

Wills and Inventories

Transcribed from the original documents by Michael Medlar.

Will of Thomas Chandler of Castle Acre – 1516

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Will was made 9 September 1514

Soul to Almighty God, Our Lady St. Mary, and all the Holy Company of Heaven.
Body to be buried in the churchyard of St. James.

To the high altar for offerings forgotten – 20d.
To the master prior of Castle Acre – 20d.
To the rood loft light – 2s.
To Our Lady's perke – 12d.
To St. Nicholas' perke – 8d.
To the common torches – 3s 4d.
To the painting of the tabernacle of St. Catherine – 3s 4d.
To the repairs of Castle Acre church – 6s 8d.

To my wife Katherine – my messuage called Chapman's with all the lands and closes belonging to it and a new close; my lands in the fields of South Acre; my messuage called Gobers; another messuage called Combys; my messuage in Newton late Jolly's with the lands in the fields. Ten coombs of wheat; 10 coombs of meslin; 40 coombs of barley, 3 horses with a plough and all the apparel, a cart, and all my neat.

To my son William – Four beds and their linen, a brass pot, a brass posnet, a pewter dish, 4 pewter saucers, a brass kettle, the salt table in the hall, the best stool, a chair, a hanging lamp of laten, a laten basin, 2 cushions, a great chest, a spit, a pair of cobirons, a salt, table cloth, towels, a board settle, a cow, 10 silver marks and all my apparel. The messuage where I dwell with the gardens and 20 acres of land I bought from Fox. All my other lands in Castle Acre not otherwise bequeathed. A silver goblet.

My silver spoons to be divided equally between my wife and my son.

To my daughter Helen – 2 beds in the chamber next to the gate, a piece of silver, my best cow, 12 coombs of malt, 5 ewes, 5 hogges, and the featherbed with a transome which I lie on.

To Thomas Marche – a close called Eastmere and another close called Westgate Close on condition that he perpetually keeps the light in a basin before Our Lady in the chapel with 5 quarters of candle wax. My messuage called Richard ...?... late my father Simon's.

To Master Roger Townsend – a piece of silver.
To William Meadow – 4 coombs of barley from the next crop.
To John Wyld – 2 coombs of barley from the next crop.
To John Wadnoll – a coomb of wheat, a coomb of meslin and 2 coombs of malt.
My messuage called Cosinge to be sold to pay my debts.

The residue to my executors Thomas Marche and William Candler.
Supervisors – the master prior of Castle Acre and Master Roger Townsend.
Witnesses – William Stephenson vicar, John Denynys, Thomas Melecent, John Wadnoll and William Medow.
Probate Norwich 9 December 1516.

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Will of William Faxwell of Castle Acre 1519/20

ANW Will register Randes 24

Will was made on 31 January 1519/20

Soul to Almighty God.

Body to be buried in the churchyard of St. James.

To the high altar of St. James – 12d.

To the light of Our Lady called Rokkes – 8d.

To the common torches – 12d.

To the repairs of the church – 6s 8d.

To the convent of Castle Acre Abbey [sic] – 10s.

I will have a priest sing for my soul in the parish church for one year.

To Joan, my wife – the messuage where I dwell with the little close by the common at the mill providing she fulfils my will. If not, then the property to be sold and any money remaining after my bequests to be given to Joan.

Executrix – my wife Joan.

Supervisor – Henry Scottyng who Joan shall pay “for his labours as she thinks best”.

No probate date.

Joan Faxwell widow of the late William Faxwell of Castle Acre – 1522

ANW Will register Randes 114

Will was made 27 July 1522

Soul to Almighty God, Our Blessed Lady, all the Holy Company in Heaven.

Body to be buried in the churchyard.

My messuage to be sold to fulfil my late husband's will.

Executor – John Flood, who should buy my property.

Supervisor – Richard Pastelaye?

Probate Castle Acre 30 July 1522.

Will of William Fuller of Castle Acre – 1523.

Will was made on 23 September 1523.

