

Last Will and Testament of David Lewen of Brinkworth - 1612



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In the name of God Amen the 20th day of October in the yere of our Lord God 1612. I David Lewen Senior of Brinkworth in the County of Wiltes weaver being weake in body but thanks I give unto Almighty God in perfect minde and memory doe ordeyne & make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God to rest in the bosome of Abraham and my body to be buried in the Church yeard of Brinkworth there to remayne untill the generall day of Judgment when my soule shall receive the same body agayne to enter into everlasting life by a true & lively fayth & through Jesus Christ my onely redemer and Saviour Amen. And for my worldly goodes I willingly despose as followeth. Item I give unto the children of John Fry 6d apeece. Item I give unto Will Fry my Godsonne 2s and to Will Fry and Mychaell Fry his sonnes 6d apeece. Item I give unto John Clarke, Hugh Clarke, Johane Clarke & Elizabeth Clarke the sonnes & daughters of Geoffery Clarke decesed 6d apeece. Item I give unto the children of Richard Clarke that he now hath at the makeing of this my will 6d apeece. Item I give unto Johan Sherer wife of Will Sherer my godaughter 12d. Item I give unto John Sherer the sonne of Will Sherer 6d. Item I give unto John Fry the sonne of Mychaell 6d and to Christyan Fry the daughter of the sayd Mychaell Fry 6d. Item I give unto the children of Anthony Fry that he now hath 6d apeece. Item I give unto Richard Lewen the sonne of Richard Lewen 6d and to Elizabeth Lewen & Josion Lewen his daughters 6d apeece. Item I give to John Fry the sonne of Will Fry miller my kinsman 6d and to Ales his daughter 6d. All the rest of my goods and chattells both moveable and unmoveable whatsoever not befor by me given my legacies and debts being payd and my funerall expences ended I will give and bequeth unto John Fry my kinsman whom I ordeine and make my whole executer of this my last will and testament. Finally I ordeine and make my wellbeloved in Christ to me Anthony Fry my godsonne and Richard Lewen my kinsman overseers of this my last will and testament to see that all things effectually justly and truly be performed and done according to the true entent and meaninge of this my last will and testament and for their paynes therein I give unto the sayd Anthony Fry 13s 4d and to the sayd Richard Lewen 6s 8d. Also my desier is that my Brother in lawe Richard Sherer may have my wering apparrell after my decesse. Those bearing witnessse beinge there unto called Anthony Richman, Mychaell Fry, Hugh Heale (mark). The mark of David Lewen Senior.

An inventorie of all the goodes and chatteles of David Lewen of Brinkworth late decesed prayed by Jefferye Pinele, Mychaell Fry and William Beale Junior the 28th day of November Anno Domini 1612.

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| Imprimis the haye | £3 6d 8d |
| Item one cowe and one heifer | £3 |
| Item two brase pottes & one brase spone | 33s 4d |
| Two ketteles and one skillet | |
| Item two platters fower pottengers and two sasars six spones & one salt seller | 7s |
| Item fower candel stickes & one spice mort | 7s |
| Item one bottel & one lanthorne | 12d |
| Item one broch and a payre of andirnes two payre of potthockes & two payre hangels | 3s 4d |
| Item one fier pane one gredier & a shewing horne a payre of sheers & a chopping knife | 2s 6d |
| Item one flockbed with his aparrel | 46s 8d |
| Item another flockbed two pellowes one sheete a payre of blacketes & a rowge | 20s |
| Item one table cloth and two bages | 2s 6d |
| Item his wearing apparrel | 23s 4d |
| Item one search with other coperie stuffe | 14s |
| Item one chayre & fower cushinges | 2s 8d |
| Item two hatchets two weages one handsore one agree one twigging hook & one flesh hock | 3s 4d |
| Item one cock and one heene | 12d |
| Item one coobord one table bord & a forme a daysebord & benches | 13s 4d |
| Item one prese one cheese rack a reele & two tackes | 3s 4d |
| Item two beedsteedes & two cofferes | 8s 6d |
| Item one dowe lener two old tobbes and a mons snatch | 2s |
| Item the planckes and bordes | 8s |
| Item one cutting knife a spaide a scuppe & a bille | 16d |
| Item one tworne one stalle of beefe & two hives | 6s |
| Item two ladders certaine pale hopleges and rayles | 12d |
| Item two pickes and two rakes | 18d |

Some is £17 6s 1d