

*The Last Will and Testament of  
John Rooke (Johannis Rooke)  
of Potterne  
Will proved 27 May 1587*



Buried 20 July 1585, Potterne  
Will dated 1 July 1585  
Proved at London  
Original reference: PCC / Prob

<b>Testator:</b>	Rooke	John	Husbandman
<b>Executors:</b>			
Rooke	Agnes	Daughter	Joint Executrix
Rooke	Alice	Wife	Joint Executrix
<b>Overseers:</b>			
Longe	Thomas		
Longe	William		

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Poor of Potterne
			Church of Potterne
			Ladie church of Sacisburye
Bristowe	John	God son	
Collyus	Joanne	Daughter	Also as Collinges
Rooke	Agnes	Daughter	
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
Hawkes	John Borce		
Longe	Thomas		
Longe	William		
Powell	Thomas		
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>			
Collyus	Thomas		

*In the name of God amen* the first daie of julie anno domini one thousand five hundred eighty five I John Rooke husbandman in the parish of Potterne beinge sicke in body but in perfecte memorie do make my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I comitre my soule into the mercifull handes of allmightie god trustinge by the merites of Christe his p---ion I have and shall have remission of my sinnes and my bodie to be buried in the churche yards of Potterne aforesaid And concerninge the distribution of my temporal goodes I give and bequeath them as followeth. First I give and bequeath to our ladie church of Sacisburye four pence. I bequeath to the church of Potterne twelve pence. I

bequeath to the pore folkes of Potterne where moste neede a bushell of wheate. I bequeath to Joane Collinges my daughter a crocke a panne a platter a pottinger a coffer a t--e and a lambe and also I will that my said daughter Joanne Collinges shall have the --se and occupation of the tenements that the wise dwellithe in with all the appurtenances to the paide tenemente belonginge two acres of meadowe parcell of the paide tenemente lyeinge by Caste Brooke and goinge directelie to the Crippe onelie excepted for and duringe all the yeares to come in the lease thereof made if the the paid Joanne shall so longe time paieinge the rente uppon this condition that Thomas Collyus nor any for him shall not sue moleste or vexe my executrix nor any of them for any cause from the beginninge of the worlde unto the date hereof. If he shall broake in any pointe here pette downe wherebie my paid executrix shall be molestes. Then my verie will and minde is that all the aforesaide legacies bequeathed to Joanne Collyus my daughter shall remaine and be given to Agnes my daughter unto whom I give the two acres of meadowe grounde for and duringe the whole terme mentioned in my aforesaid lease with the remainder of all the reste mentioned in the paide lease togethere with the lease if Joanne Collyus my daughter shall decease or depart this transsitorie lease before thende of the paide yeares my said daughter Agnes beinge then livinge. Item I bequeathe to John Bristowe my god sonne foure pence. The residue of all my goodes moveable and removerable my debtes paied and legacies performed I give and bequeathe to Alice my wife and Agnes my daughter whome I ordaine and make my executrix of this my laste will and testament . I do ordaine and make my overseers Thomas Longe and William Longe to see this my laste will and testament performed in all pointes unto which my overseers I have referred the orderinge of all thinges betweene my wife and children. Witnesses hereunto John Borce Hawkes, John Powell, Thomas Longe, William Longe.

*Probatum* fuit suprasteriptum testamentum apud London.

Vicesimo septimo die menis may anno domini millimo quingentesimo octogesimo septimo (27 May 1587)