

Colton History Society

Wills and Inventories Listing

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Will and Inventory

of

Johanne Bate

Dated 10th May 1578

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Will and Inventory of JOHANNE BATE

Dated 10th May 1578.

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In Dei no[mi]ne Amen the xth daye of May in the xxjth yeare of
of(sic) the reigne of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god
of Englande Franncce & Irelande Quenne defendor of the Faythe
I Johanne Bate of the Lea in the Lordshippe & p[ar]ishe of Colton in
the cou[nty] of Staff Wyddowe beinge sicke in bodye but of p[er]fecte
good memorye Do make this my Testament contayninge my last
will in man[er] & forme foloweinge/ First I bequethe my soule to
Almightie god my maker redeem[er] & sanctifier And my bodye to christen
Burial in the church yearde of Colton aforesaide Item I bequethe to
my mastres Mr Richarde Bagottes wyfe my best tableclothe.
Item I bequethe to Frannces lees my neighboures sonne one ewe sheepe
Item I bequethe to Walter Woodwarde & Richarde Woodwarde one
ewe sheepe betwene them/ Item I geve unto Walter Browne one
ewe sheepe/ Item I bequethe unto Frannces Ellton one lambe/
Item I geve unto everye of my godchildren ij^s Item I geve
unto everye of Richarde Felkyns children w[hi]ch he had by Jane Alsoppe
xij^d/ Item I bequethe to everye of Richarde walls his children xij^d Item
I bequethe to everye of John ollyvers children of Rudgeley xij^d
Item I bequethe to Will[ia]m Ollyvers children xij^d apeece
Item I bequethe to Steeppen Dyrram of Collwyche xij^d
Item I bequethe to Johane Johnson my best matteres, my best
coverlette A dubble twilsheete a paire of sheetes a bolster one
voyder A playne whyte towell a Flaxen sheete, my brasse panne
of sixe gallandes A Flaxen Kercheffe A Flaxen ap[ro]ne a caste
of Bees, A hemppen bordeclothe a Flaxen muffeler & two cushins.
Item I bequethe to Joyce hollingsworthe a lambe one voyder one
olde coffer & a payer of canvas sheetes/ Item I bequethe to mary
Dagette one lambe/ Item I bequethe to Isabell lees a pewter
dyshe. Item I geve to marye woodwarde one voyder/ Item I
bequethe to Richarde(sic) Ales browne Richard browne his Daughter

one voyder/ Item I bequethe to Frannces Aston his wyfe of lyttell
 heywood my goddaughter my best voyder/ Item I bequethe to Thomas
 Sherbruckes three Daughters of Couley every of them a podynger
 Item I geve to blynde Johanne gorse one canvas sheete, Item I
 bequethe to Elizabeth Legge one canvas sheete & one snygle
 twilsheete/ Item I bequethe to margret water ij^s. Item I
 geve to Anne Sherbrucke one yerelinge cowecalf one Flaxen sheet
 a paier of canvas sheetes, a Kercheffe a muffeler, a hempen table
 clothe a cote & a smocke, A cote to Agnes Sherbrucke & one olde blacke
 cote to Katheryne Sherbrucke her Syster/
 Item I bequethe to Raulf Bate & his wyfe my best bedhillinge and
 one paier of Flaxen sheetes. Item I bequethe to James Bate the
 younger v^s/ Item I bequethe to John Bate ij^s / Item I will y^t
 Raulf Bate shall have all my p[ar]te of corne sowed & unsowed and
 malte also exceptinge suche as shalbe spent to brynge me honestlye
 whome at my buriall & all my p[ar]te of hey, wayne & of all other Iron
 & woodden ware & all my instore of howseholde unbequethed payinge
 or alloweing for the same to the p[er]formance of this my last will xxx^s.
 Item I bequethe to Thom[a]s lees my neighbour a caste of bees.
 And where the foresaide Raulf Bate hathe heeretofore bought my
 best Brasse panne for x^s. yet not paid my will is that he shall
 paye but v^s for the same w[hi]ch shalbe bestowed uppon the poore by
 xij^d a yeare yearely next after my decesse as my over seers or
 some of them shall thinke most meete/ Item I bequethe to George
 Webbe ij^s/ Item I bequethe to the churche of Collton one Flaxen
 sheete And a towell to Blythefilde churche/ Item I bequethe to
 Roger Rowe p[ar]son of Collton vj^s viij^d/ Item I bequethe to
 Dorothey moore my vyolette cote w[i]th sleeves & a kercheeffe/
 Item I geve to Anne Adcocke A Flaxen ap[r]one & a Flaxen
 Kercheeffe/ Item I give to Raulf Bates wyfe my fef(sic) seconde
 towell beinge of dyap[or] a Flaxen towell a Flaxen ap[r]one my best
 kercheeffe and my hatte/ And to Richard Browne his wyfe my
 best gowne beinge Lich meddeley/ Item I geve to John wrygh

of Hamley gate one lyttel Brasse potte and to his wyfe my
workedaye hatte/ Item I geve to Fowell of Collwyche A
twilsheete a canvas Ap[r]one for his wyfe & to Thom[a]s p[ar]tons
wyfe a smocke/ Item I will y^t there be a good Flaxen sheete
cutte in fower p[ar]tes And geven to fower p[er]sons at the tyme of
my buryall. Viz Marye Baddyley Joyce hatton Agnes Jaxon
& Johane gorse the wyddowe & my body to be shrowded in a canvas
sheete/ Item I will that all the rest of my goodes not before bequethed
shalbe equally Distributed amonge the poore of the p[ar]ishes of Colton
& [Collwyce deleted] Blythefylde. Item I ordeyne make & institute my trew
& lawful executer/ Raulf Bate of Collton aforesaid to see
this my last will p[er]formed as my especiall trust is in hym. And
overseers of the same Roger Rowe clerke Thom[a]s lees and
Richard Browne These beinge wyttenesses John Bagott
Roger Rowe clerke Thom[a]s lees Richard browne John hatton
Will[ia]m Johnson & others.

