in the Guard } pps.
Chamber hereto belonging -

In Miss Hardye's Chamber.

Item one pair of hangings
white color the chamber, two } vijf.
beds and other furniture }
hereto belonging -

In two Chambers called Owend.

Item two beds and other } pps.
furniture

S. & Edmunds Chamber.

Item two beds with bedding
hereto belonging with other } pps.
pair of hangings and other }
furniture -

In the Steward's Chamber.

The Guard Chamber and

Mrs Hardinere Chamber.

Item two posted beds and
one library bed with bedding } pps.
and furniture hereto -

belonging with other
parts of hangings and other
furniture

In the Steward's Chamber.

The Inward Chamber and
Mr Gardiner's Chamber.

W^tstent two posted beds and
one library bed with bedding } £6*10s*.
and furniture belonging to
belonging

In the Chaplin's Chamber.

W^tstent one bed and bedding to
therto belonging

In Mary Gardiner's Chamber.

W^tstent one bed and bedding } with
therto belonging

In Mrs Brampston's Chamber.

W^tstent one bed with the
bedding thereto belonging and } gift brought
some other furniture

In the Nursery.

W^tstent three ordinary beds } by
furnished and some old stools } £6*10s*.

In the Great Parlour.

W^tstent tables, chairs, stools } £6*10s*.
and pictures

In the Little Parlour.

W^tstent hangings, tables, chairs } £6*10s*.
and stools

In the Hall.

W^tstent three tables and } £6*10s*.
chairs and perhaps } pictures

In the Pantry.

W^tstent perhaps bread bins } £6*10s*.
and other vessels

In the Larder.

~~W~~hen came ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~room~~
and pictures

In the Little Parlour.

Ustensil hanging'd tables, Hages, &c
and stools

In the Hall.

Ustensil three tables and
flouries and ^{6th} ~~portagine~~ pictures

In the Pantry.

Ustensil portagine bread bins &c.

In the Kitchen.

Ustensil brafer and powder
and other implements

In the Dagry.

Ustensil one Spesepress, one
dead, and other Dagry ^{of} gift and
Weſtells

In the Brewhouse.

Ustensil two kechers, three
Hats and other Weſtells

Armed in the Armore ^{3rd}
with Pikes In the Hall

In the Parke Chamber.

Ustensil one bed with the bedding ⁱⁿ
thereto belonging

In Harry Cookes Chamber.

Ustensil one bed and bedding ⁱⁿ
thereto belonging

In Giles his Chamber.

Ustensil one bed and bedding ⁱⁿ
thereto belonging

In the Groomes

In Giles his Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
belonging - 15^l 10^s.

In the Coachmans Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Groomes
Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Bayliss Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Kitchen yard
Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
belonging - 15^l 10^s.

In the Brewers Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Butlers Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Caters Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Chamberlins Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In Etgalls Chamber.

W^temt one bed and bedding -
In the Husband mans Chamber.

W^temt two beds and bedding - 15^l
belonging - 15^l 10^s.

W^temt a white and gilt
plate - 15^l 10^s.

W^temt in Linen - 15^l 10^s.

In the Husbandmans Chamber.

W^t estent two beds and bedding — £ 6*st*.

W^t estent his weareing Apparell £ 1*st*.

W^t estent in ready monys and Jewells I doise to severall my b^ragates £ 1*st*.

W^t estent In wite and Gilt 3*M* — £ 1*st*.
A plate —

W^t estent in Linnen — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Horns In the Ground £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Twenty and three £ 1*st*.
Shears

W^t estent Three hysers — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Hysty Sheers — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Three yarde longs — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Three Sheers at Stake £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Twenty and one £ 1*st*.
horsesh

W^t estent Seven and Twenty £ 1*st*.
old Sheeps

W^t estent Brown Lambes — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent six Shatto — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent Two Pounds — £ 1*st*.

W^t estent one Shatto and £ 1*st*.
floure dye Powder —

W^t estent two Draps and £ 1*st*.
furniture

W^t estent two carts, ploughs £ 1*st*.
harrowes and other stensiles
of husbandry —

In the Stell house.

W^t estent In a Chamber ther are
Tables and Stooles and £ 1*st*.

Item two carts and 300
furniture

W^tem two carts, ploughs
harrowes and other instruments } 60
of husbandry

In the Still house.

W^tem for a Hawker fees and
Tables and Stooles and 60
portaynes Pictures

W^tem one great Limbeth
diverse furnished and portaynes } 60
glasse

W^tem one Marbl^e Table
and Marbl^e Bowls 60

In the Forge house.

