

The Last Will and Testament of John Hamonde 1557

In the name of God Amen in the yere of oure lorde god 1557 the 17 day of August.

I John Hamonde of Pirton the eldere sick in bodie and hole in mynde and perfight memory make my testament and last will in form followinge.

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

First I bequeath unto John Hamond the sonne of Robert Hamond one half acre of land upon Myllway within the rede field and one half acre lying of heartes hill shutting down upon the Doufhouse of John Copcot and all the rest fre hold lande I give unto Chrisopher Hamond my sonne to hym and his heirs for ever.

Item I bequeath unto Richard Stagge curat of Pirton one bushel of barley

Item I bequeath and give unto the hands of John Hamond and Christopher Hamond my soneys one cowe that hath a hare growing upon the sede of her mouthe and they do sett the cowe to hyere and dispose to the poure at ther discreesson and another cow for my wiff Thomysing after her decesse for as ample manner as ye will do for me over her swellmonythe Daye with the said hyere of the cowe.

Item My will is yf John Hamonde the sonne of Robertie depart or ----- he take possession the acre of forehold lande to remayne off Robert Hamonde and John Hamonde the sonnes of John Hamond the younger to them and ther heires for ever.

Item I bequeath unto John Hamond the sonne of Robertie 2 kyne after the decesse of Thomysine my wiff and he to have my payment saving I will that Richard Stagge curat of Pirton shall have a blacke cowe for his mortuary.

My detts and legacies paid the residue of my goods I give unto Thomysine my wiff moveable and unmoveable bequeathed and unbequeathed.

Item I give to my wiff that she shall have Joan Kirks housse with all the lands belonging unto or durying her natural life.

I make my faithfull friends John Hamonde my sonne and John Hamond the sonne of Robert Hamonde myne executors to execute this my testament and last will may be fulfilled to gods pleasant and the helthe of my soull and make my faithfull friende Sir Richard Stagge my supervisor that he shall see this my testament and last will discharged and fulfilled.

This being witnesse

John Wilkynson
Thomas Turner
Joan Kirke

John Philippe
William Hante
Margery Phillippe with others

Probate

10 January 1557

at Hychen