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<b>Document information</b>	
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Document type	Principle account for probate for the estate of a yeoman farmer in the mid-seventeenth century.
Year	1672
Subject name	David Amberton
Parish	Chislet
Other names referred to within the document	John Curling Thomas Norton William Humphry John Knowler Norwood May Henry Wooddain Michael Denne Aucher Carden John Richardson William Seales Richard Hearne Ambrose Knowler Sinnock Simpson Cooke John Holladay William Belsey George Webb Henry Mott Vincent Smith Ambrose Coller Richard Amberton
Other parishes/places	Hearne / Herne Canterbury
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Transcriber's notes	To be read in conjunction with: 1. Principle inventory of goods and chattells dated 1670. 2. Second or supplementary inventory dated 1672. 3. Second or supplementary account for probate dated 1676.  The account for probate of a yeoman farmer in the mid seventeenth century. The document shows the rates of pay of farm workers, the value of farm produce and the costs of building maintenance. The costs of clothing, shoes and the upkeep of a minor are also shown.

The Accompt of John Curling Tutor or/ Curator lawfully assigned unto Richard/ Amberton <a minor> n[at]u[r]all and law full sonne of/ David Amberton late of Chistlett in the/ County of Kent and Archdeaconry of/ Canterbury decea[se]d, and Administrator of all/ and singular the goods chattells and credits/ of the said decea[se]d during the minority of the/ minor aforesaid. By him made and/ declared of all and singular such goods/ Chattells and Credits as were the said/ decea[se]ds at his death, and since have come/ into the hands and possession of this/ Accomptant by virtue of the Administrac[i]on/ thereof to him in due form of law com[m]itted/ as followeth/

That is to say/

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First this Accomptant sheweth and/ declareth, that all the goods Chattells/ and Credits left by the said decea[se]d/ at his death, were valued and apprazed/ at the sum[m]e of 122 li 00 s 00 d as/ appeares by the Inventory thereof/ made and hereunto annexed, and/ that upon sale of the said goods and/ Chattells he did make thereof more/ then they are apprized at in the/ aforesaid Inventory 01 li 4 s 8 d/ And this Accomptant doth also declare/ that there are certain goods and Chattells/ menc[i]oned in a schedule hereunto also/ annexed yet remaining in his hands/ amounting to the sum[m]e of 11 li 01 s 01 d/ being part and parcell of the goods &/ Chattells menc[i]oned and conteyned in/ the aforesaid Inventory. There fore/ this Accomptant doth charge himselfe/ with all and singular such goods chattells/ and Credits left by the said decea[se]d at/ his death w[h]ich since have come to his/ hands as Administrator aforesaid amounting/ in the whole To the sum[m]e of/

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Moreover this Accomptant doth/ charge himselfe with ~~the~~ the sum[m]e/ of seaventy two pounds, twelve/ shillings and two pence, according to/ a schedule hereunto annexed, raised/ by the sale of the Corne & otherwise/ as is menc[i]oned in the said schedule/ in the year of our Lord 1671, the/ said decea[se]d holding the lands he used/ at the time of his death by Lease/ from Mr ~~Thomas~~ <John> Knowler of Hearn/ and Mrs Catherin Norwood of the/ City of Canterbury, so that this/ Accomptant could not gett discharged/ from the occupac[i]on of the said lands/ till the feast of St Michael Anno/ d[omin]i 1671 & therefore he also doth/ charge himselfe with ~~of~~ the said sum[m]e of/

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Sum[m]e totall of the aforesaid Charge is/

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Out of which said sum[m]e of/ this Accomptant hath necessarily paid and [illegible] out and humbly prayeth to be [illegible]/ particular sum[m]es of money following vizt/

Inprimis paid unto the Crouner/ and Jury that sate upon the said/ decea[se]d, he being killed at Sarr neere/ Thanett by his Courts overturning/ and falling on him, and also for dutyes/ to the Maior of Sandwich, the said/ decea[se]d being killed within the liberty/ of the Ports, as appears by William/ Sayer of Sarr aforesaid his acquittance/ in all the sum[m]e of/

