

William Dunce of Steventon, 1559

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In the name of God Amen the 16th day of March and in the year of our Lord God after the counting of the Church of England 1558, I William Dunce of the parish of Steventon within the diocese of Winchester being sick in body but yet of good and perfect mind and remembrance (thanks be to Almighty God), make this my last will and testament after the manner and form following.

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God to our Lady Saint Mary and to all the holy and blessed company in heaven and also to the sufferings and prayers of our Mother the Holy and Catholic Church of God, and my body to be buried in holy ground. **Also** I bequeath to my eldest son Richard half a quarter of wheat and four sheep to be delivered unto him when he shall come to the age of 16 years. **And in** likewise I bequeath to every one of my children four sheep and half a quarter of wheat apiece when they shall come to the age of 16 years. **And if** it shall fortune any of my said children to depart out of this world before they shall come to the said age of 16 years then, and in that case, I will that their portion or portions shall be equally departed and divided amongst them that shall be living at the end of the said 16 years. **The residue** of all my goods and cattles not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Isabell my wife whom I make my sole and full executrix for the bringing up of my children and to do for my soul as she shall think best. **In witness** of all which promises Gilbert Burton parson of Waltham, Thomas Payne and Roger Comber with other [...]

The true inventory of all the goods and cattles of William Dunce of Steventon appraised by Richard Alif, William Upton and John Fry of the said Steventon the 13th day of November 1558

	£	s	d
In the hall and kitchen			
First in the hall and kitchen a table board and trestles, a form and a bench appraised at	0	1	0
Item two brass pots, one kettle, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, one saucer, half a dozen trenchers, half a dozen treen dishes, a gridiron, a trivet a broche, a pair of pothooks, 2 candlesticks and a ladle appraised at	0	7	0
Item a vat, one kiver, 3 tubs, bowls	0	3	0
In the chamber			
Item a flockbed, one coverlet, one blanket, 3 pairs of sheets and one tablecloth	0	5	0
Item 2 coffers, 2 bedsteads	0	1	8
Item one tod of wool	0	10	0
In the barn			
Item in the barn in wheat, barley, vetches, peas and oats, estimation	2	0	0

In cattle and other things

Item forty sheep, one with another appraised at	2	13	4
Item 12 lambs appraised at	0	8	0
Item one old horse and a young colt appraised at	1	0	0
Item another old horse appraised at	0	1	0
Item two kine and a poor weanling appraised at	1	1	6
Item 4 small hogs at 3 shillings the piece	0	12	0
Item 5 small shoots at 12d the piece	0	5	0
Item a pair of old cart wheels	0	3	4
Item a simple plough and poor gear thereto belonging and 2 old harrows	0	3	4
Item in fire wood appraised at	0	5	0
Item 5 stalls of bees appraised at	0	5	0

In poultry

Item 4 geese	0	1	4
Item 7 ducks	0	1	2
Item cocks and hens	0	2	0
Sum total	10	9	2

Debts owing by William Dunce of Steventon

First to Thomas Payn of Steventon	0	12	0
Item to John Alif of Saint Cross	0	6	8
Item to James Rombold of Waltham	0	4	0
Item to John Alif of Hurstbourne	0	2	4
Item to William Lover of Steventon	0	3	0
Sum	1	8	0
Remainder clear of debt	9	0	8