***The Inventorye of the goods & cattells of Johanne Bate
Wyddowe of the Lea in the p[ar]ishe of Colton taken the
xxiiith daye of october 1581 prayesd by Thomas Lees
& Richard Browne***

Imp[ri]mis the moytie or one half of three bullocks the other moytie(Beinge Raulf Bates _____)	xl ^s
Item the one half of one cowe & three heefers_____	xliij ^s iiij ^d
Item in sheepe iij cupples_____	xvj ^s
Item the one half of one mare_____	x ^s
Item the one half of ij swyne_____	iiij ^s
Item in poultrye_____	vj ^d
Item in beddinge & napperyeware_____	xxxiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item in arpell_____	xij ^s
Item in Corne sowen & unsowen, malte, her p[ar]te of heye) wayne, & and all other Iron & wooden ware & suche in store of) householde as is bequethed to Raulf Bate to the) p[er]formance of the will_____	xxx ^s
Item in brasse & pewter_____	xx ^s
Item ij casts of bees_____	vj ^s viij ^d
S[u]m_____	x ^{li} xv ^s x ^d

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***The Debts w[hi]^{ch} are Owe unto me
Johanne Bate***

Imp[ri]mis in the hands of willi ^a m olly[v]er of Rudgeley	xx ^s
Item in the hands of John olly[v]er of Rudgeley	x ^s
Item willi ^a m Bate of Bagotts bromley _____	xx ^s
Item John hatton of newton _____	xx ^s
Item Elizabeth webbe of Stowe _____	xx ^s
Item Willi ^a m Johnson of Collton _____ xxx ^s paid hereof	x ^s
Item Raulf Bate of Collton _____	xx ^s

Item John Woodward of Collton xx^s whereof I will y^t he shall paye but x^s in consideracin y^t I have bestowed a brasse panne upon my servante mayde w[hi]ch in my form[er] will I did beset to my neighboure woodwards wyfe.

Johanne Bate - Inventory

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WILL AND INVENTORY OF JOHANNE BATE

Dated 10th May 1578.

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In Dei nomine. Amen. The 10th day of May in the 21st year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France & Ireland Queen defender of the faith I Johanne Bate of the Lea in the Lordship & parish of Colton in the county of Stafford Widow being sick in body but of perfect good memory Do make this my Testament containing my last Will in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty god my maker redeemer & sanctifier And my body to Christian burial in the church yard of Colton aforesaid. Item I bequeath to My master Mr Richard Bagots wife my best tablecloth. Item I bequeath to Francis lees neighbours son one ewe sheep Item I bequeath to Walter Woodward & Richard Woodward one ewe sheep between them. Item I give unto Walter Browne one ewe sheep. Item I bequeath unto Frances Ellton one lamb Item I give unto every of my godchildren 2 shillings. Item I give unto every of Richard Felkyns children which he had by Jane Alsoppe 12d. Item I bequeath to every of Richard Walls his children 12d. Item I bequeath to every of John Ollyvers children of Rudgeley 12d. Item I bequeath to William Ollyvers children 12d. a piece. Item I bequeath to Stephen Dyrram of Colwich 12d. Item I bequeath to Johane Johnson my best mattress, my best Coverlet A double twillsheet a pair of sheets a bolster one voyder. A plain white towel a flaxen sheet, my brass pan of six gallons. A flaxen kerchief A flaxen apron a caste of bees. A hempen bordecloth a flaxen muffeler & two cushions

Item I bequeath to Joyce Hollingsworth a lamb one voyder one old coffer a pair of canvas sheets. Item I bequeath to Mary Dagette one lamb. Item I bequeath to Isabel lees a pewter dish. Item I give to mary woodward one voyder. Item I bequeath to Ales (Alice) Browne Richard Browne his daughter one voyder. Item I bequeath to Frances Aston his wife of Little Haywood my goddaughter my best voyder. Item I bequeath to Thomas Sherbruckles three daughters of Coley every of them a poringer Item I bequeath to blind Johanne gorse one canvas sheet. Item I bequeath to Elizabeth Legge one canvas sheet & one single twillsheet. Item I bequeath to Margaret Water 2 shillings. Item I give to Anne Sherbrucke one yearling cowcalf one flaxen sheet A pair of canvas sheets, a kercheffe a muffeler, a hempen table cloth a coat & a smock. A coat to Agnes Sherbrucke & one old black Coat to Katheryne Sherbrucke her sister.

Item I bequeath to Raulf Bate & his wife my best bedhilling and One pair of flaxen sheets. Item I bequeath to James Bate the Younger 5 shillings. Item I bequeath to John Bate 2 shillings. Item I will that Raulf Bate shall have all my part of corn sown and unsown and Malt also excepting such as shall be spent to bring me honestly Home at my burial & all my part of hay wayne & of all other iron & wooden ware & all my instore of household unbequeathed paying or allowing for the same to the performance of this my last will 30 shillings.

