

INVENTORY & WILL OF WILLIAM BAKER. GENTLEMAN 1714

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WILL. I give all my houses, lands and commonly whatsoever and wheresoever they be lying in King's Lynn, Roydon and *unreadable* I give to my dear and loving wife Ellen and her heirs and assigns for ever.

[another paragraph giving her all his goods and chattels]

William Baker

Witnesses

John Wilkinson

David Brown

John Dye(?)

INVENTORY Castle Rising in Norfolk. May 9 1713 Goods priced from the said Baker by Richard Brown and Robert Dodding as under

	£	s	d
To taylor goods	00	12	00
To chamber bed and other things	03	00	00
To three beds in the kitching chamber and other things	04	00	00
To his purs and apparel	04	00	00
To lining (<i>linen</i>) and other things in the seller (cellar) chamber and other things in the kitchen	03	00	00
To dairy things and brasses in the backhouse	02	00	00
To yous (<i>ewes</i>) and lambs	06	00	00

To four horses	06	00	00
To four cows	06	00	00
To four heffers and calves	06	00	00
To swine	01	00	00
To one cart and plow	02	00	00
To 3 guns and two Spanish flasks	00	10	00
To old lumber	<u>00</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>00</u>
	47	10	00

Richard R Brown his mark *[this is the R]*

Robert Dodding *(he wrote his own name)*

William Baker was associated with the village for a relatively short period of time. He first appeared in the Leet Court records in 1707 when he was constable, but two years later he was mayor, representing the Howard family. Lady Diana Feilding, widow of Thomas Howard, who had recently married William Feilding, the then MP for Castle Rising, had chosen him when she became Lady of the Manor. Described as a Gentleman and with a substantial number of livestock, he probably leased one of the main farms in the parish. He was buried in Castle Rising and his death is recorded in the burial records from 1707 to 174 as William Barker, presumably a transcribing error. It seems very likely that the Elsie Barker who died as a widow in 1720 was his wife Ellen. From the will and parish records it seems likely that they either had no children, or possibly not associated with the village.

Robert Dodding who assessed the inventory was a member of the Dodding family mentioned elsewhere. There was a Richard (or Ronald) Brown who attended the Leet Court from 1668 to 1719. Whether it was all one person or a father and son it is difficult at the moment to say. If it was one person he would have been at least 64 years old at his last appearance.