

## The last will and testament of John Ensham 1545

In the name of God Amen the 10 day November in the yere of oure Lorde 1545 I, John Ensham, of the parish of Pirton sicke of body but hole of mynde and of perfight remembrance thanks be God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following that is to say

First I bequeath my soule to the mercie of allmyghtie God and to oure ladie seynt Marie and to all the blessed company of heven and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Pirton aforsaid

Item I give to the highe aultere of the same churche 12 pence

Item I give to the mother church of Lincoln 2 pence

Item I give and bequeath to Margerie my wiff all her apparel that belongeth to her backe hede or any other parte of hir bodie and a greate panne and my ball horse

Item I will that the said Margerie my wiff shall have the house that I dwell in during the terme of hir life paying the rents for the same. Also I will that if the said Margerie Kepe the peasable possession of the saide house that she pay or cause ot be paid to John Shefeld the some of 26 shillings 8 pence but if she cannot have the peasable possession of the said house then I will that my neighbours sed -- full end concernynge that my will that the said John Shefeld do dye byfore the age above written then I will that the father of the said John Shefyld shall have 13 shillings 4 pence and the other 13 shillings 4 pence. I will that my executors have it to do for me and for my friends for - the said John Ensham have paide to John Hamond the Elder for the said house £4 and - bought it.

Also I give to the said Margerie half an acre wheate and half an acre barley.

Item I bequeath to Robert Ensham my brother my best gown also I do forgive the said Roberte the 5 quarters barley the which he oweth me

Item I give to Richard Ensham my brother my wursted coat and my dublett of wursted

Item I give to the said Richard my brother and to his assignys a brown cowe to keape a yerelie obitte for me and my friends for ever

Item I give to John Megere my godsonne my second gown

Item I give to Wiliam Stryngare my buck letthere dublette

Item I give to Robert Ensham the youngere my best hose and a laten Bason with 2 eres also I give to the said Robert Ensham one black horse

Item I give to William Ensham my best shirte I give to the said William Ensham a black y inge

Item I give to John Bullone my second dublette

Item I give to Annes Stryngere a laten Bason and the best panne

Item I give to three of the eldest daughters of William Meger to eche of them a pewter plattere

Item I give to John Bullenys wiff a pewtare platter and a cawdron

Item I give to Joan Ensham, Richard Ensham wiff 2 pewtar platters and the third brasse potte

Item I give Katheryne my mayd one pewter platter

Item I give to Robert Ensham wiff the eldere my greate brasse potte

Item I give to Robert Ensham wiff the youngere the second brasse potte

Item I will that my executeres ----- of Thomas Shepparde the sume of 19 shillings the which he oweth me the which 19 shillings I will that he bestowe for me and for my frends

Item the residue of my goods not bequeathed both moveable and not moveables my detts paide and my legacis fulfilled I give and bequeath to Richard Ensham my brother and to John Bullen whom I make my executors the sume to dispel and order for ther discession my burial and moneth day to be - as they shall think necessarie to the pleasure of God and comforte to my soull

The day and yere above written these men being witnesses William Felde and Lawrence Felde clerks Robert Ensham the Elder Thomas Auncell Gefrye Tailore with other men

Probate Stevenage ?

December 1550