Item I bequeath to Thomas Lees my neighbour a caste of bees. And where the forsaid Raulf Bate hath heretofore bought my best brass pan for 10 shillings yet not paid my will is that he shall pay but 5 shillings for the same which shall be bestowed upon the poor by 12d. a year yearly next after my decease as my overseers or some of them shall think most meet. Item I bequeath to George Webbe two shillings. Item I bequeath to the church of Colton one flaxen Sheet and a towel to Blithfield church. Item I bequeath to Roger Rowe parson of Colton 6 shillings 8d. Item I bequeath to Dorothy Moore my vyolette coat with sleeves & a kercheefe

Item I give to Anne Adcock a flaxen apron & a flaxen kercheefe. Item I give to Raulf Bates wife my feff(sic) second towel being of dyapor a flaxen towel a flaxen apron my best kercheefe and my hat. And to Richard Browne his wife my best gown being Lich meddeley. Item I give to John wrygh of Hamley gate one little brass pot and to his wife my workaday hat. Item I give to Fowell of Colwich A twillsheet a canvas apron for his wife & to Thomas partons wife a smock. Item I will that there be a good flaxen sheet Cut in four parts And given to four persons at the time of my burial. Viz Mary Baddyley Joyce Hatton Agnes Jaxon & Johanne gorse the widow & my body to be shrouded in a canvas sheet. Item I will that all the rest of my goods not before bequeathed shall be equally distributed among the poor of the parishes of Colton & (Colwich- deleted) Blithfield. Item I ordain make & Institute my true & Lawful executor Raulf Bate of Colton aforesaid to see this my last will performed as my especial trust is in him. And overseers of the same Roger Rowe clerk Thomas lees and Richard Browne. These being witnesses John Bagot Roger Rowe clerk Thomas lees Richard Browne John Hatton William Johnson & others.

***The Inventory of the goods & cattles Of Johanne Bate
Widow. Of the Lea in the parish of Colton taken the
24th day of October 1581 Praised by Thomas Lees
& Richard Browne.***

Imprimis The Moiety or one half of three bullocks the other moiety Raulf Bate.	40 shillings
Item The one half of one cow & three heifers	43 shillings 4d.
Item In sheep 4 cupples	16 shillings
Item The one half of one Mare	10 shillings
Item The one half of 2 swine	4 shillings
Item in poultry	6d
Item In bedding & napperyware	23 shillings 4d
Item In apparel	12 shillings
Item In corn sown and unsown, malt, her part of hay Wain & all other iron & wooden ware & such in store of Household as is bequeathed to Raulf Bate to the Performance of the will	30 shillings
Item in brass & pewter	20 shillings
Item 2 castes of bees	6 shillings 8d
Sum	£10 15s. 10d

The debts which are due unto me

Imprimis In the hands of William Ollyver of Rudgeley	20 shillings
Item In the hands of John Ollyver of Rudgeley	10 shillings
Item William Bate of Bagots Bromley	20 shillings
Item John Hatton of Newton	20 shillings
Item Elizabeth Webb of Stowe	20 shillings
Item William Johnson of Colton	30 shillings paid hereof 10 shillings
Item Raulf Bate of Colton	20 shillings
Item John Woodward of Colton	20 shillings whereof I will that he shall pay But 10 shillings in consideration that I have bestowed a brass pan upon my servant which in my former will I did beset to my neighbour woodwards wife.

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of

Anthoney Wigan

Dated 5th June 1566

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ANTHONY WIGAN. 5th June 1566

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The third day of June in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred three score and six (1566) I Anthony Wigan of Colton husbandman diseased in body but of perfect remembrance do institute ordain and make my testament containing in it my last will in manner and form as followeth. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty god my creator and redeemer and my body to be buried in he church or churchyard of Colton aforesaid at the discretion of mine executors. Item I bequeath unto to every cottager within the town of Colton aforesaid one hoope of rye to be distributed to them when the corn now growing on the ground shall be gotten into the barn. Item I give unto Margery Wigan my wife my right and interest in the messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell for and during the years contained in the lease thereof yet to come & unexpired to find my children upon. Item I give unto the said Margery my wife the one half of my goods except four ewes and lambs which I give unto my four children every of them one to be delivered and set forth to their several uses immediately after my decease so that they may have the yearly profits arising and coming of them to be and remain unto them. The residue of my goods my debts first of the whole paid, and my funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto my children William, Samson, George and Jane to be equally distributed amongst them Item I will that if any of them die before they shall accomplish the age whereat they shall be able to use their goods that they their parts so deign shall remain upon the survivor or survivors of them. Item I will that if the said Margery my wife happen after my decease to marry before the time that my sons shall be of the age of twenty one years and my daughter twenty six years that then she shall put sufficient sureties to Sampson Boughey and Thomas Wigan to pay them their childs part at such time as they shall call upon her for the payment of the same. Item I make the said Margery and William my son my executors and the said Sampson Boughey and Thomas Wigan supervisors to see this my last will performed as my trust is they will.

Witnesses John Butler John Geffrey William Tooth
Thomas Ryke and others

WILL OF ANTHONY WIGAN of Colton
5th June 1566

Imprimis to Mr Sampson Boughy	10s.		
Item to Thomas Wigan		4s	
Item to Richard Garrat		24s	8d
Item to Agnes Toste		50s	
Item to Margaret Mastkarye		3s	
Item to Johan Torse		3s	
Item to George Smythe			12d
Item for his burial in the church		3s	4d
Item to John Butler			16d
Item to the same Agnes Toste			16d
Item to Richard Digarse		13s	4d

Summa £5 19s

Glossary: Hoope Corn Measure of ¼ Strike
 Strike 1 Bushell

WILL OF ANTHONY WIGAN of Colton
5th June 1566

Inventory of all the goods moveable and unmoveable
of **ANTHONY WIGAN** of Colton last deceased made and taken
The 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord MD LXvj (1566)
Praised by William Robenson Humphrey Brath and John Butler

Imprimis Five oxen	£8. 0 0
Item Five Kyne	£7 0 0
Item A heifer	20s
Item Four yearling calves	30s
Item Four weaning calves	20s
Item A mare	20s
Item A colt	10s
Item Six swine	6s 8d
Item three sheep	6s 8d
Item A wayne and yoke	
Item The corn and hay	
Item Bedding	
Item Brass and pewter	
Item The poultry	
Item The debts to be deducted out of	
These sums	

Will and Inventory

of

George Jeffery

Dated 10th June 1649

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WILL OF GEORGE JEFFREY OF Colton **March 10th 1649.**

The last will & testament
Of George Jeffrey of Colton
March the tenth 1649

I George Jeffrey of Colton in the
County of Stafford yeoman, being in
perfect Memory & praised be god, do
make this my last will & testament in
manner & form following

In the name of god Amen, First I do bequeath my soul into the
hands of him that gave it, and my body decently to be buried and
as for that wordly goods which it hath pleased god to bless me
withall, I do bequeath as is expressed in form following.

