

*Administration & Bond
of Richard Kingsman
of Fifield
Probate Granted 26th May 1682*



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Latin introduction: [?]

Robertus Woodward¹ *Olicus~ legum Barius~*Henrico Steevens and Thomas Power *Olicis~*.....Alice Kingsman, widow, *solicta cujust* Richard Kingsman of Fifield in the County of Wiltshire, died intestate.....Jo: Saint Barbe

You shall swear that Richard Kingsman your late deceased husband died without making any last will and testament so far as you know or do believe and that you will faithfully administer to his goods by paying his debts so far forth as his goods chattels and credits will thereto extend and the law charge you and also shall exhibit a true and perfect inventory of the same goods, chattels and credits and pass a true and just account thereupon when lawfully called, So help you God.

The oath above written was ministered unto the said Alice Kingsman the twenty sixth day of May 1682 Thomas Power, clerke

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.....we, Alice Kingsman of Fifield in the County of Wiltshire, widow, and John Kingsman of Fifield in the same county, yeoman, and Edward Dymmer of Sutton in the County of Berkshire, malster, honourably and enduringly bound....

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Alice Kingsman the relict and administrator of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of Richard Kingsman late of Fifield intestate deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Alice Kingsman or into the hands and possession of any persons for her and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the said Master Archdeacon at or before the first day of September next ensuing and the same goods chattels and credits and all other the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands and possession of the said Alice Kingsman or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her, do well and truly administer according to law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just accounting of her said administration at or before the first day of May 1683 and all the rest and residue of the said goods chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrator's account the same being first examined and allowed of by the judge or judges for the time being of the said Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said judge or judges by his or their decree or sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the reign of the said Sovereign lord King Charles the second (entitled An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates) shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Alice Kingsman above bounden being thereunto required do render and deliver the said letters of administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

John Kingsman
Alice Kingsman, her mark
Edward Dimare

Sealed and delivered in the presence of: Thomas Power, Bridget B Power, her mark, Sarah S Power, her mark

¹ Robert Woodward was Dean of Salisbury Cathedral 1691-1702. He was working for the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire before this (TNA)