

In the name of God Amen. The fourth daie of June in the year of our Lord God one Thousand Six Hundred and ffortie ffower I John Yeaw of Asholt in the Countie of Somerset husbandman sick in body but yet God be thanked in perfect memory doe make this my last will and testament in manner & forme following.

First and primus pallio I bequeathe my my soule unto Almighty God hoping to be saved by the merits of his son Christ Jesus and my body to be decentlie buried.

Item I give to my son John Yeaw ffive pounds a year out of Quicks Land and my wife to have the tenement for her life if she keep herself widow. And my son John to have it after his mother for his own life. And if the said John Yeaw shall happen to die before me [my will] is that my two daughters shall have it similar.

Item I give to my son Robert Yeaw the tenement in Cannington called Kingstreet when he shall come to the age of twenty one years and if it should happen he die a young man then to the rest.

I give to my two daughters Luce Yeaw and Rebecca Yeaw threescore pounds each to be paid them when they marry.

I give to my son Symon Yeaw three pounds a year until he shall be possessed of the tenement which I live in.

I give to my daughter Elizabeth 20s, I give to my daughter Elizabeth's three children which she now hath 40s a piece when they reach 21 years, I give to my daughter Marie 20s and to her daughter Alice 20s.

I give to my son John Yeaw one bed, bedsted a paire of blankets, a pillow & a coverlet which was his Aunt Maria Colles and my second best brush and one ponger, one platte and pewter and a long coffer when he shall happen to marry.

I give Symon my son all the rest of my household stuff except to each of my daughter's children, Luce & Rebecca & Robert a coffer a piece and to Robert my son one bedstead and bed, a payre of blankets

and pillow and a covelett after his mother's death and when Symon shall have the goods he pay unto Luce & Rebecca thirtie shillings a piece and to John twentie.

All the rest of my goods and chattels not previously bequeathed I give and bequeath to Luce Yeaw my wife whom I make full and whole executor of this my last will performed testament. And I would intreat my neighbour John Tod and my sonne in law Jeffery Dawe to be overseers to for this my will performed.

In witness whereof hereunto I have sett my hand & seale The daie & yeare above written

*John Yeaw*

and in the presence of *Robert Harris*   *Jeffery Dawe*

This will was proved at London before the Judges of Probat of Wills and granting of Administrations the third day of December in ye yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and fiftie five by the oath of Luce Yeaw the relict of the testator and executrix named in his will. To whom administration hereof [text illegible] of all and singular the goods Chattels & debts of the said deceased she being by virtue of administration first sworn well and truly to administer the same.

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Will of John Yeaw of Aisholt

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Proved in London 3 December 1655

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