Imprimis My debts legacies and funeral charges discharged, it is my will
That Joan my wife have the one half of my land and whole
Living throughout, according as it was estated upon her at
Our marriage during her natural life, and out of my goods and
Personal estate, I give & bequeath unto her the full and
Inst sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be
Raised out of the personal estate and paid unto her within
A twelve month and a day after my decease.

2 Item I do give and bequeath to John Power the son of Edward
Power the sum of fifty pounds of good and lawful money of
England, to be paid unto him the said John so soon as he
Shall come to the age of twenty one years.

3 Item I do give and bequeath to my kinswoman Dorothy Aldridge
the sum of twenty markes of goods & lawful money of England
to be paid unto her within a twelve month and a day after my decease.

**WILL OF GEORGE JEFFREY OF Colton
March 10th 1649.**

4 Item I do give and bequeath to my godchildren within this town and parish to each one twelve pence

5 Item I do give and bequeath the sum of one pound to be equally divided amongst the poor within this town and parish.

6 Item I do hereby nominate make ordain & appoint these persons following, to witt Mr Sampson Boughey William Jeffrey my loving brother George Butler George Yate Charles Wildes Sampson Bratt my very good neighbour, my full executors of this my last will

7 Item I do hereby make Geoffrey Power the son of Edward Power, the sole heir of all my lands, houses, barns, stables And all my whole ? within this Lordship of Colton, all which I do I take and make over to him & his heirs forever, & if he dies without heir lawfully begotten of him the said Geoffrey Power, then to fall to John Power son the said Edward Power, and to his heirs for ever provided that my wife Joan enjoy the one half hereof for her natural life, and after to return to the heir Above named, provided also that it shall not be lawfull For him the said Geoffrey to enter upon the said estate Till he come to the full age of twenty one years, and till Then to remain in the hands of my executors above named To be disposed of at their discretion for the relief of Joan my wife, and the said Geoffrey and John Power His brother son to the said Edward Power

Witness hereunto
John Saunders Clerk
Edward Allen

**WILL OF GEORGE JEFFREY OF Colton
March 10th 1649.**

An Inventory of the goods Chattels
Cattle of George Geoffrey of Colton
In the County of Stafford yeoman, Lately
Deceased taken the 15th May 1649.

	£	s	d
Imprimis Six Oxen	30.	0..	0
Item Seven Cows	30.	0	0
Item Two Twinter Bullocks	5.	0	0
Item Four Stirkes	6.	0	0
Item Four Weanings	2.	13	4
Item One old mare	1.	10.	0
Item 13 Sheep	3.	10	0
Item Geese & Pullen		10	0
I			
Husbandware			
Item Two old Weanes	2.	10.	0
Item Four ox yokes		8.	0
Item Two pair of Horse gears	3.	4	
Item Two ploughes		4.	0
Item One pair of plough		3.	0
Item One pair of harrows		6.	8
Item			
Item the Meaner			
Item 1			
2 seives and riddles			
Item 1 Muck hook and 2			
Item 2 Shovels and 1 Spade			
Item 6 Nagers			
Item 1 Gauge 1 hisell & one			
Hand saw			
Item 2 Axes			
Item 1 Boom hook			
Item 5 Old sieves			
Item 1 Fe?			
Corn in the House			
Item 10 strike of wheat			
Item 2 Strike of blendcorn			
Item 7 Strike of barley malt			
Item 6 Strike of oat malt			

**WILL OF GEORGE JEFFREY OF Colton
March 10th 1649.**

Corn on the Ground
Item The winter corn
Item The barley
Item the oates & peas

Bedding in the house

Item In the parlour 1 featherbed
Two bolsters 1 pillow 2
Blankets two coverlids one seeld
Bed with hangings
Item In the Upper Chamber 2 feather
Beds 4 bolsters, 4 blankets &
2 coverlids & 2 bedsteads
Item In the Little Chamber 1 feather
Bed, 2 bolsters, 2 pillows
2 blankets, a coverlid & a
pair of bedsteads
Item In the Kitchen Chamber 1
Featherbed, & 3 pillows 2
Twilts and a blanket

Linens in the house

Item 13 pair of sheets
Item 7 tablecloths
Item 3 Towels
Item 2 dozen and a half of napkins
Item 2 pair of pillow beers

Brass in the House

Item 2 pans, 4 pots, 4
Kettles 1 furnisse, 2 small
Pans to set milk in

Pewter in the House

Item 25 pewter dishes
Item 9 Servers & 5 Counterfeits
Item 1 Flagon, 1 pewter candlestick 2
? 5 Salt cellars
1 Candlestick 2 Chamber pots
Item 4 Maslin Candlesticks & a ?
Item 14 Pewter spoons

**WILL OF GEORGE JEFFREY OF Colton
March 10th 1649.**

Iron Ware in the house

Item 2 Dripping pans, 3 spits &
1 pair of cobbards

Item 3 pair of pot hangings 2
Fire shovels & 1 pair of tongs
& a hand iron

Item 1 Iron cleaver
1 Chaving dish & 2 ?

Item 3 Broaches

Item 1 iron pestel & a mortar

Wooden Ware

Item 1 Chest

Item 12 Coffers

Item 2 Long tables & 2 formes

Item 2 Short tables

Item 8 buffett stooles

Item 2 Joined Chairs & 2 throne chairs

Item 1 Old table

Item 1 cubard

Item 1 Press

Item 5 Barrels

Item 1 Yealing vat

Item 1 Great Kimnell

Item 4 Bottles to carry drinks

Item 4 little Kimnells & 1 churn
1 Cheesetub & 3 cheesepots 3
ladles a grater & a pair of
butter wayes? and a pot lid

Item In the Dairy. 4 shelves?

