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Abstract of the Will of Richard Beynham of Maldon, gentleman, written 22 Nov 1533, proved 1536.

To be buried in All Saints' church in Maldon before the image of our Lady of pity 'for' ['before'] the vault of the charnelhouse, if not possible then in the churchyard as nigh as maybe to the wall of the altar of our Lady of pity standeth. Executor to buy a stone of marole "quadrangle iij quarters of a yards squawre" with scripture in brass on it containing testator's name and date of death and to set the stone in the said wall.

To the high altar, for tithes and oblations forgotten, 3s.4d.

To drawcutt his servant, his sleeveless coat of "mantell frese", and for his livery testator's coat of "fyne russett".

To Robert Inglond, a "fryes gowne furred, with fax".

An inventory of all goods to be made and divided into three equal parts to "Mr. Gaywods childer" for legacies unpaid and the residue of this part to testator's wife, and the other two parts to his wife for life, then the 2nd. part to **his son-in-law John Cressener and his daughter Sibyl**, they to give testator's **son John Beynham** a featherbed, a bolster, apair of blankets, a pair of sheets, a covering with the "sylor and testor", and the 3rd. part to testator's wife at her disposition.

The residue of my raiment to be sold by his trusty friends Sir Hugh Fetherstone Master of the Chantries in Maldon and John Boswell to defray his debts.

After wife's death his house called "the Cheker" in Maldon to said John and Sibyl Cressener and their heirs. To **his son John**, the house wherein said John Boswell dwells, late Leggs.

To John Gaywood Jun., a red cowe.

Executors - **Ellen his wife** and said **John Cressener**. Overseer - said Sir Hugh Fetherstone to whom he gives all his books except his books of law and precedents which he gives to said John Boswell for their labours.