Soul to Almighty God, our Lady Virgin and all the Saints.

Body to be buried in the parish church of St. James in Castle Acre.

To Norwich cathedral – 20s.

To the high altar of Castle Acre – 3s 4d for the curate to pray for me.

To the light on the rood loft – 3s 4d.

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To the light on the perk [beam] of our Lady – 2s.
To the light on the perk of St. Nicholas – 16d.
To the light of the common torches – 10s.

To the gild of St. James – 20s
To the torches of the gild of St. James – 5s.
To the gild of St. Katherine – 20s.
To the torches of the gild of St. Katherine – 5s.
I leave my great brass pot and best spit to the gilds of St. James and St. Katherine.
To the gild of Corpus Christi – 10s.
To the torches of the gild of Corpus Christi – 3s 4d.
To the gild of St. Andrew – 6s 8d.
To the torches of the gild of St. Andrew – 2s.

To the Trinity gild of Bishop's Lynn – 10s.
To the gild of our blessed Lady in Boston – 10s.

I wish 4 wax candles of a quart each to burn before the images of our Blessed Lady, St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas in Castle Acre and the image of St. Thomas in the chapel in West Acre every Sunday and feast day for 7 years.

I will that my executors shall have celebrated for my soul, my father's and mother's souls and my benefactors' souls as many masses within 30 days of my decease as a holy priest says in one year. These masses to be sung by secular priests, canons and friars who are to receive 5d per mass.

To have 6 score [120] masses at various friaries before the altar where the "pardon of Scala Coeli is granted" – each priest celebrating – 6d.

To have a secular priest sing for my soul and my father's and mother's souls before the altar of the Blessed Lady Virgin on the north side of the church for 20 years. The priest to be paid £5 13s 4d per annum. Sir John Pele is my preferred priest, and the mass to be sung after the gospel reading and during Lent between 6 and 7 o'clock.

To bear the cost of using freestone to make the corners of the west wall of the churchyard of St. James, except that the township [village] shall bear the expenses of the carriage of the stone, the levelling of the wall and the mortar.

To bear the cost of marble to pave the alleys in the church, viz from the chancel to the steeple [tower] and in the north and south aisles, except that township shall bear the cost of the carriage of the marble from the water to Castle Acre and to find a man to serve the mason.

To bear the cost of the repair of the buttress of St. James' church, except that township shall bear the cost of the carriage of the stone from the water to Castle Acre and to find a man to serve the mason.

To the repairs of the churches of the friars of Lynn, except the Austin Friars – 40s each.
To the Austin Friars of Lynn – 40s.

To the repairs of the churches of the friars of Norwich – 20s each.
To the repairs of the churches of the friars of Yarmouth – 20s each – each friar is to receive 4d from the bequest.

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To the friars of Briggate Thetford [Blackfriars/Dominicans] – 40s.

To the friars of the Market Stead Thetford [Austin Friars] – 20s.

To every nun of Thetford – 8d each.

To the parish church of St. Cuthbert in Thetford to pray for my father's soul – 20s.

To the friars of Babwell [Franciscans in Bury St. Edmunds] – 10s.

To the friary of Blakeney [Carmelite] – 10s.

To the nuns of Blackborough – 8d each.

To the chapel of St. Thomas in West Acre - £4.

To the master prior of Castle Acre – 10s.

To the prior of West Acre – 10s.

To each ordained canon of West Acre – 3s 4d.

To each non-ordained canon of West Acre – 20d.

To the prior of Pentney – 6s 8d.

To each ordained canon of Pentney – 3s 4d.

To each non-ordained canon of Pentney – 20d.

I give £3 or 5 marks [£3 3s 4d] to purchase a vestment of silk to be given to Walsingham Abbey and used when mass is sung before an altar.

To the repair of Dedham church – 20s.

To the repair of Lavenham church – 20s.

To the repair of Hilborough church – 3s.

To the repair of Langford church – 20d.

To the parish priest of Langford – 4d.

To the parish church of Stanford – 20d.

