

## *Last Will and Testament of John Fry of Brinkworth - 1630*



In the name of God Amen the 14th day of July in the yere of our Lord God 1628. I John Fry the elder of Brinckworth in the county of Wiltes beinge weake in body but thankes be unto almightie God in perfecte mind and memory doe ordeine and make by these presents my testament conteyning herein my last will in manner and forme followinge. First I geve and bequeath my soule into the handes of almightie God to rest in the bosome of Abraham and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parrishe of Brinckworth aforesaid there to remayne untill the resurrection when my soule shall receive the same body againe to enter into life everlasting by a true and lively fayth throughe Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer Amen. And as for my worldly goodes I willingly dispose as followeth. First I geve and bequeath unto Michaell Fry my sonne tenn shillings. Item I geve unto Elizabeth Fry my daughter a fetherbedd that was my vuckells. Item I geve unto my kinsman John Portlocke a yearling calfe. Item I geve unto all the rest of my daughters children twelve pence a peece. Item I geve unto my fower daughters twelve pence a peece. Item I geve unto John Fry and Thomas Fry my sonnes tenn poundes of currant Englishe money viz. five poundes a peece and my will and meaneing is that my overseers within one quarter of a yere after my decease shall sell suche cattell as I leave to raise the said some of tenn poundes and be putt out by them at their discretion to the most comoditie of my said twooe sonnes untill they shall accomlishe the age of 21 yeres excepting that I will my wife shall have the use or morease of their stockes towards their breedinge untill they shall accomlishe the age of 14 yeres. But yf either of my said twooe sonnes fortune to decease before he shall accomlishe the age of 21 yeres then his stocke so deceased shall redowne to the other. All the rest of my goodes and cattells both moveable and unmoveable not before by me geven nor bequeathed my legacies and debtes beinge paide and my funeral expences ended I will that Alice my wife shall have whom I ordeine and make my whole executrix. And finally I ordeine and make my welbeloved in Christ Michaell Fry my sonne and John Fry of Brinckworth my kinsman overseers of this my last will and testament to see that all things accordingly iustly and truely be delivered contented satisfied and paid and for their paynes takinge herein I geve unto them 12d a peece. Also further my will and meaneing ys that yf the said Alice my wife after my decease shall fortune to marry then all suche my household stufte and goodes that become due unto her by reason of executrixshipp shall redowne wholly unto my said twooe sonnes John and Thomas. Those beareing wittnesse beinge called John Frye his marke William Lewen the writer John Smyth his marke a wittnes

Probate at Malmesbury 9th April 1630.

An inventorie taken the 19 daie of February in the yere of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred twenty and nyne of all the goodes and cattells & household stufte of John Frye of Brinckworth in the county of Wiltes husbandman deceased appraised by William Clarke John Frye Michaell Frye and Robert Wayte & others as followeth.

Imprimis in the hall one tablebord one forme one plancke & br... and one litle forme one olde cheir being a short tack bord 6s

One fire pan one paire of tonges 2 brotches and three iron andirons at 5s

Item 2 brasse pannes £2

Item one great brasse kettle at 16s

Item 2 litle brasse crookes one broken spice mortar at 21s

Item 3 paier of pothockes at 12d

Item 10 pale of pewter 6 spones a litle salt one sauser one skimber a litle candlesticke 1 old friinge pan 20s

Item 3 old poules one pondring a tubb 3 barrells 2 koules and one butter churne at 13s

In the chamber within the halle

Item one olde cubbord one presse for buyinge clothes one bedstide of bords one old trough 3 olde coffers and one box at 14s

Item 2 tacke bordes 4 old cheesefates at 18d

Item one olde serch an old stick & one butter basket at 20d

Item one fetherbedd with a canvas case at 10d

Item 2 paier of old sheetes at 13s

Item one flock bolster one lift coverlide one blanket at 8s 8d

In the lift over the chamber

Item one cheese rack one old pairr of scales 2 kevers one old barrel one old coffer with other old ymplements at 4s

Item tenn litle cheeses 3 shall fitches of bacon and one peece of salt byffe at 30s

Two pannes of hopps 1 turn & one reele at 2s

In the chamber over the hall

Item 2 borded bedstides 1 coffer 1 shorte forme at 5s

Item one fether bedd one flock bedd 4 bolsters 4 coverings one rudgg one pair of blanketts at £4

Item his weareing apparrell at 40s

Item one parcell of woode & some old bordes at 20s

Item 3 keyne at £7 10s

Item 3 heyfers and one litle bull at £4 10s

Item two yerling calves at 20s

Item in hey in the grounde standinge for the cattell £3

Item for eight geese wherof 3 ganders at 4s

Item one olde litle grindinge stone at 10d

Item one other blacke tagle cowe at 50s

Some £35 10s 2d

Shown at Malmesbury 9th April 1630