

**Butley in Suffolk An Inventory of the goods and chattels of Robert Forth late of Butley in the County of Suffolk Esquire deceased the day of his death made and priced by Francis Burwell gent., William Hurnarde, Robert Mann & John Wyes, the 10th day of March 1600 [1601] as followeth:**

In the Hall

First, 3 long tables, 6 forms and 1 livery Cupboard	20s
34 bills, 5 halberds and 3 lance staves & 1 lighthorseman's staff	£4
9 corselets, 2 Almoine Ryvetts & 4 pikes with the Swords & daggers 3 Calmers with their flasks & their butch boxes	15s

[form – bench; livery – ordinary; bill – curved blade on a long haft; halberd – combined spear and battle axe; corselet – piece of armour covering the torso; Almoine Ryvetts/Almain rivets – flexible light armour; calmer – stun gun, here with powder flask and ammunition boxes]

In the Parlour

1 long table with the frame & the Carpet thereunto belonging of green broad Cloth, 2 livery Cupboards, & 1 Square Table & 2 Carpets	£4
12 framed stools with needlework & 6 others covered with cloth & 5 stools framed	40s
5 Chairs	£3
1 long Cushion with needlework for a Window with arms upon it	20s
6 Cushions with needlework	20s
4 Curtains and Curtain Rods for the Windows	30s
5 pictures and 2 maps	£3
2 Coffers	10s

[carpet – in this period rugs usually covered furniture and beds rather than the floor; framed – jointed; broad cloth – fine, plain-weave, double-width cloth; arms – coat of arms; coffer – casket, often with a curved lid]

In the Study adjoining

1 framed table & 1 Close Cupboard with boxes & 2 old Chests, one Chair	40s
1 pair of Cobirons & 13 Casements of Ironwork for Windows	5s

[close cupboard – one with doors; cobiron – support to prop burning fuel on the hearth]

In the Room at the stairs foot

1 framed Short Table	5s
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[This room invites comparison with the alcove opposite the staircase arch in Seckford Hall (Sandon, 1977:181)]

In the Wine Cellar

1 Table & 2 forms & 1 pair of trestles	5s
4 stalls to bear wine & beer	10s
3 hogsheads of Claret wine	£10
2 barrels of white herrings	30s
2 great sheets & 1 little sheet of lead	40s
Certain empty Casks	13s

[Table – loose top on trestles; hogshead – barrel holding 52/56 gallons; white herrings – salted herrings]

In the Pantry

1 little framed table & 1 stool & 1 bread bin	5s
4 dozen Trenchers & a buttery basket 2 great livery pots and 4 little livery pots	10s
3 Pewter Salts & 17 pewter Candlesticks	15s

[trencher – table plate or platter usually of wood; salt – salt cellar]

Total £44 17s

Yet in the Pantry

1 basin, 2 ewers, 1 handbasin, 2 voiders with a Chafing dish & 2 plates	10s
4 stone jugs & 5 leather jacks	5s
3 glasses	18d
2 keelers	12d

[Ewers of water and a basin provided hand-washing facilities before a meal; voider – basket for clearing left-over food, plates and cutlery after a meal; chafing dish – portable vessel with burning charcoal to heat food placed on it; stone jug – of stoneware imported from the Rhineland; jack – tarred leather bottle; keeler – shallow tub]

In the Cellar under the Pantry

28 Casks & certain old keelers	40s
7 stalls to set beer on	5s

In the buttery Chamber

1 livery bed with furniture thereto belonging	20s
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In the old Parlour

1 old Checker Table with the frame & Carpet thereto belonging & 1 livery Cupboard with the Carpet	40s
6 stools Covered with Cloth & 8 framed stools, 2 great back chairs 3 low Chairs, 1 small square table with a form	40s
5 Cushions, 1 pair of Iron Cobirons, a fire fork and fire pan	15s
Certain books	40s
2 pictures & 4 maps & a Curtain and a Curtain rod	20s
1 feld bedstead with a feather bed, a bolster, 2 pillows, 2 blankets & a Rug Coverlet with the mattress & bedhead Covered with green Cloth	50s

[chequer table – inlaid in squares for games such as chequers, also an aid in accounting; fire fork – used to move logs on the fire; fire pan – brazier; feld/field bedstead – portable bed for travelling]

In the Chamber over the Pantry

1 Posted bed & a trundle bed & 2 feather beds, 2 bolsters, 2 pairs blankets & 2 coverlets & mattress	£3
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[trundle bed – low bed which could be stored beneath another]

In Mr William Forth's Closet

[second and under-age son, heir to the estate after Robert disinherited his eldest son]

In the Inner Chamber next my Lady's Chamber

1 posted bed & a livery bed, 2 feather beds, 2 bolsters, 2 pairs blankets, 2 Coverlets and 2 mattresses	£3 6s 8d
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In my lady's Chamber

1 Posted bedstead with the Tester, valence of purple velvet and Crimson damask purbolde with gold with the Curtains and Curtain Rods, with a Coverlet of arras, 1 pair of blankets with a down bed, a feather bed, a mattress, bolster & 2 pillows	£13 6s 8d
A livery bed with a feather bed, a bolster & 2 pillows, a pair of blankets & 2 Rugs & a mattress	£4
A long Cushion to set in the Window	10s
1 great Chair embroidered upon velvet with satin & 1 little Chair with a firepan & a pair of tongs & a pair of Cobirons	20s
1 Livery Cupboard with a Carpet	10s

Total £40 0s 10d