

Probate Inventory

Wiltshire **An Inventory** of the goods and chattels of Richard Kingsman late of Fifield in the county of Wiltshire, yeoman now deceased taken and appraised by us whose names are underwritten the sixteenth day of April 1682.

Imprimis his wearing apparel	3	0	0
In the chamber where he died One standing bedstead and bedding thereunto belonging, chest and 2 coffers	3	0	0
In the chamber over the Hall One bedstead and bedding thereunto belonging, 2 coffers and Side board and other things	2	15	0
In the little chamber 1 low bedstead and bedding belonging	1	0	0
In the Passage 1 chest, 1 cupboard and other lumber	0	10	0
In the cockloft ¹ 1 truckle bedstead and bedding lumber and other small things	1	0	0
In the hall 1 table board and frame, 6 joined stools, 3 chairs, 1 form, 1 fire pan and tongs, 1 pair of andirons and hangles ² 2 spits, 2 dripping pans and other things 3 flitches of bacon in the hall 3 old Bibles and other books 3 pair sheets, 2 table clothes, 1 dozen of napkins and other linen	1 2 0 1	10 0 10 10	0 0 0 0
In the outer Buttery ³ 2 brass pans, 3 kettles, 3 pots, 2 skillets, 1 warming pan, 1 chaffing Dish, 12 pewter platters, 1 flagon, 1 tankard, 1 chamber pot 5 barrels and other lumber	3	10	0
In the inner Buttery 2 kevers⁴ and other lumber	0	5	0
In the Kitchen 1 sift ⁵ , 1 cheese press, 1 pair of andirons and other lumber	0	15	0
In the Entry 3 tubs, 2 pails and other lumber	0	5	0
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In the well house 1 yoating stone and 1 malt mill	0	1	50
In the Barn 5 quarters of barley 12 bushels of wheat Oats and malt Fan ⁶ and fan staves, 3 sacks and other things 9 acres and a half of wheat on the ground 9 acres and 3 yards of barley on the ground One waggon, 1 bed of a cart, 2 harrows ⁷ 1 plow and Horse harness	5 2 2 0 1 9 3		0
In the Backside 1 rook [®] <i>stavell</i> ⁹ and wood 2 mares and one colt 3 cows and 3 bullocks 58 sheep 2 pigs in the backside	0 5 1 1 1 1	0 10	0
The Exchequer ¹⁰ Year	1:	2 0	0
Total	 1 	07 10	0 8

Appraised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed The **R** mark of Robert Reeves William *Chalises*¹¹ Thomas Smith

£107 10s 8d was worth £172,000 in terms of average earnings in 2008

¹ Cockloft is the space between the ceiling and roof, reached by a ladder, perhaps an attic of garret

² Hangles are chains in a chimney from which pots and pans were hung on pot crooks

³ Buttery is a store room for food and drink; a cool room as opposed to the kitchen

⁴ Keever is a shallow wooden tub into which cider was racked or it was used for cooling unfermented beer in the

process of brewing. It can also be a cover for a dish.

 $\frac{1}{5}$ Sift = a sieve

⁶ Fan was a flat, fan shaped wicker basket or perhaps a wooden shovel for winnowing

⁷ Harrow was a heavy timber frame, dragged over ploughed land to break up the clods or cover seeds after sewing

⁸ Rook is a small pile or stack

⁹ a stave (staff) for making rooks or ricks, a pitchfork

¹⁰ Debts due him within the next year

¹¹ This could be Chalres, an early case of dyslexia?