

*The Last Will and Testament of
John White
of Marston in the Parish of Potterne
Will proved 1580*



Probate Court of London

Original reference: Prob 11/62/467

Last Will & Testament dated 12 June 1580

Buried 19 June 1580

Testator:	White	John	
Executrix:			
	Moore	Alice	Daughter
Overseers:	Longe	John	The elder
	Salter	Thomas	The elder

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			children of Thomas Wattes alias Osmonde of Potterne deceased
			children of Nytholas Pryor of Potterne
			Lady Church of Sarum
			Parish Church of Pottern
			The poor
	Elizabeth	Daughter	
	Adye		one of his children's children
White	John	God son	s/o Richard his son
Whyte	John	Son	
White	Mary	Wife	
White	Richard	Son	
Moore	Alice	Daughter	
Witnesses			
Clarke	John Bowe		
Songe?	John		
Other Names			
Horne	John		
Tuber	John		
Longe	John		
Bristowe	William		
Whyte/White	John	Brother	To hunt and bring in the legacy
Nash	Thomas		Nash alias Lylande
Mynty	Richard		Of Sterke

In the name of God Amen in the twelveth daye of June in the Two and Twentie yeare of the Reigne our Sovreigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England ffraunce and Irelande Defender of the faithe Crx I John White of Marston in the parishe of Pottern in the County of Wiltes beinge sicke of body but hoole of mynd and memory thanks be unto Allmightye god do make this my Laste Will and Testament in manner and forme following ffirste I bequeathe my soule into the handes of god the father the sonne and the holye ghoste in whose name I was baptised in whom I beleve to be saved Amen And my bodye to be buryed in the Churche yard of Pottern Item I give and bequeathe unto the Lady Churche of Sarum foure pence Item I give and bequeathe unto the paryth Church of Pottern sixe shillinges eighte pence Item I give and bequeathe unto the poore one bussell of wheate to be ...ed and geven Item I give and bequeathe unto Elizabeth my daughter five poundes three shillinges eight pence of good and currante money of England in the handes of John Horne and also twentye shillunges in the hands of John Tuber and also three poundes sixe shillinges eight pence in the handes of John Longe yf he paye it quietlie I forgeve him three shillinges foure pence, And also five poundes in the handes of Wiliiam Bristowe and also fourtye shillings in the handes of John Whyte his brother, And fourtie shillinges in the hyndes of Thomas Nash alias Lylande, And also fourtye shillings in the handes of John Whyte her brother And also fourtie shillinges in the handes of Richard Mynty of Sterke, w(i)th one fflockbedde w(i)th all manner of furniture therto belongallye and one cupbpide; and one Longe legged crocke, one plaster in panne one pottinger. Also I will that John White his brother shall gather in his legacie and hunt the use therof to his beste profette / Item I give and bequeath to Adye one of my childrens children one lambe a pece / Item I give and bequeathe to John White my god sonne my soone Richardes sonne one heffer bullocke, one maulte stent? and one querne / Item I give unto John my sonne the seeling in the hall to (ink mark)tation awace? after the decease of my wife / Item I give and bequeathe to Marye my wyef five poundes in the handes of my sonne Richard / Item I will that my foresaide wyef shall hunt the use of all the reste of my goodes moveable and unmoveable for the duringe her naturall life / All w(i)th goodes moveable and unmoveable I give and bequeathe unto John Whyte my sonne and Alice Moore my daughter in ..w.. whom I do ordaine and make my executrix of this my laste will and Teatamte upon this condition that my sayde wief shall ... the use and occupation of the saide goodes duringe her naturall lyefe as aforesaide with use the controwlmentes or interruption of eyther of my executor or executrix and afterwards to be equally devyded between my saide executor and executrix And I desier John Longe the elder and Thomas Salter the elder to be my ov(er)seers of this my last will and Testament to so all things therein well and trowled performed and for their paines and in token of my good will I give them that shillings four pence a pece wytnesses hereunto Byine John Longe Robte Wheler William Loudon Richarde White / [...] [...] that the saide John White aboute twoe daes nexte after the makeinge of his saide Testamte and laste will beinge of his perfecte mynde and memory gave to the children of Thomas Wattes alias Osmonde of Potterne deceased and to the children of Nytholas Pryor of Potterne aforesaide all his wearinge apparalle equalled amonges them to be devyded wytnessses hereof John Bowe Clarke and John Songe the elder

(Attestation Clause)

OPC Notes :

Querne [stone hand mill]

Seeling [The impulse is to first translate this as "ceiling" and then ponder how it was "moveable". The opinion predominates that it means "wainscoting" and is panelling. while others suggest tapestry screens or even cloth wall hangings.

In several 16th century documents the word "seeling" is used in the same sense as "sealing", including caulking ships, a wax seal on a document, and cloths used to cover walls, and could mean any device to keep drafts away. (source - <http://www.living-in-the-past.com/>)