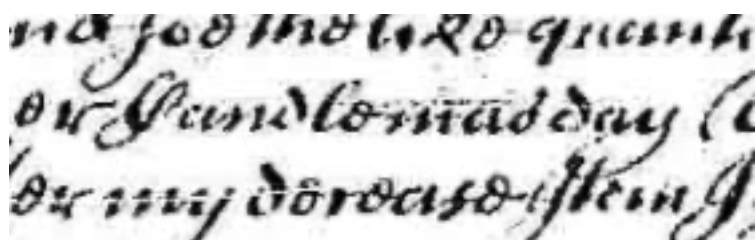


Dying Matters

Snippets From 17th Century Wills

2 bushells of wheate to be made and baked into 16 loaves of good bread and distributed at my funeral to 16 of the annuitant poore people of Milborne Port and for the like quantity of wheat and like manner to be bestowed upon Candlemas day (being the day of my birth for seven years next after my decease)



(Candlemas day 2nd February)

my old age and the infirmities that accompany the same

lands known by the name of Burkeslade lying and being in the manor of Kingsbury Regis

yearly rent of a pepper corne

one bedde with the furniture thereunto belonging, one large brasse kettle, one middling kettle, one brasse pott, a brasse candlestick, a chest and a coffer

unto my brother in law Christian Perry my wife's wedding ring

unto the poore of Milborne Port ten pounds to be distributed at the discretion of the church wardens and overseers amongst such as have most need

unto William ? my now servant six shillings and eight pence, and to Richard Harvey and William ? of Weeke aforesaid

my loving neighbours five shillings a piece

my sons John Popley and Bat Popley

my daughter Elizabeth all that household goods that was her grandmothers

my daughter Mary £100 and the little chest over the kitchen chamber

I bequeath one piece of black cloth to be used at funeral _ so long as the cloth endureth

the house and bark side called Hicks greene and also the house and bark side now in the possession of John Clarke called Pud brooke



to be buried in the churchyard of Milborne Port on the right hand of Elinor my first wife there interred and an upright stone to be sett at my head

situate near the Mill at Kingsbury Regis

my wife and daughter shall inhabit together in my house and neither of them to lett or sell out the same to any other person or persons without the consent of the other

halfe the garden, halfe the orchard and halfe the fruits

an orchard called Gaynsbury

unto the childe that my wief now goeth with all three hundred pounds be it boye or mayde

to my sonne Thomas the sum of £40 per annum to bee paid out of Kingsbury farm

all the implements belonging to my trade

all my best wearing apparel and my best sword, a paire of pistolls and a saddle

my well beloved father in law

if my wife happen to marrie then I give unto my two sonnes half my bedding and linnen and half my household stuff