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Item paid unto six men for <del>be</del> carrying/ the said decea[se]ds dead corps from/ Sarr aforesaid to Chistlett where he/ dwelt and was buried the sum[m]e of/	s viiij    d    vj
Item paid for the said decea[se]ds/ funerall expences, all manner of/ wayes the sum[m]e of/	xxiiij [illegible]
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Item paid for the Letters of Ad[ministrati]on/ taken of the said decea[se]ds goods, and/ for the gardianship of the minor/ aforesaid and other charges of <the> Court/ about the same in all the sum[m]e of/	xxiiij    x
Item paid and expended on the persons/ that did apprize the goods and Chattels/ of the said decea[se]d, and for writing the/ aforesaid Inventory in all the sum[m]e of/	<del>viiij</del> viiij
Item paid unto Thomas Norton for/ foure weekes worke at seaven shillings/ a weeke and one day and a halfe/ since the death of the said decea[se]d/ being for thrashing some part of the/ corne left by the said decea[se]d, and also/ for spreading of dongue/	xxix    vj
Item paid unto William Humphry/ for wages due by the said decea[se]d at/ his death the sum[m]e of/	xxvj
Item paid unto Mr John Knowler/ of Hearne for Rent due unto him/ by the said decea[se]d at Mich[ael]mas/ 1670 next before his death the sum[m]e/ of/	xij
Item paid unto the said Mr Knowler/ upon agreement made with him, to/ take into his hands the Lease of the/ Lands that the said decea[se]d held of/ him, at the feast of St Michael/ Anno d[omin]i 1671/	xx
Item paid unto Mrs Norwood of Canterbury/ for the remainder of halfe a yeares/ Rent due by the said <decea[se]d> at Mich[ael]mas/ 1670 next before his death the sum[m]e of/	li vij
Item paid this Accomptant prayeth to/ be allowed for the charges of horse hire/ and expences made when he went to/ carry the said Mrs Norwoods Rent/	
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and to agree with her upon new/ Covenants of the Lease of the lands/ the said decea[se]d had of her at the/ time of his death/	iiij    vj
Item paid unto Mr May an attorney/ for indorsing the aforesaid new/ Covenants upon the Lease aforesaid/ and his fee for his advice therein/	iiij
Item paid unto Henry Wooddain/ for makeing two horse shooes and/ for mending a locke and a key/ for the said decea[se]ds house/	j    vj

Item paid unto a Messenger sent to/ Michael denne of Littleborn to come/ to Chistlett upon the death of the/ said decea[se]d/	j		
Item paid unto Henry Smith 4s 6d/ and Goodman Aucher 2s for making/ and mending racks to fother the/ said decea[se]ds cattle in/	vj		vj
Item paid unto Goodman Carden/ for rodde wightes and spindles for/ the said decea[se]ds barn and stable/ and thatching the same in all the/ sum[m]e of/	xx		x
Item paid for the Cutting a Colt/ of the said decea[se]ds/	ij		vj
Item paid unto John Richardson for/ three bundles of hart lattes for/ the said decea[se]ds house/	vj		
Item paid unto William Seales of/ Cant[erbury] for a load of lime and three/ bundles of sepp lattes used about the/ repaying the house where the said/ decea[se]d lived he being bound by his/ lease to reparac[i]ons the sum[m]e of/	xiiij		vj
Item paid unto Richard Hearne a/ Glassier for mending the glasse and/ making one new light, about the said house/	ix		ij
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Item paid unto John Hills a Mason/ for twenty daies worke for himselfe/ and a Labou[r]er 2li 13s 2d, for lattes/ nayles and lime 2s 6d for a load/ of stoncs js 6d for twenty foure/ paveing tyles 3s two load of sand/ [words and figures illegible] 6s for one load of/ plaine tyles and carriage 20s and/ for 3000 of latting nayles 5s used/ about the aforesaid house of the/ said decea[se]ds in all the sum[m]e of/	iiij	xj	ij
Item paid unto Mr John Knowler/ for the cleansing of the ditches/ belonging to his ground rented by/ the said decea[se]d, w[hi]ch he was bound/ to by lease the sum[m]e of/	xvij		
Item paid unto Ambrose Knowler/ for keeping some of the said decea[se]ds/ cattle at pasture/	x		
Item paid for the setting and curing/ of the aforesaid minors arme w[hi]ch/ he broke [illegible] <by> a fall from a horse/	vj		vj
Item paid unto Goodman Sinnock/ for debt due unto him by the said/ deceased at his death for curing of a/ mare and colt of the said decea[se]ds/	vj		
Item this Accomptant prayeth to be/ allowed for his expences in a iourney/ to Eastry faire with two colts and a/ mare of the said decea[se]ds to sell them/ 2s 6d and for his expences in having / them to Reculver faire on the same/ account js vjd in all/	iiij		
Item this Accomptant prayeth to be/ allowed for his owne and sureties/ charges of horse hire and expences/ with the minor when they came to/ Canterbury to take out the aforesaid/ Administrac[i]on of the decea[se]ds goods/	vj		