Item In the Dairy 1 trough

Item 5 Peales, 1 pigon & 5 loomes

Item 1 Cheese press

Item In the Cooking House 1 cooking
Tub & 1 moulding board

Item 1 Serche & 1 hair sieve

Item His apparell his money in his
Purse, a old strike with other
Implements

Total is £155 6s 2d

Praised

Thomas Taylor

George Butler?

Robert Taylor

GLOSSARY-

Nager	Carpenters boring tool
Strike	A bushell or Measuring vessel of bushell capacity
Seeld	Panelled
Twilts	Woven fabric with parallel diagonal ribs
Furnisse	Brewing or boiling cauldron with its own heater
Counterfeits	Made to a pattern, fashioned, wrought
Maslin	Kind of brass
Broach	Roasting spit
Yeeling	Brewing, where wort is put to work after the yeast has been Added
Kimnell	Household tab
Peele	Long handled shovel
Piggin	Milking pail
Serch	Seive

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THOMAS YATE
March 25th 1642.

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In the name of god Amen I Thomas Yate of Coulton in the countie of Staffs, Yeoman though sicke in bodie yet being of good and perfect rememberance thanks be to god for the same do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I commend and commit my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker; hoping assured through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting And my body to be Ms.illg.

and Christian burial. Item for my goods whereas at the day of marriage if Isabell my wife I gave bond for the payment of a hundred pounds unto her for and in the name of a joynture in case she should survive and overlive me I do moreover give and bequesth unto the said Isabell my loveing wife one heifer and one colt. Item I give and bequeath and do hereby will and desire to the poore of the parish of Colton thirteen shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of mine executor and the overseers of this my will. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Katherine the wife of John Wildes of Stramshall twelvecence. Item I give and bequeath to John and Marie the two children of my said daughter Katherine ten shillings a piece Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Roger Wilkes twelve pence and to her daughter Marie ten shillings. Item I give to poor Sarah ten shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Yate twelve pence. Item I give and bequeath to Isabell the daughter of William Yate five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to my son Henrie Yate five pounds. I give and bequeath to my son George Yate all my husbandry ware together with all my goods and debts undisposed of. Item I do make and ordain my said son George Yate sole and only executor of this my last will and testament. And I desire Mr Sampson Boughey and Richard Crispe (my loving neighbours) to be supervisors thereof. And witness that this is my last will and testament I have hereunto put my hand the five and twentieth day of March in the eighteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the Faith Anno Domini 1642

Subscribed and published

In the presence of Sampson Boughey
Richard Crispe

Thomas Yate
His mark

INVENTORY

The Inventorie of the Goods Cattles and of Chattels of Thomas Yate of Coulton in the Countie of Staffs. Yeoman Deceased made and appraised by George Jeffrey GeorgeButler of Coulton aforesaid Yeomen Hugh Bailey of Hamstall Ridware in the said Countie Yeoman and Simon Pedley of Coulton aforesaid ? the 12th day of Aprillin the eighteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god of England Holland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith Anno Domini 1642

Imprimis In money together with his apparell	5- 0- 0
Item In Bills and Bonds	39- 6- 8
Item Three Silver Spoons	15- 0
Item In the upon the rack for one year	7- 10- 0
Imprimis Six brasse potts & two brass Candlesticks	2- 10- 0
Item four brass pans with a Mas	2- 0- 0
Item five brass kettles two brass skellets And two brass skimmers?	16- 0?
Item Three ? with ? one forme One dishboard two cupboards Together with chairs stooles	2- 6- 8
Item Two and twentie pewter dishes Three pewter Basone three flagons And other small pieces of pewter In the great Butterie	3- 5- 0
Imprimis tenne potts of butter In the cheese chamber	2- 0- 0
Imprimis Six and thirtie cheeses	2- 4- 0
Item Twentie	

Will and Inventory

of

Anne Adcocke

1684

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Will and Inventory of ANNE ADCOCKE of Colton Staffs, 1648. LRO

In the name of god Amen I Anne Adcocke of Lea Lane in the Countie of staff beinge weake in bodie but of p[er]fect understandinge and memorie (thankes be given to almightie god) doe make and ordaine my last Will and Testame[n]t in manner and forme followinge vizt First I bequeath my soule to god my maker & redeem[er]; and my Bodie to the earth in hope of a ioyfull resurrec[i]on through the onelie merrits of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. And as for the setlinge and dissposenige of that worldlie estate wherew[i]th it hath pleased god to Blesse me, I give and bequeath y^e same as followeth: Impr[imi]s I give unto my Cousen Richard Adcocke of Abbotts Bromley the summe of Fourtie shillings Ite[m] to my Couzen Anne Phillips of Dunstall Thirtie shillings Ite[m] to my Couzen Thomas Adcocke of Bliethefeld Tenne pounds in money, and a Table Ite[m] I give to my Couzen Will[ia]m Lynne two Brasse potts and a Bigge Kettle, and all my wearinge Clothes for his wife and Children, and likewise all my Beddinge Ite[m] (my debts Legacies and Fun[er]all expences beinge first discharged) I give and bequeath the remainder of my estate to my Couzen Raph Bate of Lea Lane to be equallie divided betwixt him and his two daughters And I doe hereby Constitute and ordaine (sic) make my said Couzen Raph Bate y^e lawfull Executeo[r] of this my last will and Testame[n]t desireing him to p[er]forme the same accordinge to the trust I repose in him: In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the eight day of Decemb[er] in the yeare of o[ur] Lord God 1648 /

