

The last will and testament of John Battynson 1542 Hunts

In the name of God amen in the year of oure Lord a thousand and five hundred and forty two the 13th day of January I, John Battynson, of Pirton in hole mynde and good of memory make my last will and testament in this manere

Imprimis I bequeath my soull unto Almighty God and to owe lady seynt Mary and my body to be buried within the churchyarde of Pyrton.

Also I bequeath to the mother church off Lincoln 4d

Also I will that Jone my wiff and John my sonne shall have all my goods and my catall in the town and the field and they to be partakers of all so that John my sonne shall have no household stufte but alonlie a greate coffer and a panne that ston dyche in a F myche

Also I will that Jone my wiff shall have my house and my land so long as she lyvith except she mary and then I will that John my sonne shall have my house and my land to hym and to his hars made lawfullie begotton of his body. And if it be soo that he dye without any issue then I will that my howse and my lande shall be sold and distributed amongst my children every one a parte of it.

Also I will that John my sonne shall bere half of all maner of charges with my wiff as longe as they contynne to gether and if it be so that he cannot agre with his mother then it shall be lawfull for hir to put him out of the howse and have all to hir selffe.

Also I bequeath to 6 of my children £6 and every one to be others heire and the money to be deliveryd to my wiff and she to put it to the best use for them that she can.

Also I bequeath 13 shillings 4 pence to bye a cowe for a yearlie obytte.

Also I bequeath £3 for a prist for to singe for me half a yere.

Also I bequeath 4 markes for my burial and my moneth tied. To this I make my executorys Jone my wiff and John my sonne and John Hamotte of the same town to be the overseer of this my will. And for his paynes to have 20 shilling

Witness hereof be John Lyulay prest John Hamott, Thomas Upton of the same town with other

Probate: Hitchin 4 May 15