To the parish priest of Stanford – 4d.

To all the servants, both men and women, living with me at my death – 6s 8d each.

To John Stiffing – 3s 4d.

To Agnes Howe – 3s 4d.

To Julian Tolle – 3s 4d.

To John Tolle my godson – 10s.

To Robert Tolle – 10s.

To Margery Goodhand – 3s 4d.

To every male godchild – 6s 8d.

To every female godchild – 3s 4d.

To John Patrick – 3s 4d.

To Edmund Patrick – 3s 4d.

To mending the gate within the bailey path in Castle Acre – 10s.

To mending the bailey went? in Castle Acre – 10s.

To the repairs of the church of West Lexham – my pightle by the river late Jordan's with the land belonging to the same, so that they pray for me.

To every person attending my funeral, my 7th day, my 30th day and my obit [one year anniversary of death] – 1d each.

To every priest saying mass at my burial – 6d.

To every other priest at my burial – 5d.

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To every priest at my obit day – 4d.

To every household in Castle Acre – 4d to be distributed within 15 days of my death,

To Katherine my wife – my messuage [house] built in Castle Acre called Olpetts which I purchased from Pesegrave; all short lands, and all land late Robert Smyth in Castle Acre and South Acre, for her natural life. Then to be sold and the executors to use the proceeds for deeds of charity for the health of my soul, my wife's soul and all Christian souls.

Also, 3 horses, a plough, the next best shod cart, harness for the same, 3 milk neat [cows] a sow, 2 swine, 10 coombs of meslin [a mixture of wheat and rye], 20 coombs of barley.

£4 per annum for life to be paid quarterly.

Half my brass, half my pewter, 2 feather beds, 3 donges [mattress covers], 6 silver spoons, any other piece of silver which she wants, and the rest of my household stuff.

To my executors – the residue of my messuages, lands, tenements and stuff wherever they may be to be sold to pay my bequests.

My executors are to give 40 vestments where they are most needed in the places above named.

Executors – Sir Richard Patrick priest and William Lary vicar of St. Mary Wiggshall - to have 5 marks each for their pains.

Witnesses – John Pole priest, Thomas Browning and Richard Parker of Castle Acre.

Probate – London 7 November 1523.

From The History of Norfolk written by Francis Blomefield in 1734.

“At the bottom of the nave lies a gravestone,

Orate p. a'i'a. Wilhelmi Fuller, qui obiit duodecimo die mensis Octob. Ao. D'ni, 1523, cujus, &c.”

[Pray for the soul of William Fuller, who died on the 12th day of October 1523.]

Reference TNA PRO PROB 11/21/233

Will of Richard Candich of Castle Acre – 1524

ANW Will register Randes 219

Will was made 21 April 1524

Soul to Almighty God, Our Lady St. Mary, and the Holy Company of Heaven.

Body to be buried in the churchyard.

To the high altar for tithes negligently forgotten – 8d.

To Holy Trinity, Norwich – 2d.

To the rood loft light – 2d,

To Our Lady's Perke – 2d.

To St. Nicholas perke – 2d.

To the common torches – 4d.

To Elyn my wife – my house and lands in Castle Acre together with the 5 roods of land which were formally Faxwell's. All household utensils, all my corn and cattle, my carhorse, my plough and its accoutrements.

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The residue of my goods to my executrix, my wife Elyn, to use for the good of my soul and all Christian souls.

Witnesses – John Blysse alias Blasé and John Woodrow.

Probate Castle Acre 14 May 1524.

Will of Henry Scottyng of Castle Acre 1525

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Will was made 4 November 1525

Soul – to Almighty God, Our Blessed Lady and all the Saints in Heaven.

Body – to be buried in the chapel of Our Lady in Castle Acre church.

To the church of St. James for my burial – 6s.

To Norwich Cathedral – 12d

To the Prior of Castle Acre for tithes negligently forgotten – 6s 8d.

To the superior and convent of Castle Acre to sing a trental for my soul and all Christian souls – 10s.