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Item paid unto Mr Simpson Collector/ of <the> chimney mony, for one yeare and/ a halfe due for five Chimneys and/ owing by the said decea[se]d at Mich[ael]mas/ 1670, for <the> house wherein he dwelt at/ his death the sum[m]e of/

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Item paid unto Samuel Hardwicke/ for the aforesaid five Chimneys/ being a whole yeare ending at/ Mich[ael]mas 1671 the sum[m]e of/

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Item paid unto Mr Cooke vicar/ of Chistlett for Tithes due unto/ him by the said decea[se]d at his death the sum[m]e of/

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Item paid for his Ma[jes]ties dutyes/ upon the exhibic[i]on of the aforesaid/ Inventory of the said decea[se]ds goods/ into Court according to Act of Par[liamen]t/

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Item paid for a Citac[i]on and serving/ the same upon this Accomptant/ to cause him to bring in the afores[ai]d/ Inventory/

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Item paid unto John Holladay for/ casting and cleansing the ditches/ belonging to Mrs Norwoods lands/ which the said decea[se]d was bound/ to by lease the sum[m]e of/

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Item paid unto William Belsey/ for carrying six seames of wheat/ to Reculver, being part of the corn/ left by the said decea[se]d at his death/

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Item <paid> unto the said Willaim Belsey/ for two dayes labour in the high-/ wayes, in repaying in the same upon/ the account of the land hired by/ the said decea[se]d in Chistlett/

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Item paid unto the said William/ Belsey for carrying 10 Bushells of/ wheat to Canterbury & 10 bushells/ of apples, and bring back the afores[ai]d/ load of lime and lattes from [illegible]/

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Item paid unto the said William/ Belsey for fetching the aforesaid/ two loads of sand 4s and the load/ of stones being brought from Hoath/ to Chistlett/

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Item paid unto the said William/ Belsey for removing of pease and/ Tares left in stacks and outhouses/ by the said decea[se]d at his death, into/ the Barne to be thrashed/

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Item paid unto him more for 300/ of bricke and carriage of them/ being used about the aforesaid house/ of the said decea[se]d/

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Item paid unto Richard Knowler for/ fetching 3 loads of post and rayles/ from Hoath, used about the said/ decea[se]ds aforesaid land/

