

**Nuncupative Will of Catherine Barrowe of Biddenden, Kent,
dated 15th February 1596/97 and Proved 15th March 1596/97**

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The ffyfteenth daye of ffebruarie 1596 [and in the 39th year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth]

This is the true and last pfect [*perfect*] Will Nuncupatyve of **Catherine Barrowe** of Byddenden in Kent Singlewoman and one of the **daughters of John Barrowe** late of Byddenden aforesaid decease made and psonally [*personally*] declared the daye and yere ffirst above written

Imprimis [*firstly*] I gyve to **John Barrowe my brother** ffower pounds (2* *see end notes*) of Lawfull money of England

Item I gyve to **Joan Barrowe my Syster** ffortie shillings (2* *see end notes*) of Lawfull money of England

All the reasydue [*residue*] of my moveable goods Whatsoev^r my debts Legacies and fun^rall expences well and truly to bee pformed and payde I wholly gyve and bequethe to **Willm Barrow my brother** whome I make and ordaine sole Executo^r to this my pnte [*present*] last will dated the daye and yere ffyrst above written

In wittnes of the truth hereof **Edmond Nower** and **Robert Nasshe** who have subscribed their names wth their owne hands

By me **Edmond Nower**; by me **Robert Nasshe**

Probatum fuit: *Decimo quinto Martij Anno dini [1596(/97)]* [15th March 1596/97]

Notes: * **Catherine Barrowe, daughter of John Barrowe**, was buried at All Saints, Biddenden, Kent on 22 Feb 1596/97.

2* 40 shillings = £2 in 1596, which is approx. £433 today (2023);
£4 is approx. £866.

[Source: *Bank of England Inflation Calculator*]