W^tem one S^tile and bellows
and other Lumber about the 80
hous^e

Estimacion \$ 1000

Totalis \$ 1000

Item fact hemes dum ferme die

monies May thmo dñi 1649 dñi 1649

Item Georgiu^m Gaet^l dñi 1649

monies Junij dñi 1649

Item fact et sub costau^m tamen de

aduent et quod per

Johannes Aut^o

aut^o

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By a statute of 1529, probate of a will required that a detailed inventory of the "goods, chattels and cattle of the deceased" be produced. Responsible friends or acquaintances capable of evaluating the true worth of the dead person's possessions drew up these inventories.

The inventories deal with household goods and possessions of persons ranging from the gentry and the yeoman farmer to the laborer and the pauper (see the inventory of a Botulesdale tanner, item 74). Listing as they do, furniture, plate, jewellery, glassware, and frequently clothing, kitchenware, tools in barns and workshops, the inventories are now a vital source for the study of furniture, domestic crafts, agricultural techniques and general consumption patterns through a period that displayed considerable changes especially in terms of agriculture and its role in the economy. Inventories of Redgrave Hall, Thornage Hall and Robert Drury's house in London, shown here, are all documents relating to the households of the gentry.

The hall at Redgrave remained in the Bacon family throughout the seventeenth century. In 1701, it was sold to Sir John Holt, Chief Justice of the King's Bench and in 1763, Rowland Holt commissioned Capability Brown to remodel the house. A Palladian veneer was placed over the Tudor house and the park was landscaped (see the photographed engraving of the Georgian Hall). The park was a prisoner of war camp and an ordnance dump during the Second World War, and the house was demolished in 1946.

One document survives that allows us to reconstruct in detail the hall and its contents a century after it was built. An inventory survives, made in 1649 upon the death of Sir Edmund Bacon, grandson of Sir Nicholas Bacon. The inventory enumerates the rooms and indicates that the contents were worth about £ 6,000 at that date. The final section of the inventory dealing with outhouses and the farm is shown here.

A	In the Dayry	
	Item one Cheesepresse, one Lead, and other dayry Vessells	vij li xiiij s. iiiij d.
	In the Brewehouse	
	Item two Coolers, Three Fatts and other Vessells	xx li
	Armes in the Armory with Pikes in the Hall	xl li
	In the Parke Chamber	
	Item one bedd with the bedding thereto belonging	iiij li
	In Harry Cookes Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding thereto belonging	iiij li
	In Giles his Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding thereto belonging	ijj li xv s.
	In the Coachmans Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	ijj li
	In the Groomes Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	ijj li x s.
	In the Bayliffs Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	iiij li x s.
	In the Kitchen Yard Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding thereto belonging	ijj li
	In the Brewers Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	ijj li
	In the Brewers Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	ijj li x s.
	In the Butlers Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	ijj li xv s.
	In the Cators Chamber	
	Item one Bedd and Beding	ijj li
	In the Chamberlin's Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	vj li
	In Stegalls Chamber	
	Item one bedd and bedding	ijj li
	In the Husbandmans Chamber	
	Item two bedds and bedding	v li
	Item his wearing apparrell	c li
	Item in ready money and Iewells devised to severall Legatees	ijj M vx li
	Item in white and Gilt plate	M li
	Item in Lynnen	cc li
	Item Corne in the Granery	lxxx li
	Item twenty and three cows	xcij li
	Item three heifers	ix li
	Item Fifty Steeres	clxxv li
	Item Three yearelyngs	vj li
	Item Three Steeres at stake	xvij li
	Item Twenty and one horses	cx li
	Item Seaven and Twenty old Sheepe	v li x s.
	Item Eleaven Lambes	xl s.
	Item Six Shotts	xxxij s. iiij d.
	Item Two Sowes	xxvj s. viij d.
	Item One Steere and Foure drye Cowes	xvij li
	Item two Coaches and furniture	xx li
	Item two Cartes, ploughes harrowes and other utensills of husbandry	xx li
	In the Still Howse	
	Item In a Chamber there one Table and Stooles and certayne Pictures	vij li
	Item one great Limbecke diverse furnesses and certayne glasses	xv li
	Item one Marble Table and Marble Bowle	x li
	In the Forge Howse	
	Item one Stith and bellowes and other Lumber about the howse	xij li
	Summa Totalis	vm viij c xcvi j li