

## The last will and testament of Henri Downcome 1574

In the name of God Amen the 22 day of December in the yere of our lord God 1574 I Henrye Downcome of the parish of Pirton bachelor beinge sicke in bodye but hole and perfect in remembrance thanks be to almighty God doe make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following

First I give and bequeath my soule to almighty God and to all the hollye companye of heaven and my bodye to be buried in the churchyard of Pirton aforesayd

Item I give unto the mother church of Lincoln 2 pence

Item I bequeath to the pore people of Pirton 10 shillings

Item I give to my brother John Duncome the younger of \_\_\_\_\_ his 7 children which be now living £4 13 shillings 4 pence that is to say to every one of them 13sh 4d a pece when they shall accomlishe the age of 21 yeres ech of them to be the other heire if any fayle

Item I give and bequeath to my brother John the younger that £13 6sh 8d which he doth owe

Item I give to the said John 7 qaters of peases and a halfe and 44 shillings which he doth owe me

Item I give and bequeath to the same John more in money £5

Item I give and bequeath to John Waynford 13 shillings 4 pence

Item I give to Joane the wyf of John Waynford 20 shillings and to the 3 children which the sayd John and Joane hathe nowe £3 ech of them to be the others heyre at the age of 21 years

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Newman and her youngest daughter all that £4 10shillings which William Newman my brother doth owe me be it more or lesse

Item I bequeath to James Menche 20 shillings at the age of 21 yeres

Item I give and bequeath to 7 children that John Duncome my eldest brother hath nowe £4 13 sh 4d that is to say to everyone 13 sh 4d a pece at the age of 21 years and ech of them to be the others heyre

Item I give and bequeath to John Duncome my eldest brother £14 3sh 4d which John Monke doth owe me

Item I bequeath to the wyf of the same John £3 and 9 bushells malt which Thomas Cobcoke oweth me which 9 bushels malt cometh to 22 shillings 6 pence

Item I give and bequeath to William Hamonte of Pirfton and his wyf 20 shillings

Item I give to Elizabeth Hamont and Jone Hamonte 6 shillings 8 pence at the age of 21 yeares ech of them to be the other heir

Item I give and bequeath to George Turner 3 shillings 4 pence

Item I give to Jone Kettle 3 shillings 4 pence at the age of 21 yeares

Item I give to William Awdelye 20 pence at the age of 21 yeares

Item I give to John Pride? 20 pence at the lyke age

Item I give to Thomas Sen 20 pence

Item I give to Agnes Clement 20 pence

All the residue of my goods moveable and not moveable my debts payd this will performed I give to John Downcome my eldest brother and William Hamonte who I make my full and sole executors and William Jones overseer

Witnesse William Jones George Turner and Thomas Sen? With other men

Probate 4<sup>th</sup> February 1574 at Baldock