

Will of John Pynniger 4th November, 1625



In the name of God Amen, the fourth day of November, Anno Domini 1625, John Pynniger of West Tockenham within the parish of Lyneham in the county of Wilts.

Carpenter being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory (thanks be given unto God) do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God in the most gracious creator and preserver trusting to be saved only by and for the merits of Jesus Christ my and all sufficient redeemer and my body to be buried within the church yard belong to the parish of the aforesaid Lyneham.

Item: The two leases which I have taken for myself and for my wife Blanche and William my son of certain grounds lying in and being within West Tockenham aforesaid. I do appoint that my said wife after my decease shall hold the same during her life and after her decease my said son William to have hold occupie possesse and enjoy the said ground according t the purpose intents and meaning of the said two leases made thereof.

Item: The lease which I have taken for my self, my wife Blanche and John my son of the cottage or tenement wherein I now dwell lying and being in West Tockenham aforesaid I do appoint that my said wife after my decease shall hold the same during her life and after her decease my son John (if he so longer live) to have hold occupy and possesse and enjoy the said cottage or tenement together with the apputanences according to all intents and purposes mentioned in the said lease.

Item: I do appoint that my other three children Richard, Dorothy and Elizabeth shall have paid unto them twenty nobles a piece of current English money out of my goods and chattles when they come to twenty years of age, or at the days of their marriages, as it shall happen.

Item: All my other goods and chattles as well moveable as unmoveable I do give and bequeath to Blanche my now wife who I ordain and make my sole executrix.

Item: I do constitute and appoint John Newnton of Tockenham and Henry Paddington alias Turke of Lyneham to be overseers of this my last will and testament and to see all things due and performed as I have before appointed and for their payment to have twelve pence a piece.

Item: I do appoint that two shillings shall be given to the church of Lyneham aforesaid.

Item: I do give and bequeath to Mr John Hayes, minister of the parish church of Lyneham two of my best cheeses.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand the day and year aforesaid.

John Pynniger

Witnesses here unto

John Hayes, John Newton, Henry Fursie

Inventory of John Pynniger 1st May 1634

An inventory of the goods and chattles of John Pynniger of West Tockenham, within the parish of Lyneham and county of Wilts. Carpenter deceased. Taken and priced the first day of May Anno Domini 1634 by Edward Burchell, John Beckett, Richard Jacobs, William Pynniger and Richard Chapperlin as here followeth:

	Pds	S.	d.
Three Chatle Leases valued at	100	0	0
New and lithe cowhouse posts rails all moveable, Bowndes wood and diverse other wooden lumber Upon all the leases (without the dwelling house) Value at	9	0	0
Boards, planks and sawed pale valued at	2	0	0
A malt mill and a great which valued at	1	0	0
Two pairs of wayne blades	12	0	
Five gates valued at	15	0	
Three beds with all and singular the appurtenances Valued at	12	0	0
The linen of all sorts valued at	1	10	0
One presse one lithe square table with a lubber a chest and four coffers valued at	1	6	8
The linen and woollen yarn and some wool valued at	2	13	4
Five cheese racks two reels with other implements in the hastes valued at	1	0	0
The brass valued at	2	13	4
Pewter of all sorts valued at	1	13	4
Two iron dogs, one brandiron 3 iron wedges a frying pan, one hangles, one spit with other Iron implements at		13	4
All the tools belonging to the trade of carpenter	10	0	
All the coopery utensils barrels and dairy vessels valued at	1	0	0
A cheese press, two safes with other lumber in the rooms on the north end of the hall valued at	1	0	0
In the hall two tables with frames one cupboard one chair with other necessaries in the same Valued at	2	0	0

The bacon and cheese and other provision valued at	1	0	0
Five kine valued at	4	0	0
The hay valued at	4	0	0
Left in the house of money at his decease	5	5	0
His wearing apparell valued at	1	10	0
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Sum	174	2	0
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Edward Burchall
Richard Jacobs
John Beckett
William Pynniger
Richard Chapperlin

Shown at Devizes 29 May 1634
by the executors etc.

NOTES:

All spelling mistakes are deliberate they are copied directly from the will.

Words and terms explained:

nobles - The "Noble," first issued in 1344 as a successor for the florin, was valued at 6 shillings 8 pence (6s 8d, i.e. one third of a pound). Simultaneously there were issued half nobles ("Maille Nobles," 3s 4d) and quarter nobles ("Ferling Nobles," 1s 8d).

appurtenances - Equipment, such as clothing, tools, or instruments, used for a specific purpose or task;

kine: domesticated bovine animals as a group regardless of sex or age

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