

**John Fry of Steventon, husbandman, 1568**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1568B/043**

**In the name of God Amen** in the year of our Lord God 1568 the last day of April, I John Fry of the parish of Steventon in the county of Southampton husbandman at this present making, sick of body and perfect of memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to God Almighty my body to buried in the church yard of the parish of Steventon aforesaid. **Item** I bequeath to the parish church of Steventon 3 sheep. **Item** I bequeath to Crystyan Ollder daughter to my sister Crystyan Prat, a frock of russet cloth and one acre of wheat on the field. **Item** I bequeath to Ann Prat her younger daughter a flockbed, a coverlet, a pair of sheets with the bolster and a tester, one blanket and a petticoat of red cloth. **Item** I bequeath to Joseph Prat my sister Crystyan's son one acre of wheat in the field. **Item** I bequeath to my servant Jone Latemer the lesser flockbed, one pair of sheets, an old petticoat which parcelled to Jone Latemer to be also in payment of her wages. **Item** I bequeath to Wylliam Fry my brother my best flockbed and bolster, the best coverlet and the tester over me. **Item** I bequeath to Lamberte Baffe my servant a lamb. **Item** I bequeath to every of my godchildren 4d. **Item** I bequeath to Austyn Ancell my godson a stall of bees. **Item** I bequeath to Wylliam Upton my godson a stall of bees. **Item** I bequeath to Elsebethe Lynt, daughter to Hughe Lynt of Kingsclere a stall of bees. **Item** I bequeath to Hary Robnot of Deane a coat of russet cloth. **Item** I bequeath on acre of barley or the vat value thereof to be distributed amongst the poor of the same parish by the discretion of my overseers and executors. **The rest** of my goods and my debts and funeral paid I will to my brother Wylliam Fry and to my sister Crystyan's children before named to be my executors quiet without [strife] to be equally divided amongst them and to see this my will aforesaid. **Item** I will and desire my neighbour Wylliam Lover to be my overseer, to him I will and bequeath one acre and a half of wheat lying under [Lyttell Heghe]. **These** bearing witness whose names be underwritten.

Rychard Alyffe  
Roger Comber  
Wyllm Lover

Obligation to William Fry of Kingsclere, husbandman and John Prat of Bolder, husbandman £20

Probate granted 5 May 1568.

The inventory of all such goods moveable as are within or belonging to the house of John Fry late deceased in the parish off Steventon taken by Richard Alyff, Wyllm Upton, Wyllm Lover, Roger Comber and Wyllm Ancell.

	£	s	d
<b>In the hall</b> a table board, a form, a cupboard with the benches and shelves one stained cloth	0	2	6

**Item in the kitchen and kitchen stuff** one brass

pot, 2 pans, 3 small kettles, 4 candlesticks, 5 platters, 4 pottingers, 2 saucers, 3 salt cellars, 9 trenchers, 9 spoons, 3 treen platters, a trivet, a frying pan, a gridiron	0	10	8
<b>Item</b> a vat, one great tub and other small tubs with a bowl, a powdering tub and two kivers	0	5	4
<b>Item in the chamber</b> 3 flockbeds with the bolsters, 3 coverlets and 2 shredden coverlets, two testers, 4 coffers, 3 bedsteads, the stained cloths and one pair of blankets	1	4	0
<b>Item</b> 4 pairs of sheets, two table cloths and one hand towel	0	6	2
<b>Item</b> a bill, a hatchet, two old sacks, a bag, an old hair cloth, a malt sieve, an auger, a pair of pincers	0	2	9
<b>Item</b> a cart at	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> a hacksaw at	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> a plough with the appurtenances and two harrows	0	4	6
<b>Item</b> the wood at	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> a sow and two shoots	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> 28 sheep	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 horses with their apparel	0	16	8
<b>Item</b> 2 wood ropes with another small rope	0	0	18
<b>Item</b> 6 acres wheat and two acres vetches	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> 5 acres barley, two acres oats, two acres peas	1	12	0
<b>Item</b> 5 stalls of bees	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> a goose, a gander and other poultry	0	1	1
Sum total	11	10	0