

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Cowche
of Worton
Will Proved
13th January 1599*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC Prob11/93
Will Dated 20th January 1598

Testator:	Cowche	John	Yeoman of Worton
Executors:			
Cowche	Jone	Wife	Sole Executrix
Overseers:			
Flower	John	Kinsman	Gentleman of Worton
Hayter	John	Brother-in-law	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Cathedral Church of Sarum
			Parish Church of Potterne
			Poor of Potterne Parish
Cowche	Jone	Wife	
Cowche	Richard	Brother	
Flower	Christian		Daughter of Thomas Flower of Imber
Flower	Thomas	Godson	
Flower	Thomas		Of Imber
Flower	Thomas		Gentleman of Chitterne
Hayter	John	Brother-in-law	
Slade	John		Of Bromham
West	Walter	Uncle	Of Imber
Witnesses			
Allen	John		
Cowche	William		
Flower	Francis		
Other Names			
Cowche	William	Brother	
Stabbin	Aldam		Of Imber
Still	John		

In the name of God Amen The One and Twentieth day of Januarie in the One and ffourtyth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Ladye Queene Elizabeth One Thousand ffyve hundreth nyntie Eighte I John Cowche of Woorton in the pish of Potterne in the Countye of Wiltes yoman being sicke in bodye but of good and perfect memorie (the Lord be praysed) doe make and establishe my last will and Testament in maner and forme following (That is to saye) ffirste I comitt my soule to the Allmightie God my maker and to Jesus Chryste my Redeemer By whole blood shedding I am baptised by ffaith to be saved and in the holie Ghoste my sanctifier and Redeemer And my bodye to thearth from whence it came and to be buried in the Church or Churchyarde of Potterne aforesaid Item I geve towerds the repacons of the Cathedrall Church at Sarum Two shillinges Item I geve towerds the repacons of the parrish Church of Potterne ffoure shillinges Item I geve to the poorer of the parrysh of Potterne aforesaid one ewe(?) the value thereof to be dis... to them by the discretion of my Overseers Item I geve to Christian fflower the daughter of Thomas fflower of Imber one lambe to be delivered when he is wayneable Item I geve to Thomas fflower my Godson sonne of the sayd Thomas fflower of Imber one lambe when he is wayneable Item my will is that whereas I stand bounden and my brother Richard Cowche and Walter West my unkle of Immer unto John Hayter my brother in lawe for the paiemt of one hundred ffyve pounds five shillinges and eight pence on Maye daye nexte for the sattisffieng thereof I appoint and ordaine that the said Richard Cowche and Walter West my unkle shall have the proffytt of the Tenement and living called Gregories in.....from the ffeaste of Thannunciation of our ladye next thenceforth during the terme of Three yeares And the croppe of wheate contayneng Twenty foure acres and a haulfe nowe sowen at Chitten by me and uppon the arrable land appertayneng to the land of Thomas fflower of Chitten gent And (that?) the said Richard Cowche and Walter West shall have such securitye concerneng the houlding and enioyeing of the same living called Gregories in his ...ple maner to all intents as I the said John Cowche my Executors or assignes mighte or oughte to have and enioye from the said Thomas fflower his heires or assignes In confidence whereof that my Executrix shalbe dischargdged of the sayd dett All the rest of my goods Chattelles and househould stuff moveable and unmoveable whatsoever (my legacies Dettes and funerall expenses dischargdged) I geve and appointe unto Jone my wyfe whome I make and ordaine my full and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament And for the due execution hereof I appointe my welbeloved ffreinds my brother in lawe John Hayter and my kinsman John fflower of worton gent Overseers and for their paines I geve fyve shillings a peece John Cowche wytnes hereunto ffrancis fflower willyam Cowche his marke and John Allen Detts due to me the said John, John Slade of Bromeham ffourtye eight shillinges foure pence I laid out for him when he was constable Detts I owe unto my brother willm Cowche Twentye three poundes seventene shillings sixepence Item for haulf a bullock Thirtie shillings Item for a quarter of beed Thirtene shillings foure pence Some Sixe and Twentie pound Tenne pence Item I owe to Richard Cowche six and Twentie shillinges eighte pence Item to my Unkle west ffyve pounds sixe shillinges eighte pence Item to Aldam Stabbin of Immer Three poundes Item to John Still for meate ffyve shillinges foure pence.