

## The last will and testament of Christopher Hamond 1557

In the name of God amen in the yere of oure Lord God 1557 the fifth day of October I, Christopher Hamond, of Pirton sick in body and hole in mynd and in perfight memory make my testament and last will in forme following

First I bequeath my soul unto God allmyghtie unto oure blessed lady seynt Mary and unto all the celestiaall company of heven and my body to be buryed within the parish churchyard of Pirton.

Item I bequeath unto Elizabeth Hamonde my daughter £5 and a cowe a white coffer made of holme bords and a pewtere platter

Item I bequeath unto Anne Hamonde my daughter £5 one cowe and a white coffer holme bordes and a pwetere platter

Item I bequeath unto Martha Hamond my daughter £5 and one cowe and a white coffere made of holme bords and one pewter platter and every of them to be -----  
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And if they all dye then my will is that their parts remain until William Hamonde and Richard Hamond my sonnes

Item I life bequeath unto William Hamond my sonne one messuage containing ----- acre of ground of freehold land And if William Hamonde do dye befor that he comes unto lawfull age then my will is that Richard Hamond my sonne shall have the messuage with the purteninces.

Item I bequeath unto Richard Hamond my sonne all my freehold land lying within the fields of Pirton and one close called Godffrey close to hym and his heirs for ever and if both my sonnes do dye before they comes unto lawfull age then my will that my brother John Hamonde sonnes shall have it to them and their heirs for ever

Item I bequeath and give unto Jone my wiff William Hamond and Richard Hamond my sonnes all the terme of my lease which I hold of Mr Hawke and she to have no thing to do but onlie as longe as she is unmarried.

Item I bequeath unto Jone my wiff all my household stuffe within my house saving --  
--- within the kychyn and a -----

Item I bequeath unto William Hamond and Richard Hamond my sonnys my horsse and my carte and carte gearys plow and plow gearys

Item I will that Jone my wiff shall have her dwelling in my mansion house as they stand together both fre and so long as she keape her unmaryed and afterward as longe as they can agre.

Item my will is that Jone my wiff and William Hamond and Richard Hamond my sonnes shall dwell together and occupy together as long as long as she keape her unmayed and afterward as long as they can agre

Item my will is that Jone my wiff William and Richard my 2 sonnes shall always plow and cary 8 acres of land as it ought for to be to my fathers use during his liffe and he to have halfe the fruyts of the orchayard during his liffe aforesaid.

Item I bequeath unto William Hamond my sonne one matresse a bolster a coverlet a payre of sheats

Item I bequeath unto Richard Hamond my sonne a mattress a bolster a coverlet a payre of sheats

Item I bequeath unto every one of my three daughters a bed a pece that is to saye a matresse a bolster a coverlett and a payre of shettes a pece and it to be delivered unto them when they come unto lawfull ages.

My debts and any legacies discharged. The residue of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give unto Jone my wiff and William Hamond and Richard Hamond my sonnys indiferentlie devyded among their portions

I make Jone my wiff and William Hamond and Richard Hamond my sonnys my executors to execute this my testament and last will may be fulfilled to God's pleasure and the helthe of my soull.

I make my faithfull frend John Hemyng gentleman and John Hamond my brother my oversearys of this my testament and last will may be fulfilled to God's pleasure and the helthe of my soull and they to have for ther paynes either of them 20 shillings a pece.

And after my wiff be maryed yf my children and she can not agre then my will is that my oversearys shall have my full power and aurdyte by the virtue of this my testament and last will for to separate them asunder and deliver every one of them personallie ther portions. This be witness of my testament and last Will Richarde ansell, John Champion, William Sam, Richard Stagge curate with others

Probate 2 December 1557 at Hitchin