In the p[re]sence of

Glossary

Trencher – thin flat wooden plate

An Inventorie of the Goods and Chattells
of Anne Adcocke late of Lea Lane in the
p[ar]ish of Coulton, and Countie of stafford who
deceased Januarie the 31st: Anno D[omi]ni 1648

	l	s	d
In readie money	0	0	1
By Bond From			
Richard Pixley of Abbotts Bromley	3	4	9
Mr Humfrey Warner of Abbotts Bromley	5	8	0
John Hayes of Argreave	2	3	3
more due from Mr Humfrey Warn[er] }			
and Richard Pixley of Abbots Bromley }	11	8	8
one Feather Bed one Mattresse 2 Bolsters }			
2 Blanckets 3 old Coverlets 1 pillowe and }			
one plaine Bedstead }	2	0	0
All her Lynnens	0	13	4
Brasse and pewter	2	0	0
5 old Coffers	0	5	0
Little old Baggs Dishes Trenche[r]s w[i]th all }	0	2	0
other implem[en]ts and things yet unapprised (except her App[ar]ell }			
Wearinge Apparell	2	0	0
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Glossary

Trencher – thin flat wooden plate

Will and Inventory

of

Thomas Bamford

1676

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**Nuncupative Will of THOMAS BAMFORD of Colton Staffs,
1676. LRO**

Memorandum That on or about the Thirteenth day of this instant August Anno D[omi]ni One Thowsand Six hundred Seventy and Sixe Thomas Bamford of Newlands w[i]thin the p[ar]ish of Coulton and County of Stafford yeoman, beeing sick in body, but of p[er]fect memory and und[er]standing, and having a mynde and intenc[i]on to make his Will, did utter expresse and declare theis or the like words to ye effect followinge vizt The Testator beeing by sev[er]all Neighbors urged to make his will & settle his Estate, amongst his wyfe & other relac[i]ons, To whome the sayd Testator replyed, How or upon whome can I better settle my Estate, then upon my wyfe meaninge Dorothy Bamford by whome the greatest p[ar]t of my Estate came, And therefore unto her, hee the sayd Thomas Bamford the deceased did freely & wholly give the same to bee at her disposure, & for the good of his the Testators Children at the discrec[i]on of the sayd Dorothy his wyfe. All w[hi]ch words or the like in effect the Testator declared in the p[re]sence & heareing of Edward Bamford and Richard Whistons w[i]th sev[er]all others.

Will and Inventory

of

John Tooth

1632

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Will and Inventory of JOHN TOOTH of Colton Staffs, 1632. LRO

In the name of god Amen I John Tooth of Colton and Countie of Staff husbandman sicke in bodie but of good and p[er]fect remembrance thanks honour and praise bee geven to god therefore do here ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First and principallie as in all Christian dewtie I ame most Bounden I geve and bequeth my soulle into the handes of Almighty god faithfullie bee leevinge to bee saved bye the death and passione of Jesus Christ my onelie Saveour and redeemer And my bodie to Christian buriall in the church yard of the parish Church of Colton neere the place where my wiff lyeth buried And as for my worldlie goodes wher w[i]th yt hath pleased god to blesse mee wh[i]thall I geve and bequeath as followeth First I geve and bequeth to my sonne willi[a]m Tooth all my husbadrieware as plowes waynes harrowes yokes waness and all other imple mentes belonginge to my husbandrie And also the benefitt of one closseor pasture Called wilderley more during the teanure of two yeares taken from mr Hunt our p[ar]son It[e]m I geve and bequeth to Thomas Tooth my second sonne one yearlinge Colt and xxth shillings in good and lawfull money of England for his full porc[i]on and childes parte It[e]m I geve and bequeth to Richard Tooth my third sonne ten poundes of lawful mony of England for his full porc[i]on and childes part Item I geve and bequeth to John Tooth my fourth sonne twelve poundes of lawfull mony of england to bee paid him w[i]thin three monthes next after my decease to goe forward w[i]th him for his better benefitt and all my best wayringe Apparell for his porc[i]on and childes part It[e]m I geve unto henrie Tooth my fift sonne twelve poundes of lawfull money of england to be paid him w[i]thin three monthes next after my decease to bee put out and goe forward w[i]th him for his better benefitt and p[er]firmment It[e]m I geve and bequeth to my sonne in Law Charles browne twoo shillings sixe pence And to my daughter Isabell browne and her daughter ten shillings It[e]m I geve and bequeath to Richard bond my servantman all my workeday Apparell and one (ms. illeg.) And as for my lyvinge wherin I now dwell beeing my Lord Astons land my will is that yt shalbee husbanderd and sowen w[i]th such seed as I entended for this one yeare and all the benefit and encrease that this yeare Cane be raysed out of the wholle lyvinge to bee equallie devided betweene my sonne willi[a]m tooth and my twoo daughters Anne and Alice Tooth so yt (that) neyther of them shall marrie to yt to the disturbance and truble of my sonne willi[a]m Tooth All the rest of my goodes both quicke and dead moveable and unmoveable where and in whose handes so ever they are w[i]th in this realme of england I geve and bequeth to my sonne willi[a]m tooth Anne Thø (sic) Tooth and Alice tooth my twoo daughters for there wholle porc[i]ons and childes partes to bee equallie devided amonstes them And for the better Avoydinge of all trubles and Controversies that might Asisst among them in the devision of the said lyvinge or goodes my will is that four of my good and Loving neighbours shall indiffrentlie be chosen wherof my brother Thomas to bee one for the setlinge and devidinge all porc[i]ons and matters devideable among them It[e]m I ordeyne and make my sonne willi[a]m Tooth me true and solle executore of this my last will and testament In wittnes wherof to this my last will and testament I have put to my hand the sixteene daie of februarie In the yeare of the Raiyne of oure Soverainge Lord Charles by the grace of god of england Scotland france and Ireland Kyng defender of the faith the seventh et Anno d[omi]ni 1631

John Tooth
his  marke

Witnesses to this my last will
Christopher Hunt Cleric
Sampson Boughy. Samuel Ryle Thomas Yatte

