

1) Transcript of the Will of John Foxe, 1620

"In the name of god amen, The xx th Day of December 1620, I, John foxe of Roboroudal? w(i)thin the Countie of Lanc(aster), husbandman, being sicke in bodie yet neverthelesse of whole & p(er)fect memorie, Laude & praise be unto allmightie god, do make & ordaine this my last will & testament in manor & forme following, namely [Latin: "vid(elicet)"],

first, I do Comitte my soule into the hand(es) of allmightie god, my maker & Redeemer, trusting by the deathe & passion of Christ Jesu to have full remission & forgivenes of all my sinnes, & my bodie to be buried in my p(ar)rishe Churche at mellin [sic], & the same Churche to have all it? dues acostomed,

Also, I geave unto Gilb(er)t Foxe, my eldest sonne, the title & tena(u)nt right I do possesse at burtschale?,

also, I geave unto the said gilb(er)t, one yocke of my best oxen, also twoe kyne & xx sheepe, all my plowes & plowe gere, & other husbandrie geare [sic] & Implement(es) about the howse, also one great arke,

also, I do geave him so mucche Corne as to be seed to make his Croppe, according as formerly the same have bene made [sic],

Also, I geave unto Thomas, my son, one Chist,

& to my twoe dawghters [not named], ether [= *each*] of them, one Chist,

also, I geave unto my twoe dawghters, ether of them, one Cow,

& [to] ether of ther Children, vj hog(es) w(hi)ch is beyond loyne [sic],

Also, my will is that gilb(er)t, my eldest son, shall geave unto ether of my dawghters, w(i)thin one yeare after his maridge or death [sic], xx s,

Also, I geave unto Elizabethe, my dawhter [sic], iij bushell of meale, one bushell of big [= *a poor kind of barley*],

and the woolle w(i)thin ["the howse" struck through; "one Sacke" interlined] to be geven unto my twoe dawghters,

also, I geve [sic] unto gilb(er)t & my twoe dawghters, all the sawen bord(es) & Cowp(er) timber,

Also, I geve unto ... [one or two words lost in fold of document] three yongest Children, everie one of them, one lambe,

also, unto margaret foxe, one whye stirke [= *heifer*],

The rest of all my good(es), my debt(es), legaces & funerall expensis discharged & paid, I geave unto Thomas foxe, my yonger son, whom I make my lawfull exec(utor) to execute & fulfill this my last will & testament in manor & forme afore said [two words],

In wittnesse hereof,

Gilb(er)t Thornto(n),
Edward P(ar)kinso(n),
& Rob(er)t nicolso(n),
& Lawrence foxe,

[heading: "Debt(es) w(hi)ch I do awe [sic]"],

It(e)m, [sic] unto Lawrence foxe,

xl s,

& one stone of woolle,

It(e)m, unto Tho(mas) mershall, v £

It(e)m, unto Christ(opher) Renningto(n)?, xliiij s

It(e)m, unto John P(ar)kinso(n), iiij s

It(e)m, unto John skot, vj s

It(e)m, unto Tho(mas) Carter, vij s

It(e)m, unto Gilb(er)t Thornto(n), xx s

t(otal), xj £ xij d [sic]

[heading: "Debt(es) awing unto me"],

It(e)m, the exec(utors) of Tho(mas) P(ar)kinso(n) of b...nd
for xxiiij sheepe, after the rate of iij s iiij d a
sheepe,

iiij £

It(e)m, will(ia)m P(ar)kinso(n), son of Tho(mas) P(ar)kinso(n)
[the] Remainder of one bond, xx s j d - being
reserved to gilb(er)t Thornto(n) & steaven hurist?,

more by him, or the executors, for one yeare Rente of xxiiij
sheepe [sic], ij s

It(e)m, will(ia)m skerow, xx s

It(e)m, will(ia)m P(ar)kinso(n) of the syk(es),
x f

[heading: "Debt(es) due unto me"],

The wife of George [Latin: "ux(or) georg(ii)"] Parker,
xl s, saving iij ...s gressed one somer,

It(e)m, John skerow, xj s

It(e)m, gyles skerow, xviiij s iiiij d

It(e)m, gyles skerow of wray, xxx s

It(e)m, Christ(opher) bateson at? the birk(es)?,
xiiij s ix d

It(e)m, Tho(mas) mershe, xx s - saving ^{1/4}one ^{1/4}halfe
wind...? of meale,

It(e)m, will(ia)m park, xxvj s viiij d

It(e)m, nicholas walker & the exec(utors) of will(ia)m
walker, xv s

It(e)m, will(ia)m Tathu(m) of ingleton,
xxxj s iiii? d

It(e)m, John widder of farelton, iij £ vj s viij d, saving
viiij s & one pecke? of big,

It(e)m, John ["Woddes?" struck through; "Wuider" interlined]
of ...d(es) back, vj s ?

It(e)m, Rob(er)t skerow of ..., x s

It(e)m, black will(ia)m bateso(n),
viij s viij d

It(e)m, will(ia)m Tathu(m) of ...es,
xiiij s vj? d & one
bridell, xij d

[Item,] georg Thornto(n) of weni(n)gt(on)?, ... bushell of
big [value struck through?],

[at centre of foot of page: "Debt(es) due unto me,
xxiiij £ ij s"] "

N.B. I have used the modern "£" sign to represent its
ancestor, the abbreviation "li" standing for Latin
"l(ibr)i", meaning *pounds*.

2) Transcript of the Inventory of John Foxe, 1621

"[Heading: "A true and Iust Inventorie of all the good(es) and Catells, moveable and unmoveable, of me, John foxe of Roborouda..., deceased, praised by these foure sworne men, namely [Latin: "vid(elicet)"], Rob(er)t Bateso(n), Rob(er)t nicholson, John Bateso(n), & Edward P(ar)kinso(n), the xv th day of februarie, 1620"],

Firstly [Latin: "Imp(ri)mis"], in oxen & steares,

xxiiij £

It(e)m, in kyne,

xxv £

It(e)m, in heffers,

vj £

It(e)m, one yonge maier,

liij s iiij d

It(e)m, his whole Croppe, w(i)th meale,

iiij £ viij s

It(e)m, in ark(es) & Chist(es),

xl s

It(e)m, ij p(ar) [sic] of bedstead(es),
vj s viij d

It(e)m, in ["w..." struck through] woolle,
xxiiij s

It(e)m, in bedding,
iiij £ vj s viij d

It(e)m, in powder [sic] and Brasse, xx s

It(e)m, in Woode Vessell,
xix s

It(e)m, in sawen bord(es) & Cowp(er) timber,
xxiiij s iiij d

It(e)m, in beeffe,
vj s viij d

It(e)m, in husbandrie gere,
v s

It(e)m, in Chaines & od Implement(es), iiij s iiij d

It(e)m, in Sheepe,
xviij s x s

It(e)m, his apparell,
xxxvj s viij d

[Total] sum aforesaid [Latin: "Som(m)a p(re)dict(a)"],
lxxxxij £ iiij s viij d

Debt(es) due unto me, as in p(ar)ticulars may apeare in the
will, xxiiij £ [sic]

Debt(es) w(hi)ch I do owe, as in the will may lykewyse apeare,
xj £ xij d [sic]

So Remaning, all debt(es) discharged, Cv £ ij s viij d "

N.B. The clerk has probably used Old Style dating: his

"February 1620" is what we would call 1621.