To the parish church of Castle Acre for negligent obligations – 6s 8d.

To the rood loft light – 6d.

To Our Lady's perke – 6d.

To St. Nicholas' perke – 4d.

To Our Lady called "the Rokkys" – 4d.

To the common light – 4d.

To the repairs of Newton church – 3s 4d.

To the curate of Newton church – 12d.

To the 4 orders of friars, the Greyfriars and Whitefriars in Norwich and the Blackfriars and Austin Friars in Lynn – 10s each to pray for my soul and all Christian souls.

My house and lands in Newton called Grantes and another house called Warsslam's to be sold by my executors to have an honest priest sing for my soul, my friends' souls and all Christian souls in the parish church of Castle Acre for one year.

My executors out of the purchase of my house and lands called Rede's shall give to the repairs of Castle Acre church – 40s.

My purchased lands lying in East Lane Field, 6 acres; my lands in Southcross Field, one and a half acres in one piece; a close late Faxwelle's containing 3 acres; another close late Faxwelle's 5½ roods and half an acre at the end of the same close; another close by Cherwell's mill; and 3 acres lying in Newton Field called Lamkyn's – to my executors to use as follows:

to keep my year day perpetually in Castle Acre church – 6s 8d per annum;

to the rood light – 6d;

to Our Lady's light – 6d;

to St. Nicholas perke – 6d;

to Our Lady and St. Christopher called the "Bokks" – 6d;

to the common light – 6d.

If wife and executors refuse to do this, then lands revert to the churchwardens to perform these bequests, to keep my year day and the lights perpetually.

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To my wife Agnes – my house called Redes for her natural life and then to my son William.

The house in "Baty street" called Colyns to be divided between my son William and my daughter Mary.

The stone house called "Smythes" to be divided between my daughters Elin and Agnes.

To my son John – my house and lands in Newton called Fullis.

My wife Agnes shall have use and profits of all my houses and lands until my children come of "lawful age". She shall keep them all in good repair.

If my sons die, then their inheritances shall go to my daughters.

If all my daughters die before they have issue, then everything to "the next of my blood".

Executors – wife Agnes, brother William and son William.

My brother William for his labour – 3s 4d per annum until 40s is paid.

Overseer – John Petifer – 20s for his labour.

Residue of my estate to Agnes my wife "to dispose of to the most pleasure of Almighty God and the wellbeing of my soul".

Probate – Norwich 16 November 1525.

To wife Anne – my house and lands called Redes for her life, paying my son Arthur 40s p/a until he is 21. Arthur to inherit on Anne's death.

To son Arthur – 10 coombs of winter corn and his choice of a cow or horse.

To son John – my house and lands in Newton called Joylles and 3½ acres of freehold land.

To son Francis – my copyhold house and lands in Newton.

To daughter Elizabeth - £5 on the day of her marriage.

Residue to my executrix, my wife Anne.

Probate Norwich 7 April 1560.

Will of John Scotting of Castle Acre 1571

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Will made 24 June 1571.

Soul to Almighty God.

Body to be buried in the churchyard.

To my son John – my messuage late Brent, my tenement called Crofts on the east side of Brent. A close in Castle Acre and a close in South Acre. 5a in 4 pieces in Castle Acre fields, purchased from John Pettiffer. 2a 1r in 4 pieces purchased from William Scotting my father. All the lands I bought from John Scotting my nephew in the fields of South Acre. A parcel of meadow in Castle Acre lying at Cherwell's mill. An acre of land in Newton field purchased from Robert Hallman. All the lands I leased from Mr. Paine – 11½ a in Great Dunham fields in a furlong called Lamnett. An acre of land in Newton field bought from John Bramlie and his son William.

To my son William – my tenement called Brambles and the land belonging to it in Castle Acre, South Acre and Newton, which I bought from John Bramlie.