A true and p[er]fect Inventorie of all the goodes
 Cattles and Chattels of John tooth of Colton
 deceased seen vewed and praysed the xxvjth daie
 of october Anno d[o]m[in]i 1632 by Sampson Boughy
 gente Samuell Royll Thomas Tooth Thomas
 Yate Thomas butler and John butler as
 followeth

quicke	Imp[ri]m[i]s foure oxen _____	16	0	0
Cattle	It[e]m sixe kyne _____	20	0	0
	It[e]m sixe twynters _____	15	0	0
	It[e]m foure Calves _____	4	0	0
	It[e]m twoo mares one Colt _____	7	0	0
	It[e]m fortie Sheeppe _____	8	0	0
	It[e]m three swyne _____	3	0	0
	It[e]m geesse and other poultre _____	0	10	0
Corne & hay	Imp[rimis] Corne and hay in } _____ they barne _____ }	20	0	0
	It[e]m Corne uppon the } _____ Ground _____ }	9	0	0
	It[e]m all husbandrieware _____	4	0	0
	It[e]m money in the house _____	9	16	9
goodes in the house	Imp[rimis] one great pone and } _____ three little panes _____ }	2	4	0
	It[e]m two potes _____	2	0	0
	It[e]m seven kettles _____	1	0	0
	It[e]m (ms. Illeg) _____	2	0	0
	It[e]m ten pewter dishes _____	1	8	0
	It[e]m nyne sacers _____	0	9	0
	It[e]m three saltes one pewter Cupp _____	0	8	0
	It[e]m two dozen of spones _____	0	7	0
	It[e]m one Cubbord _____	1	0	0
	It[e]m two long tables } _____ one formes _____ }	1	10	0
	It[e]m Chees (chairs) and stollles _____	0	5	0
	It[e]m boukes and shelffes _____	0	10	0
	It[e]m pott rakes fire shover } land iron tongnes and } _____ other implementes } _____	0	10	0
	It[e]m three spynning weeles _____	0	3	0
In the Parlour	Imp[rimis] twoo syled bedsteds _____	1	6	8
	It[e]m twoo fether bedes _____	3	0	0
	It[e]m one flocke bed _____	0	6	8
	It[e]m three Coverletes _____	2	0	0
	It[e]m foure blankettes _____	1	0	0
	It[e]m foure twilles _____	0	13	4
	It[e]m sixe pillow cov[ers] } _____ eight boylsters _____ }	0	15	0
	It[e]m one presse _____	0	13	4
	It[e]m one table and two Chestes _____	0	16	0

It[e]m three dozen of trewsers _____ 0 ___ 1 ___ 0
 It[e]m seven pair of flaxen } _____ 3 ___ 0 ___ 0
 sheetes _____ }
 It[e]m foure pair of hemplow } _____ 1 ___ 6 ___ 8
 sheetes _____ }

(ms. Illeg.)

It[e]m pillow beres _____ 0 ___ 4 ___ 0
 It[e]m sixe pair of nocben ?} _ _____ 0 ___ 15 ___ 0
 sheetes
 It[e]m two flaxen lome Cloth _____ 0 ___ 9 ___ 0
 It[e]m foure Course lome
 clothes _____ 0 ___ 4 ___ 0
 It[e]m foure towels _____ 0 ___ 6 ___ 8
 It[e]m a dozen of napkyns _____ 0 ___ 6 ___ 8
 It[e]m xxv yardes of lynnen } _____ 1 ___ 6 ___ 8
 Cloth _____ }
 It[e]m woollen Cloth _____ 0 ___ 8 ___ 0
 It[e]m butter and chese _____ 1 ___ 5 ___ 0
 It[e]m malt and Corne in
 the house _____ 1 ___ 0 ___ 0
 It[e]m for all woddenware _____ 0 ___ 10 ___ 0
 It[e]m lyninge and flax dresses } _____ 2 ___ 0 ___ 0
 and undresses _____ }
 It[e]m in the servantes Cham }
 ber his bed and all other } _____ 3 ___ 0 ___ 0
 implement _____ }
 It[e]m in the upper chamber }
 below the entrie one }
 fether bed two boylsters } _____ 3 ___ 0 ___ 0
 one flocke bed and boylster }
 and beedesteed _____ }
 It[e]m in the styll house (ms. Illeg.) }
 (ms.illeg.) } _____ 0 ___ 12 ___ 0
 and other small things }
 It[e]m all his wayring Appa[rell] } _____ 3 ___ 6 ___ 8
 w[i]th lynnen and woollen }

Glossary

Twinters – two year old animal

Salts – salt cellar

Boukes – pail or bucket

Pottrackes – hook for hanging a pot

Land iron – a long bar with hooks at various levels to support a spit

Flock bed – a mattress stuffed with wool or cotton scraps

Twilles – course linen or wool cloth for covering a bed

Wanes (weanes) – cart

Nocben (noggen) – course linen

**Nuncupative Will and Inventory of JOHN TOOTH of Colton,
Staffs. 1645. LRO**

Memorand[um] that on or about the six and Twentieth day of July An[n]o D[o]m[ini] 1645 John Tooth late of Colton in the Countie of Stafford yeoman being sicke in body but of p[er]fect minde & memory w[i]th an intent to setle his estate & to make & declare his last will & Testament did give Will & bequeath as followeth Imprimis He gave his soule to God & his body to xpian (Christian) buriall Item He gave to his sonne Samuell Tooth one long table a bench & a forme belonging to it one presse two paire of bedsteedes, one dishboarde all shelves & loose boardes in his dwelling house & wished that the same should stande & remaine in the said house for him Item the residue of his goodes chatles Catle & debtes he gave & bequeathed to his daughter Anne Tooth Item He alsoe did give & bequeath to his said daughter Anne the benefitt & proffitt of his landes until the said Samuell Tooth his sonne should attayne to his age of Twentie & one yeares Item the said deceased did give & bequeath all his landes Tenentes & hereditantes to the s[ai]d Anne Tooth & her heires incase the said Samuell should dye w[i]thout lawfull issue or he the said deceased did make & declare his last will & Testament to that effect in the pr[e]sence of Richard Butler George Averell & other credible Witnesses

