

Will of John Fox (d. 1739).

In the name of God, Amen the Twenty Eight day of May in the year of our Lord 1739 I John Fox of Skale in Roborondale in the parish of Melling and County of Lancastre. husbandman, being weak in bodie but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given to Almighty God for the same & calling to mind the mortality of my bodie, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament: That is to say, principally and first of all I recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it; and for my bodie I recommend it to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner, at the direction of my Executor hereinafter named and as touching such worldly Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and devise & dispose of the same in the following manner.

First of all I give to Ann Fox my wife the sume of Tenn Shillings of good and lawfull money of great Brittain to be paid by my said Executor hereafter named out of my personal Estate, together with her widows right out of my Estate.

Secondly I give to my well beloved son Gilbert Fox all my land messuages and tenements & singular my goods & chattels and all my personal Estate whatsoever by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed he paying the Legacies hereafter mentioned That is to say,

Thirdly I give to Ellin Skerrow the wife of Thomas Skerrow my eldest daughter the sume of Two Shillings & sixpence.

Fourthly I give to Mary Howson the wife of James Howson my second daughter the sume of Two shillings & sixpence.

Fifthly I give to Agnes Darran the wife of Edmond Darran my daughter Two Shillings and sixpence.

Sixtly I give to Joan Fox my Daughter the sume of Two Shillings and sixpence.

And lastly I make & ordain my aforesaid son Gilbert Fox whole Executor of this my Will & Testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day & year above written.

Signed Sealed
published pronounced
& declared by the said
to be his last will and
Testament in the presence
of us.

John Fox

Richard Thornton Sworn
Ellin Thornton
William Thornton.

A true and perfect Inventory of all the Goods and Chattels and personal Estate which John Fox of Skale in Roborindale in the parish of Melling died seized and possessed of made January the 24th 1739.

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First Purse and apparell	2	0	0	
Two cows two young Heifers one Calf	9	10	0	
Four Loads of Oats	1	12	0	
Hay in two Houses	2	0	0	
Husbandry Gear	0	10	0	
Household Goods above Stairs	0	10	0	
Household Goods in two Bed Chambers	0	7	0	
Goods in the Buttery	0	10	0	
Goods in the Bedystead	1	1	0	
Meal & Malt Butter				
Beef and Bacon	0	5	0	
Racking Crook Back Stone two Frying				
Panns firegrate and Tongs and all other things mot mentioned	0	10	0	
a pair of Looms in the Lower Chamber	0	15	0	
apprized by us				
Richard Thornton	Total Inven.	19	10	0
Thomas Thornton	Funeral Expences	3	3	7
Thomas Skerrow				
his T mark				
Leonerd Thompson				
Ed. Leeming				

27th February 1739

Then personally appeared the within named Gilbert Fox and was sworn truly and faithfully to perform this Will and so forth.

before us

Will Stratford.

Reference: Will and Inventory (1740 New Style) of John Fox, of Skale in Roborondale, in the parish of Melling, husbandman: Archdeaconry of Richmond, Diocese of Chester (W.R.W. L. 1739 Will and Inventory of John Fox), Lancashire County Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston, Lancashire.