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An acre of land in South Acre, purchased from John Clare. Tenter Close and a tenement in Kirkgate called The Bull, which I bought from Robert Alcock. A tenement in Castle Acre called Herrings that I bought from John Paine, a tenement in Baileygate, 6a 3 roods in Great Dunham field in a furlong called Knabush. 3a 1r in a furlong called Lancett, and a pigtle near Cherwell's mill in Castle Acre.

To my daughter Katherine – the messuage I purchased of Roger Wilcock; 40s in lawful money, the £5 owed me by Roger Doe, and 7r lying in Shipdham – providing she pays my daughters Amy (the wife of Gregory Toft) and Brigitte (the wife of Leonard Hudson) 20s each.

To Margaret Paine, the wife of Thomas – 20s. The residue to my 2 sons William and John, who are to be my executors.

Supervisor – Thomas Paine, who is to receive 4s.

Probate King's Lynn 10 April 1572.

Inventory of John Wilchin warrener of Castle Acre – 1599

DN/INV 16/26

An inventory of such goods and chattels as were John Wilchin's of Castle Acre in the county of Norfolk warrener at the day of his decease prised 25 April 1599 by William Gaye and John Mynne of Castle Acre yeomen, John Hamond of the same town tailor and Robert Gibbes of the same town shoemaker.

First - all his apparel – 20s.

Item – a bullock and colt sheep – 25s.

Item – a sow, 5 shots and 4 pigs – 25s.

Item – to the said John Wilchin at the day of his decease from Henry Lyngwoode of Tottington, husbandman – 30s.

Item – a sette nette – 5s.

Item – 4 other nettes – 8s.

Sum total - £5 13s 0d.

Marks of the 4 named apprisers.

Probate 27? April 1599.

Inventory of William Bennitt yeoman of Castle Acre – 1638

DN/INV 44/137

An inventory made 5 December 1638 of all the goods, cattle and chattels which were William Bennitt's late of Castle Acre in the county of Norfolk deceased compiled by us whose names are here under written as followeth:

Imprimis – his apparel - £3 0s 0d.

In the parlour

Item – one bedstead with the bedding thereupon as it stands full furnished - £5 3s 4d.

Item – one frame table, 4 buffet stools, one sene? - £1 3s 4d.

Item – one cupboard, 3 chests, one trunk - £2 5s 0d.

Item – 3 small chairs, a looking glass and a warming pan & some other small things – 6s 0d.

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Item – one pair of bellows, a pair of tongs and a fire pan – 3s 0d.

Item – 5 pairs of sheets, 2 table cloths, 2 pillow bears [pillowcases], 2 towels and 5 table napkins - £2 16s 0d.

In the hall

Item – one bedstead with the bedding as it stands full furnished - £3 10s 0d.

Item – one truckle bedstead – 4s 0d.

Item – one bowl, one counter table, a counter chair, a cross, an ale stool, 8 little stools and a brass case - £1 5s 0d.

In the kitchen

Item – one table, 3 tubs, one keller [a shallow bowl for cooling liquids], trinkers? spoon and other small things – 6s 8d.

Item - 4 kettles, one brass pot, one iron pot, 3 skilletts and an old kettle - £2 10s 0d.

Item – 7 pewter plates, a candlestick, one salt, one porringer and a mortar and pestle – 13s 4d.

In the dairy

Item – beer vessels and dairy vessels, cheese vat and all other implements of the said dairy - £1 3s 4d.

In the little chamber

Item – one bedstead with the bedding thereupon – 10s 0d.

Item – one pair of querns – 10s 0d.

In the chamber

Item – hemp, malt, old iron, corn and all other implements there - £1 10s 0d.

Item – one iron trendle, one spit, one firepan – 10s 0d.

In the shop and the shop chamber

Item – his working tools and all other implements there together - £1 0s 0d.

Item – 2 iron rakes – 4s 0d.

In the barn

Item – in barley in the straw - £17 10s 0d.

Item – in winter corn in the barn - £18 0s 0d.

Item – vetches and oats - £1 10s 0d.

Item – one sieve, a fan and a riddle – 16s 0d.

