

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Browne
of Semley
Will Written
15th June 1697
Inventory dated 26th June 1697*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC Prob11/509
Will Dated 15th June 1697

Testator:	Browne	John	Yeoman of Semley
Executors:			
Browne	Eliador	Daughter	Joint Executrix
Browne	Grace	Daughter	Joint Executrix
Browne	Jane	Daughter	Joint Executrix
Inventory Appraisers:			
Blanford	Thomas		
Marchant	Thomas		
Scammell	John		

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Browne	Eliador	Daughter	
Browne	Grace	Daughter	
Browne	Jane	Daughter	
Browne	Jane	Sister	
Browne	John	Son	
Browne	Mary	Daughter	
Browne	Peter	Son	
Waterman	Anne	Daughter	
Withers	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Witnesses			
Ingrame	John		
Lambord	John		
Withers	Richeard		
Other Names			
Arundell		Lord	Testator purchased leasehold land from his Lordship

In the name of God Amen I John Browne of Simbley in the County of Wilts yeoman being sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind memory and understanding thanks be to God therefore I make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I give and bequeath my soul into the mercifull hands of God that gave it and my body to the Earth from whence it came there to wait for the resurrection when I hope through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have both soule and body reunited together in bliss for evermore And as for my wordly Lands and Goods I thus dispose first I give and bequeath unto my sonn John Browne, one shilling, one table board and one cupboard which are in

the Hall, my largest chest in the Hall Chamber and the ffurnace in the Kitchen, my Cart and other my husbandry mplements Item I give and bequeath unto my sonn Peter Browne All that my ffreehold close of Pasture grounds with appurtenances Lying and being in Simbley aforesaid and called by the name of ffordes, to hold the said close of pasture grounds with its appurtenances unto my said sonn Peter Browne and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever And for default of such Issue I give and bequeath the said close of pasture grounds unto my sonn John Browne and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever And for default of such issue I give and bequeath the said close of pasture ground unto my Daughter Jane Browne her heirs and Assigns for ever Item I give and bequeath unto my sonn Peter Browne All those Eight Acres of Arable Land with appurtenances called by the name of fferne Hill lying and being in Simbley aforesaid (which I lately purchased of the Lord Arundell for the terms of the [nat]jurall Lives of my self and of the lives urall of John Brown and Peter Browne my sons) To have and to hold the said ffreehold Lease and the said Eight Acres of arable Lands with appurtenances in and by the said Lease granted unto my said sonn Peter Browne his heirs and assigns for and during the Lives urall of my said sons John Browne and Peter Browne And whereas my sonn Peter Browne hath his life in after my sonn John Browne of and in one Copy hold messuage or Tenement with appurtenances Lying and being in Simbley aforesaid and now in my possession My will and meaning in that behalf and therein is that my said sonn Peter Browne shall and do when he shall be thereunto desired or required by my said sonn John Browne his Executor or assigns surrender and yield up into the hands of the Lords of the Manor of Semley All his Estate Right title and interest of in and to the Copy hold messuage or Tenement with appurtenances To the end and intent that the benefit thereof may be and remain to the use and behoof of my said sonn John Browne upon this especiall condition that my said sonn John Browne do well and truly pay unto my said sonn Peter Browne the sum of ffourty pounds of Current English Money at the time of such surrender soe to be made as forfeit And my will and meaning further is that if my said sonn Peter Browne shall refuse or neglect to make give surrender as aforesaid and being thereunto desired or required as aforesaid that then and in such case my will and meaning is that my said sonn John Browne shall hold and enjoy the said Eight Acres of Arable Land with appurtenances soe granted by the said Lord Arundell unto me in and by the said Lease, for and during the terms of the [nat]jurall Lives therein named Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Browne the sum of Thirty pounds to be paid unto her within six months next after my decease Item I give unto my daughter Mary the Bed and the Bedstead and all other appurtenances belonging thereunto which usually lodgeth thereon Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anne Waterman the sum of Thirty Pounds to be paid unto her within one month next after my decease Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Withers one shilling Item I give unto my sister Jane Browne my Little Cottage lying under Barker Hill within the manor of Bridzor with appurtenances for the term of her {nat}urall life And after her decease I give the said Cottage unto my Daughter Grace Browne during all the term and estate I have therein Item all the rest of my Goods Chattles and Credits whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Jane Browne Elianor Browne and Grace Browne who I make and ordain joint Executors of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the ffifteenth day of June year of King William..... 1697.

John Browne

Read signed and sealed in the presence of

John Ingrame
Richeard Withers
John Lambord

A true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels as John Browne late of Semley in the County of Wilts Yeoman dyed possessed of, Taken and Apprayed by us whose names are hereunto subscribed the 26th day of June Anno Domini 1697

Item	Assessed Value		
	£	s.	d.
In the Hawle one Tableboard, one fforme, one payer of Andirons, a firepan and Tongs and one Cupboard	1	0	0
In the Hawle Chamber Two Chests		10	0
In the Studdy one Chest of Books, one Chayre and all his wearing Apparrell	15	0	0
In the Hawle Chamber one Bed and the ffurniture thereunto belonging	6	0	0
In the Litle Chamber one Bed and the ffurniture thereunto belonging	5	0	0
In the Milkehouse Chamber one Bed and bedstead and other ffurniture belonging to it	2	0	0
One box of L.....	2	0	0
One Carte, and Wheelles, one Dungpott, one Plough and other Plow tackling	5	0	0
In the Kitchen, five Kettles, two Be..... potts, two ?posnetts, two Skillets, one bran pan	5	10	0

and other lumber goods there			
In the Milkhouse, Tubbs, Payles and Trendles	1	5	0
In the Buttery, nine Barrels, and one Sil...	1	5	0
In the Kitchen, ten Pewter, one fflaggon, Six Saucers, and one Candlestick	1	16	0
Also in the Kitchen Several peices of Bacon	2	10	0
For Several Cheeses	3	4	0
Eleven Rotherbeasts	35	0	0
Four Horses	11	0	0
Three Piggs	3	0	0
Timber and ffirewood	10	0	0
Several per..... of old Hay	6	0	0
Fourteen Acres of Corn	18	0	0
In money	50	0	0
Sum Total	185	0	0

Tho. Marchant
John Scammel
Thomas Blanford