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Item this Accomptant prayeth to be/ allowed for six bushells of pease/ eaten by the said decea[se]ds Hoggs in/ Anno d[omi]ni 1670 to fatt them for sale/		xvj	xj
Item paid for three seames and two/ bushells of seed wheate at 26 s the/ seame, to sow the said decea[se]ds land/ the wheat season Anno d[omi]ni 1670/		x	
Item paid for 6 seames of seed/ barly at 16s the seame, sowen on/ the said decea[se]ds land the Barly/ season Anno d[omi]ni 1671 the sum[m]e of/	iiij	xv	
Item paid for 3 seames and two/ bushells of seed pease at 22 s the/ seame sowen on the said decea[se]ds/ land the pease season after his death/ vizt Anno d[omi]ni 1670 the sum[m]e of/	iiij	xj	vj
Item paid unto the afores[ai]d William/ Belsey for plowing <del>the</del> <and sowing> of 9 acres and/ 3 rodds of wheat land at 5s 6d ye acre/ sowen the wheat season the said decea[se]d dyed the sum[m]e of/	ij	xiiij	vij
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Item paid unto the said William/ Belsey for plowing and sowing of/ seaven acres and twenty pearches/ of podwar at 5s 6d the acre sowen/ on the said decea[se]ds <del>death</del> land after/ his death the sum[m]e of/		xxxix	ij
Item paid unto the said Belsey/ more for plowing and sowing <del>the</del> of/ Eleaven acres and three yards of land/ of the decea[se]ds sowen with barly/ the season after his death Anno d[omi]ni/ 1671 being three times plowed at 5s 6d the acre the sum[m]e of/	ix	xij	iiij
Item paid unto Mrs Norwood of/ Canterbury for halfe a yeares rent/ ending at our Lady day Anno d[omi]ni 1671/ for her aforesaid land leased by the/ said decea/se/d the sum[m]e of/		xvj	
Item this Accomptant prayeth to be/ allowed for his charge of a horse hire/ and other expences, when he went to/ Canterbury to carry the said rent he/ having no other busines there but/ purposely that the sum[m]e of/		ij	vj
Item paid unto George Webb for/ reaping and binding 11 acres on rodd/ and 27 pearches of wheat and pease/ at 5s the acre being part of the s[ai]d/ aforesaid corn sowen on the said/ decea[se]ds land Anno d[omi]ni 1671 the/ sum[m]e of/		Lxi	vj
Item paid unto the said Webb more/ for binding and raking 11 acres and/ 3 rodds of barly at 2s the acre being/ part of the said corn sowen on the/ said decea[se]ds land Anno d[omi]ni 1671/ the sum[m]e of/		xxiiij	
Item paid unto Henry Mott for/ cutting and binding 9 shooke of wheat/ of the said decea[se]ds in harvest Anno d[omi]ni 1671/		iiij	
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Item paid unto Vincent Smith for/ mowing 6 acres <del>and</del> of Barly/ at 2s 6d/ the acre and for mowing five acres/ and 3 rodds of barley at 2s the acre/ and for cutting 9 shooke of wheat at/ 4d the acre, being part of the corne/ sowed on the said decea[se]ds land/ Annod[omi]ni 1671 in all the sum[m]e of/	xxix	vj
Item paid unto Ambrose Knowler/ for reaping and binding of 17 shooke/ of wheat being part of the corne sowed/ on the said decea[se]ds land Anno d[omi]ni 1671/ and for halfe a dayes worke that/ harvest in all/	vj	viiij
Item paid unto William Belsey for/ carrying the pease sowed in the said/ yeare of our Lord 1671 out of an out/ house into the barne 5s and for housing/ of wheat and barley at Reculver in the/ same yeare js 9d in all/	vj	ix
Item paid for carrying in of all the/ aforesaid Corne sowed on the said/ decea[se]ds land Anno d[omi]ni 1671 & from the feild into the Barne and stackes/ the sum[m]e of/	iiij	
Item paid unto the aforesaid Mrs/ Norwood for halfe a yeares Rent due/ unto her for the aforesaid land of/ the said decea[se]d at Mich[ael]mas 1671/ the sum[m]e of/	xvj	
Item this Accomptant prayeth to be allowed/ for horsehire & expences when he carryed/ the said Rent he having no other busnies/	ij	vj
Item paid unto Mr John Knowler/ for a whole yeares Rent due unto him/ for the said decea[se]ds lands at Mich[ael]mas/ Anno d[omi]ni 1671 the sum[m]e of/	xxiiij	
Item paid unto Henry Mott for/ thrashing 6 seames & 2 bushells of the/ said decea[se]ds wheat harvested Anno d[omi]ni 1671 the sum[m]e of/ Item/	ix	ij
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Item paid unto him the said Mott more/ for 7 dayes worke of thrashing part of the/ aforesaid corn sowed Anno d[omi]ni 1671 at 14d the day/	viiij	ij
Item paid unto Ambrose Knowler for/ thrashing 19 seames & 6 bushells of the/ aforesaid wheat harvested Anno d[omi]ni 1671 18d the seame the sum[m]e of/	xxix	vij
Item paid to the said Ambrose for/ thrashing 5 seames & 2 bushells/ of gray pease harvested in the afores[ai]d/ yeare 1671 & being part of the said/ decea[se]ds corn, at 2s the seame/	x	vj
Item this Accomptant prayeth to be/ allowed for his owne paynes in cutting/ part of the said decea[se]ds corn in Anno/ d[omi]ni 1671 & his attendance & loss of time/ in seeing the same harvested in, and/ also for thrashing some part of the said/ corn the sum[m]e of/		
Item paid unto Ambrose Knowler for/ 4 iourn[e]yes for sakes to Hearn, and/ looking up a Coult of the said decea[se]ds/ strayed away Anno d[omi]ni 1671/	ij	vj