Item – 3 ladders and one batting spade? – 8s 0d.

Item – in hay - £1 10s 0d.

Item – 6 horse beasts - £10 0s 0d.

Item – 10 neate beasts, cows, bullocks and one calf - £13 0s 0d.

Item – the swine - £2 4s 0d.

Item – one grindstone - 2s 4d.

Item – carts and cart gear, plough and plough gear and the harrows and sledge - £5 1s 0d.

Item – 4 neate racks [mangers] and other racks about the yard – 2s 6d.

Item – the winter corn in the ground - £14 0s 0d.

Item – for a lease of certain lands holden of the lord of the manor - £5 0s 0d.

Item – in monies by mortgage bonds, bills and other debts good and bad - £83 1s 0d.

Sum total - £200 16s 10d.

Signatures of William Tompson glover, Robart Githings and John Hey.

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Will of Catherine Ball widow of Castle Acre – 1779

Will was made on 7 July 1779.

Soul to almighty God “hoping for pardon and redemption of my sins through the mediation of our blessed saviour Jesus Christ”.

To my daughter Elizabeth Ball late Elizabeth Gay now the wife of Thomas Ball carpenter of Castle Acre – all my goods and chattels of household, my implements of husbandry, and the stock in the house where I now dwell in Castle Acre.

All my monies and securities.

Elizabeth is to have full control and be able to buy and sell at her own discretion.

She is to be my executrix and to pay my funeral expenses and all my debts.

Witnesses – James Whiting and John Wright who is the clerk to Mr. Whiting.

Probate – 19 July 1779 by Gilbert Bouchery steward of the consistory court at Norwich.

Inventory of Catherine Ball widow of Castle Acre – 1779

DN/INV 83/83

An inventory and appraisalment of the goods, chattels and effects of Catherine Hall.

In the cellar by the street

17 barrels, one half barrel, puncheon [large cask 70-120 gallons], one liquor cask, 3 kellers and 2 tubs, one funnel, handle cup, pair of slings, 3 large stone bottles, 4 ale stools, rum, gin and 6 barrels of beer - £23 1s 0d.

In the cellar next the yard

2 Porter barrels, 10 bank hooped barrels, 3 ale stools, a barrel churn, a filter, 3 barrels of ale, 5 brass cocks and one tap filter - £7 18s 6d.

In the brewhouse

One brewing copper and furnace, one mash tub, an under deck, one pump, 3 coolers, 3 sheets, a hop strainer, large steps and one ale stool, 2 Porter barrels, 4 wooden stools, 7 small casks, 2 old tubs, a filter, ? taps and a cooler, a handle cup, a funnel, 2 jills, 2 peck pails, an iron funnel, a hop sieve, an iron crome, 2 barrels of small beer, a water cart, a tub, a bowl and a pail - £18 13s 0d.

In the kitchen

One fire range, fire shovel, poker, tongs, fender, 2 hakes, 2 ? hanging horse, 2 hanging dog irons and one standing dog iron, a small inwell?, small copper and furnace, a jack weight and pulleys. Candle box and a pair of bellows, an iron box heater and frame, a pair of candlesticks, a flat dish, a brass skimmer, 8 iron candlesticks, 2 pairs of snuffers, a twisting spit, a beef fork, a chopping knife, 2 pewter quarts, 8 pewter pints, 2 half pints, one gill, one half gill, a copper quart, tin can, a tin cover, a small dripping pan, skimmer, 3 funnels, an iron dripping pan, 7 earthen quarts, 13 earthen pints, 4 earthen half pints, pair of brass scales, 2 spit pans, 2 spits, a hat cupboard and bureau, an oval table, 2 deal tables, an old oak table (broken), a deal bench, 2 deal forms, a half-round chair, 6 rush-bottom chairs, a water pail, 2 lanterns, an iron ladle, a coal shovel and 2 old boilers - £5 11s 0d.