Richard Butler
George Averill

A true and p[er]fect Inventorie of all the goodes Cattells and
 Chattells of John Tooth late of Coulton in the
 Countie of Stafford (ms. illeg) taken and prysed the sixt Day of
 September Anno D[omi]ni 1645 by us Whose names are under Written

	#	s	d
Imp[rimis] two Cowes _____	4	0	0
It[e]m two twinter heyfers _____	4	0	0
It[e]m two stirkes _____	3	0	0
It[e]m one Calfe, and one swyne _____	1	0	0
It[e]m 2 moores, and 2 Fillies _____	7	0	0
It[e]m 13 old sheepe, and 4 lambes _____	3	6	8
It[e]m hey and Corne in the barne _____	10	0	0
It[e]m in poultrie _____	0	2	6
It[e]m one feather bedd with furniture _____	1	10	0
It[e]m one Flocke bedd _____	0	10	0
It[e]m sheetes, tablecloathes & other nappery Ware _____	1	13	4
It[e]m 3 paire of bedd steedes _____	0	6	8
It[e]m one presse two Coffers & one Boxe _____	0	13	4
It[e]m two Tables _____	0	10	0
It[e]m Formes, Chaires, stooles & Cushions _____	0	5	0
It[e]m Brasse and pewter _____	1	0	0
It[e]m sixe shovell, tonges, potrackes an } _____	0	5	0
other Iron ware in the house }			
It[e]m barrells, loomes, payles and all } _____	0	15	0
other Coopery Ware }			
It[e]m in husbandrie Ware _____	2	0	0
It[e]m wooll and towe _____	1	0	0
It[e]m Coles and other fewell _____	0	5	0
It[e]m dishes, trenchers, & other tryne Ware _____	0	1	6
It[e]m Corne and p[ro]vision in the house _____	0	10	0
It[e]m his apparrell and money in his purse _____	1	0	0
It[e]m other small Implementes forgotten _____	0	2	0
It[e]m one tymber tree _____	0	4	0
	45	0	0

The prysers
 names

Richard Butler
 George Averell his m[ar]ke



Glossary

Twinter – two year old animal

Flocke bed – mattress made from wool or cotton scraps

Presse – a cupboard for storing bed linen

Formes – a bench

Potricks – a hook to hang a pot from (attached to the chimney by a chain)

Towe – corse hemp or flax

Tryne ware – wooden utensils

Will and Inventory

of

Humphry Slyn

March 1672

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The Petition of HUMPHREY SLYN

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To the right hon[er]able S[i]r Walter Aston, S[i]r William Bowyhe
S[i]r Walter Chetwyn and S[i]r Thomas Leigh and S[i]r Hughe
Wrotesley K[nig]ht and Mr Sneade Esq. Deputes to the right hon[er]able
the Earle of Monmouth Leifetenant for his ma[jes]ht[y] within the
Countie of Stafford.

The humble pet[it]ic[i]on of Humfry Slyn of the parish of Cannock

Whereas you[r] petic[i]oner being prised for the twoe villages of Colton and
Tixall, was hemployed in his maj[esties] service under the command of the late right
hon[er]able. Robert Earle of Essex deceasede in Cales voyage, After w[hi]ch exped[i]on
your petic[i]oner being shipped with sixe soure and nineteene lame & sick to returne
for England was taken by the Spanish gallies nere Auera in Spaine, and
everie man stripped naked and put to enduar great want and miserie amonge
the gallie slaves for a long space, and afterwarde being thence removed, were
conveyed to Lysborne castle, where in greater miserie then before, were lieing
on boardes and constreyned to eate doggs yse we could get or steale them, to breake
the bones of beast feete, to suck the marrowe and to eate oringe pillis w[hi]ch the
soldurs cast away, susteyned imprisonm[en]t for the space of eight years, and
untill a peace was proclaimed betweene England and Spain.

After all which exceeding misearis and afflickins, your petic[i]oner with verie fewe
on moni besides returning to England, hath hitherto mainteyned himself, and
his family by his good labour and honest endeavo[r]s, yet nowe at length growing
verie old, and feeling in his bones the former ill usage hee susteined in his countries
cause, waxeth altogether unable to take paines anie longer, whereby as before
hee should maintaine himselfe, his wife and sonne that both lye lame uppon him,
and therefore is constreyned to fly unto your good wo[rshi]pps for refuge.

May it therefore please yo[ur] good wo[rshi]pps to take into considerac[i]on
the exceeding calamities your petic[i]oner hath endured (his
want at this present being therebie occasioned) and to take
suche compassion uppon him, as to grant unto him a
yearelie pens[i]on, for and towards his fune[ral] and maintenance
as in the likecase, hath byn granted unto tothers; And
your petic[i]oner shall daylie pray for yo[ur] good wo[rshi]ps

S[i]r Whytehall

The inhabitance of Colton affirm this
petitioner was prast as above and
I leave him to your charity Thomas Aston

Here the inhabitantes of Colton and }
Tixall doe certifie that the }
tenor of this petic[i]on is true }

Samuell Pyhe	Raphe Bate
Thomas Yate	Frances Lees
Thomas Butler	
Herbert Bogges (sic)	
Richard Wildes	
Sampson Wiggon	
John Tooth	
Simon Heaward	
Robart Pegg	
Thomas ouldaker	
George Baggeley	
George Gefferyes	
Thomas Sawiare	
Thomas Butler	
Sampson Bratt	
Simon Pedley	
John Pedley	
Richard Bultler	Richard Bagot Sampson Boughy
Thomas Barttram	Christepher Hunt cleric
Humpfry Marler	Samuell Taylor

Glossary

Waxeth – grow larger

Tenor – effect of the document



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