

Modernised transcript of the Will of John Foxe, 1620

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In the name of God, amen. The 20th of December 1620. I, John Foxe, of Roeburndale in the county of Lancashire, farmer, being sick in body, but of perfect memory thanks to Almighty God, make this, my last will and testament, as follows:

Firstly, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my maker and redeemer, trusting by the death and suffering of Jesus Christ to have all my sins forgiven. I desire my body to be buried in my parish church at Melling and that the customary fees should be paid to the same church.

I give my title and tenancy rights of Burnscale¹ to my elder son, Gilbert Foxe.

I also give to Gilbert one pair of my best oxen, two cows, twenty sheep, all my plows and their accessories, and other farming equipment and implements about the house. Also one large chest.

I also give him sufficient corn to seed his crop, as much as previously.

I give one chest to my son Thomas, and one chest each to my two daughters.

I also give one cow to each of my two daughters.

And to each of their children six pigs², which are on the far side of the lane.

It is also my will that Gilbert, my eldest son, should give 20 shillings to each of my two daughters within one year after his marriage or death³.

I give three bushels⁴ of (oat)meal⁵ and one bushel of barley to my daughter Elizabeth.

And one sack of wool to be given to my two daughters.

I give all the sawn boards and cask-making⁶ timber to Gilbert and my two daughters.

I give one lamb to each of my three younger children.

Also one heifer to Margaret Foxe⁷.

The remainder of my possessions and money owing to me, after payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I give to my younger son, Thomas, whom I also appoint as my executor to carry out my wishes as stated above.

Witnessed by:

Gilbert Thorton	Edward Parkinson
Robert Nicolson	Lawrence Foxe

Debts which I owe: (i.e. Creditors)

To Lawrence Foxe and one stone (weight) of wool	£2.0s.0d
To Thomas Mershall	£5.0s.0d
To Christopher Rennington	£2.4s.0d
To John Parkinson	4s.0d
To John Skot	6s.0d
To Thomas Carter	7s.0d
To Gilbert Thornton	<u>£1.0s.0d</u>
Total	£11.1s.0d

Debts owing to me: (i.e. Debtors)

The executors of Thomas Parkinson of (?) for 24 sheep, reckoned at 3s.4d each	£4.0s.0d
William Parkinson, son of Thomas Parkinson the remainder of one bond, £1.0s.1d - being reserved to Gilbert Thornton and Steaven Hurist. More by him, or the executors, for one year's rent of 24 sheep	2s.0d
William Skerow	£1.0s.0d
William Parkinson of the Sykes	£10.0s.0d
The wife of George Parker, 11s. less 3s. for one summer's grazing	
John Skerow	11s.0d
Gyles Skerow	18s.4d
Gyles Skerow of Wray	£1.10s.0d
Christopher Bateson at the Birkes	13s.9d
Thomas Mershe less one half measure(?) of (oat)meal	£1.0s.0d -
William Park	£1.6s.9d

Nicholas Walker and the executors of William Walker	15s.0d
William Tathum of Ingleton	£1.11s.4d
John Widder of Farleton less 8s. and one peck ⁸ of barley	£3.6s.8d -
John Wuider of (?)	6s.0d
Black William Bateson ⁹	8s.8d
William Tathum of (?) and one bridle, 1s.	13s.6d -
Georg Thornton of Wennington, bushel of barley	
Total	£24.2s.0d ¹⁰

Modernised transcript of the Inventory of John Foxe, 1621¹¹

An accurate list of all the possessions, both movable and immovable, of the late John Foxe of Roeburndale, as appraised by the following four men under oath: Robert Bateson, Robert Nicholson, John Bateson and Edward Parkinson, the 15th day of February, 1620:

Oxen and steers	£24.0s.0d
Cows	£25.0s.0d
Heifers (young cows)	6s.0d
One young mare	4s.4d
His whole crop, including meal	£4.8s.0d
Chests ¹²	11s.0d
Two pairs of bedsteads	6s.8d
Wool	£1.4s.0d
Bedding	£3.6s.8d
Pewter ¹³ and brass	£1.0s.0d
Wooden vessel	19s.0d ¹⁴
Sawn boards and cask-making timber	£1.3s.4d

Beef	6s.8d
Farming equipment	5s.0d
Chains and miscellaneous implements	4s.4d
Sheep	£17.10s.0d
Personal clothing	<u>£1.16s.8d</u>
Total	£92.3s.8d

Summary:

Debtors	£24.0s.0d
Less Creditors	<u>£11.1s.0d</u>
(Balance - favourable	£12.19s.0d)
(Add value of inventoried assets	<u>£92.3s.8d</u>)
Nett worth after payment of all debts ¹⁵	£105.2s.8d ¹⁶