In the dairy

A butter keller, 2 wooden milk trays, a cheese tub, a milk pail, a small brass kettle, 2 saucepans, 22

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pots and pans, a wood funnel, 6 wood dishes, 2 cheese vats, a bowl, a milk sieve, a pair of wooden scales and beam – 15s 3d.

In the pantry

A deal safe, an old deal table, an ale stool, a frying pan, 4 bawkettes?, lots of earthenware, knives and forks, 2 dozen wine and ale glasses, 5 Delft plates, an oat sieve, 2 pewter plates and dish, a rail trap? and other lumber – 16s 0d.

In the passage and bedroom

A clothes basket, 2 old tubs and an oat sieve, 3 liquor casks, one bed as it stands, a chest of drawers, a bureau, a cupboard, a round table, a night stool, an oak chest, 4 chairs, an old looking glass, some yellow plates and tea cups and saucers and other earthen ware, a warming pan, a pipe frame and pipes, a looking glass, a liquor cask, stone bottles, teak kettle and lots of earthenware, iron rod and other lumber - £2 16s 0d.

In the great chamber

A large oval table, an oak chest, 2 long forms, stone bottles, an old chair, 10 pewter dishes, 17 pewter plates, about 4 bushels of clover seeds and a hay sieve - £4 1s 0d.

In the farthing chamber

2 beds as they stand, a mahogany night stool, an old table, 6 rush-bottom chairs and 2 chamber pots - £5 15s 0d.

In the garret

One half-headed bed, a table, 2 chairs, an old chest, an old table + lots of lumber - £1 16s 0d.

In the lady's great chamber

2 old beds as they stand, an old table, 7 old chairs and 2 chamber pots.

In the passage

A straw engine?, 2 linen horses, 2 forms and a kneading trough - £3 6s 6d.

In the lord's chamber

One wainscot table, 2 small tables, 6 rush-bottom chairs, 2 half-round chairs, a firepan, poker, tongs, fender, blower, chimney ornaments and 6 trunks - £3 0s 6d.

In the old garret

A lot of old iron, a lot of hoop iron, a bushill fan?, 2 riddles, a skep, 5 ling brooms, 2 corn shovels - £1 10s 0d.

In the cellar chamber

A large oak table, 2 deal tables, 5 armchairs, 10 old chairs, a blower and fender - £1 7s 0d.

Linen

9 pairs of old sheets, one old sheet, 5 board cloths, 8 napkins, 13 pillow cases - £1 17s 0d.

Silver

6 teaspoons, 5 tablespoons, 2 silver watches - £6 6s 0d.

Cash in the house at the time of the testator's decease - £15 15s 0d.

In the yards

5 water tubs, a wheelbarrow, 3 pig troughs, 2 swarth rakes, a pair of old harrows, 4 old wheels, a

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long-tail plough, a lot of hurdles, a pig and a large sow with pig - £6 3s 0d.

In the stable

3 pairs of cart harnesses, fittes and gears and one cart saddle, a chaff sieve, a pair of plough traces, an oat bin, an old trap, a short ladder, a stable fork, a shovel, a pick and 3 cart slats - £1 12s 6d.

Stock etc.

2 cows, one old mare, one short-tailed horse, one one-eyed horse, 2 colts - £16 13s 6d.

One waggon, one old cart, rakes, forks and iron crome - £11 10s 0d.

Barley on the ground, supposed to be about 5 lasts at £6 10s per last - £32 10s 0d.

Book debts supposed to be good - £20 0s 0d.

Total = £192 13s 9d.

The above and within Goods, Chattels, Crop, Stock and Effects were this day viewed, valued and appraised by us according to the best of our judgements at the sum of One Hundred and Seventy two Pounds Thirteen shillings and nine pence Exclusive of the Book Debts as witness our hands this 22nd day of July 1779.

Signatures of Robert Brett and Thomas Carr – Appraisers.

Elizabeth Ball the executrix of Catharine Ball deceased was sworn to the truth of the above inventory and appraisement the 14th day of August 1779.

Sworn before me Gilbert Bouchery clerk surrogate to the Chancellor.