



# Probate Inventory

## Inventory of the goods of William Smyth, the elder of West Overton 1617

An Inventory of the Goods of William Smyth, the elder of West Overton in the County of Wilts., yeoman, taken the 28th day of March 1617 by Symon Parsons and Henry Mersham

In the bedding chamber				
Imprimis the bed stead	15s	0d		
Item one feather bed, one flock bed, one feather bolster and Two feather pillows	£3	0s	0d	
Item one pair of blankets 3 coverlets		20s		
Item one great chest		6s	8d	
Item one coloured coverlet		20s		
Item in the great chest, one bolster, four feather pillows	20s			
Item ten yards of new white woollen cloth and two yards and a Half of red cloth		20s		
16 yards of course woollen cloth	16s			
Item 3 coverlets, one pair of new blankets		25s		
Item ten pairs of sheets	?			
Item 5 pairs of pillow beres <sup>i</sup>		5s		
Item 5 table clothes and five towels		6s	8d	
Item the table board and trestles	2s	8d		
Item one cover with a <i>tack</i> on him		6s		
Item 5 coffers		10s		
Item his wearing apparel	£4	0s		ten
pounds of course wool	6s	8d		
A <i>straone chain</i> and 2 keeps <sup>ii</sup>		1s		
Item one brass bore and black bell		5s		
Item one small bell bonded with silver	5s			
In the Inner Chamber				
Item one feather bed, 2 feather bolsters and 2 blankets	£3	0	0	
In the folks chamber				
Item two flock beds 2 coverlets and 2 blankets	10s			
Item 2 boarden <sup>iii</sup> bedsteads		2s		
In the Hall				
Item one table board and frame, 2 forms and the benches		20s		
Item one cupboard, one cradle one chair	12s			
Item one painted cloth, one back board <sup>iv</sup>	1s			
Item the hangings for the fire, the plate, the fire pans and tongs	3s	8d		
Item one dagger		1s		
In the <i>Whitt House</i>				
Item Five tacks [hanging shelves]		2s		

Item two powdering <sup>y</sup> tubs, 8 cheese vats, one verjuice <sup>vi</sup> barrel, earthen Pots and pans and 2 <i>manse snatches</i>		7s	8d
In the Buttery			
Item one cupboard, three tanks [tankards] and a <i>firm</i>	2s		
Item five barrels and the beer horses <sup>vii</sup>		13s	8d
Item one <i>silt</i> , one sieve and two stools	4s		
Item five leather bottles	5s		
Item tankards and other wooden vessels	1s		
Item all the brass vessels	£7	3s	4d
Item all the pewter vessels	£3		
In the Spence <sup>viii</sup>			
Item two tanks, 1 salt tub and stone mortar		2s	
In the Mill House			
Item the malt quern and cheese press		6s	8d
Item three <i>conles</i> three trendles <sup>ix</sup> one mashing <sup>x</sup> vat, one iron vat and Pails and other wooden stuff		13s	4d
In the Kitchen			
One iron back and hangings, four braches <sup>xi</sup> , one dripping pan, one Brandier <sup>xii</sup> , one fender for the fire, 2 pair of pot hooks	7s		
Item the backitt <sup>xiii</sup> and chain		1s	
One yoating stone and hogs wash stone <sup>xiv</sup>		10s	
Item tacks <sup>xv</sup> , one old board, one old bearing horse for the mashing vat	1s		
Item two fans and iron bar and plough tools		5s	
In the Old House			
Item one old cupboard, one which <sup>xvi</sup> , two hen coops		2s	
Item timber for plane and cart		20s	
Item two old scythes and forks and paikes		4s	
Item six prongs and skips, one spade		3s	
Item his bride and saddle		5s	
Item 12 weight of wool	£18	12s	
Item 5 lbs of wool		5s	
Item 20 qters <sup>xvii</sup> of malt	£15		
In the Cart House and Back Side			
Item 2 Yard bound carts of long load, a dung pot and two <i>pair hes</i>	£4	10s	
Item three plow [plough] sulloes, the plow chains the whelts and The vos belonging		13s	4d
Item plough irons		5s	
Item the timber and wood	£10	6s	8d
Item sharp irons and pig irons		3s	
In the barn, the fields and arable			
Item Eleven qters of seed barley	£8	10s	
Item barley for threshing in value 8 qters	£6		
Item in wheat the value of 8 qters		£12	16s
Item in hay and oats and fodder		40s	
Item winnowing sheet, one bushel icart lime, one coop Four ladders, three small oyeasers, one beam and scales		8s	
Item a weight stone and other small weights		2s	6d
Item Ten acres and three yards of wheat	£11	0	0
Item Four score and 15 sheep		£34	0
Item Seven kine <sup>xviii</sup> and three calves		£17	10s
Item three horse beasts	£9		
Item horse harness and wood <i>Ropes</i>		£10	
Item nine stock pigs		46s	8d
Item two stalls <sup>xix</sup> of bees		6s	8d
Item Eight hogs at roof and some beef	£4	0	0

Item the lense of the coppice	£5
Item debts owing	£45
The total sum is	£243 12s 2d

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- i Pillow bere is a pillow case
  - ii A keep was a brooch or a fastener for a doublet or cape.
  - iii The wooden boarded bed stead on which the flock or feather mattress was laid
  - iv Back board was a wooden screen to exclude drafts
  - v Powdering tubs were for salting or pickling meat
  - vi Verjuice was the acid juice of crab apples or other sour fruits used for cooking and dosing animals. It was kept in hogsheads.
  - vii Horse was a frame on which barrels were placed
  - viii Spence was a service room, a pantry or larder
  - ix A round, oval tub used for various purposes
  - x Mashing vat was the tub used to mash [mix malt with warm water to make wort, the first stage of the brewing process.]
  - xi Brache was a dripping pan
  - xii Brandier was a grid iron or trivet used to support cooking vessels
  - xiii Fire back
  - xiv Wash stone is stone trough used for washing clothes
  - xv hanging shelves
  - xvi Whitch is an old word for a hutch or a coffer
  - xvii Qters is abbreviation for quarter, a measure of capacity, usually 8 bushels
  - xviii Kine were usually the milk cows in a herd
  - xix Stalls were hives