Item paid for the hire of sackes to/ carry the said decea[se]ds corne in to/ London, in Anno d[omi]ni 1670 & 1671/	xx	
Item paid unto Thomas Holnes js 10d/ and unto Henry Hills 3s 4d for <land> scotts/ due by the said decea[se]d at bhis death/	v	ij
Item paid to the Churchwardens of/ Chistlett for a Cesse made to the/ repaire of the Church Anno d[omi]ni 1671/ & assessed on the said decea[se]ds land/	vj	viiij
Item paid unto the Overseers of the/ poore of Chistlett parish, for two sesses/ one due Anno d[omi]ni 1670 and the other 1671/ and sessed on the said decea[se]ds lands/ in all the sum[m]e of/	xx	
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Item paid unto Ambrose Coller for/ a scott made Anno d[omi]ni 1671 and/ assessed on the land the said decea[se]d/ leased of Mr Knowler/	v	
Item paid unto Mr Henry Twyman/ of Canterbury for two yeares Rent of/ a peece of land used by the said dec[ease]d/ at xxs a yeare, ending at the feast/ of St Michael Anno d[omi]ni 1671 the/ sum[m]e of/	ij	
Item paid unto Michael denne/ upon two sevrall bills, for cloathes/ for the aforesaid minor the sum[m]e of/	xLvij	j
Item paid for nick clothes & drawers/ for the said minor/	iiij	vj
Item paid more for a sute & coate &/ making the same for the said minor/ whilst he boarded with this Accompt[an]t/	s xvj	
Item paid for a hatt 2s 6d for 2 paire/ of shooes and mending one paire 5s 8d/ and two paire of stockings 5s for the/ aforesaid minor Richard Amberton/ in all the sum[m]e of/	xiiij	ij
Item paid unto Michael denne afores[ai]d/ on bill the 14th October Anno d[omi]ni/ 1672 for clothes & other necesaryes/ for the said Minor/	xvj	viiij
Item this Accomptant prayeth to be/ allowed for 49 weekes board lodging/ & washing for the said Richard/ Amberton the minor aforesaid since/ the said decea[se]ds death after the/ rate of 3s 6d the weeke the sum[m]e/ of/	vij	iiij vj
Item paid for drawing this Accompt/ into form to exhibit into the Court/ for the proxie and Proctors fee to do/ the same and to obtain the admission/ thereof/		
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thereof, as also for Registering and/ ingrossing the same with the/ Inventory and sev[er]all schedules/ here unto annexed in parchement/ for the Quietus est thereupon Judges/ seale of Office, limitac[i]on of porc[i]ons/ and all other necessary charges about/ the same the sum[m]e of/	xLix	iiij

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