

**John Crooke of Steventon, yeoman, 1616**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1616B/028**

**In the name of God Amen:** I John Crooke the elder of Steventon in the county of Southampton sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (God his name be praised for it), do make my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: **Imprimis** I give my soul into the hands of God trusting to be saved by the memory of my saviour Jesus Christ, and my body to be buried in the church of Steventon aforesaid. **Item** I give unto the said church of Steventon 6s 8d. **Item** I give to the church of North Waltham 12d. **Item** I give to the parish church of East Stretton 12d. **Item** to the parish church of Woveson (Wolverton?) 12d. **Item** I give to my son Leonard the £3 which he has received already, plus more to make up £5. **Item** my will is that my son Arthure shall have so much timber bought and cut down about his living as may be sufficient to set up a dwelling house and barn of 3 rooms and two cuttings upon the copyhold of 2 yardlands commonly called [Uptons Hold] to be done by Michaelmas next [shall] be 4 years which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1620. **Item** I give to my daughter Alice £30 of lawful English money and to my daughter Joane I likewise give £30, and to my daughter Merable I give £20 of lawful English money to be paid unto each of them at the day of their marriage or within forty days after. **Item** all the rest of my goods (my debts and legacies paid and funeral discharged), I give unto Joane my wife and to my son John to be equally divided between them, making them joint executors of this my last will and testament, provided always that if my son John shall at the taking of the inventory of my goods enter into bond of a hundred pounds to the use of ~~my~~ his 3 sisters not to marry without the consent of William Pinke of North Waltham and of John Godson of the Soake near Winchester. **And if** he shall then refuse to enter into such bond then my will is that my wife shall be sole and whole executrix giving unto him my son John one horse, and the one half of the goods that shall be remaining besides my debts and aforesaid legacies *which* shall be given to my three daughters Alice, Joane and Merable to be equally distributed among them. **Item** I appoint Mr Thomas Brocas of Steventon aforesaid Esquire, and John Orpwood parson of Steventon aforesaid, overseers of this my last will and testament giving to each of them for their pains one sheep. **In witness** whereof I, the said John Crook, have hereunto set my hand and seal the fourth day of February in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England, France, Ireland King defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the nine and fortieth year.

J Crooke

Sealed and delivered in the presence  
of Arthur Ansell his mark  
John Orpwood

Probate granted 30 March 1616 to Johane widow and John son.

A true inventory of the goods and chattels of John Crook the elder of Steventon in the county of Southampton yeoman late deceased, made and taken the 26th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1615 by William Pinke, John Godson, Richard Woodroffe and William [Rose].

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis</b> ten kine and 7 bullocks	30	10	0
<b>Item</b> 6 horses, ploughs, harrows, and harness	30	0	0
<b>Item</b> 97 sheep	28	0	0
<b>Item</b> 11 hogs	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> corn in the field	34	0	0
<b>Item</b> 3 old iron bound carts and a dung pot	2	10	0
<b>Item</b> wood timber and hay	4	6	8
<b>Item</b> peas	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> an old malt quern, well bucket, chain, trough and other things in the well house	1	13	4
<b>Item</b> one furnace, 6 brass pots, 4 bell <i>metal</i> skillet	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 brass pans, 4 kettles, one skimmer, one skillet	1	12	0
<b>Item</b> 4 spits, one dripping pan	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> 8 candlesticks, 2 mortars with 6 brass spoons	0	16	0
<b>Item</b> pewter	3	10	0
<b>Item</b> one cupboard, table, form, andirons and other things in the hall	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> one pike, halberd and corselet	0	14	4
<b>Item</b> beam and weights	0	8	0
<b>Item</b> 4 bottles, one table in the lower chamber, one coffer one coverlet	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> 2 old feather beds, 4 pillows, 2 bolsters, one green rugg	4	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 bedsteads, one flockbed, 2 coverlets, 3 blankets one painted cloth, one pair of old curtains	2	13	8
<b>Item</b> 2 chests one press, one table, 3 old coffer, one desk	1	3	4
<b>Item</b> 6 pairs of sheets, 4 table cloths, one dozen of napkins, one carpet	7	4	0
<b>Item</b> his apparel	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> cheese and butter	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> a pair of stock cards and old trunk	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> tubs, barrels, kivers and wooden vessels	2	10	0
<b>Item</b> 2 other old bedsteads with bedding	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 7 sacks, one winnowing sheet, one bushel, one willy, sieves and hair	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> edge tools 2 iron bars with other old iron	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> one grinding stone with other old lumber about the house	0	3	4
Sum	192	17	4

John Cogson  
 William Pinke his mark  
 William Rose his mark  
 Richard Woodroffe his mark