

PROBATE RECORDS OF THE EARLY SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

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This will and inventory is an example from an earlier period than those previously published by the group, e.g. in 'Scenes from Sutton's Past', which have been post-restoration. A particularly detailed document has been chosen, but unfortunately no progress has been made in finding any supplementary information about Stonyer. It is surmised that he leased either Wyndley Mill or the mill at Park House (which was derelict by 1678); his sons do not appear to have carried on the business for very long after his death.

WILL OF RICHARD STONYER.

In the name of God amen, The seventh day of the month of March and in the yeere of our Lordgod according to the computation of the Realme of England One thousand six hundred thirty and eight And in the fourteenth yeere of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King defender of the faith. I Richard Stonyer of the p'sh of Sutton Coldfeild in the County of Warwicke Grynder, being sicke of body but of good & p'fect memory (Lauded be god) doe make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament manner & forme following (that is to say) first and principally I recommend and yeild up my soule to allmighty god my Creatoir, Trusting onely to bee saved by the merits and blood shedding of my Lord and Savyour Jesus Christ and I committ my body to the earth to bee buried in the Churchyard of the p'sh Church of Sutton Coldfeild according to the discretion of my Overseers.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my two sonnes Richard Stonier & Henry Stonyer untill the feast day of Saynt Michael the Archangell next ensueing (they paying the halfe yeeres Rent for the milne) due at the feast of the Annunciation of our blessed Lady Saynt Mary the Virgin next ensueing all my Interest & title in the milne and all the stones that have not bin wrought upon and the stones on the spindels w'th all and singaler the proffits and Comodityes yssuing out of the same during the time aforesaid to the sole and prop. use of them the said Richard & Henry to bee equally divided betwixt them both upon equall Accompts at the end of the tearme aforesaid.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my youngest sonne Edward Stonyer ffower pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto him at or before the expiration of the tearme of three yeeres next ensuing the date above written provided that the said Edward shall rest himselfe contented with this s'd portion for the full discharge of my Executrix.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Stonyer ffive pounds of lawfull money of England.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Richard Stonyer after the feast of Saynt Mychaell the Archangell next ensueing, all my sole and prop. Interest & estate in the milne aforesaid, he the said Richard paying unto my sonne Henry twenty shillings of lawfull money of England soe that he doe quietly dep'te out of the said milne and doe leave the said milne seized on the said Richard Stonyer.

ITEM all the rest of my goods, Cat tells & Chattells, whatsoever quicke or dead, or in whose hands soever they bee found I give and bequeath unto my welbeloved wife Wenden Stonyer and doe make her sole executrix of this my last Will & Testament,

ITEM I doe make and urdayne John Waldorne of castle Bromwich and William Onely of Sutton Coldfeild aforesaid in the County of Warw overseers of this my last will and testament to see it p'formed as is aforesaid. In witness whereof I have put to my hand seale & published this to bee my last Will and testament the day & yeere first above written.

Sealed signed & published by the Testator to bee his last will and testament in the p'sence off John Waldron

William Onlye

Thomas Deeplowe

Richard Stonyer

his marke.

Probate granted to Wenden Stonyer
widow.

A TRUE INVENTORY taken the 30th day of arch 1639 of all and singler the goods, Chattels & Cat tells and debts of Richard Stonyer late of Sutton Coldfeild Deceased. by us whose names are hereunder written.

John Waldron William Onlye William Hyggons Thomas Deeplowe signed.

In the Bedchamber.

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| Impr's his purse and money in it _____ | 0 . 2s . 9d |
| It all his wearing apparel _____ | £ 1 . 13s . 4d |
| It two fflock beds three bosters foure pillows) | |
| 2 single Twylleys, six blankets, one double) | |
| twylley, two Coverlets, two payer of course) | £ 4 . 0 . 0 |
| Sheetes, two old bedsteads _____) | |
| It one payer of flaxen sheets, two payer of) | |
| hempen sheetes, one odde course sheet, one) | |
| dozen of napkins one flaxen tablecloth,) | £ 2 . 1s . 9d |
| two pillow beers _____) | |
| It one old coffer, & one little box _____ | 0 . 4s . 0 |
| It 29 pound of towe & hurds, ten slippings of) | |
| course yarne, three Barrells, certayne) | |
| Chesfords, and a suter, one old basket two) | |
| pounds of woollen yarne, two whiskets, three) | |
| shelves, three cheeses, two payer of old) | £ 1 . 6s . 10d |
| ffetters two horse locks and other lumber. _____) | |

In the chamber over the house.

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| Impr's one Chest _____ | 0 . 3s . 4d |
| paynted) | |
| It a payre of Bedsteads, two Clothes) _____ | 0 . 3s . 0 |
| It one pound of hops, ffrenchwheat, and Barly. | 0 . 15s . 0 |
| It a little wheat, and three sakes _____ | 0 . 2s . 6d |
| It three wooden rakes, one yron rake, one payer) | |
| of yerringles, a payer of weyghts . _____) | 0 . 1s . 4d |
| It peice of woollen cloth _____ | £ 1 . 18s . 4d |

It for two sythes, and Rounds , other Lumber _____ 0 . 3s . 6d

In the Buttery

Impr's three Loomes, five Tubs, three payles, one)
one piggin, one kymnell, ~~one Chesford~~ ~~one Churne~~ one)
kneading Tubbe one chopping board and knife. _____) 0 . 9s . 6d

It three Baskets, five old bottells, six syves,)
two scuttells, two suytters, one Chesford one Chuone) 0 . 6s . 10d
two frying pans _____)

It certen earthen pots, two old frying pans, certen)
shelves, one bench certen Boles, dishes ladles,)
Trenchers , butter, glasses, one gaune one hoope)
one saddle one old Riddle and one old Lanthorne and) 6s . 7d
other Lumber _____)

In the House

Imp's nyne peuter platters, six porringer dishes, two)
Candlesticks, six little Sawcers three salts,) 18s . 6d
spoones one Soymmer one chafing dish one basting)
Ladle _____)

It one brasse pot, 4 kettles one postnet _____ £1 . 6s . 8d

It one pecke of moult, one pecke of pease foure)
strike of Oates _____) 0 . 6s . 3d

It one wheele _____ 0 . 0 . 10d

It one joined Cubbard _____ 0 . 13s . 4d

It one table board one bench one furme one chayre)
five stooles, one salt box & cusheons _____) 0 . 8s . 6d

It one little board one payer of bellowes one payer)
of shelves, one bole, one pestell and mortar _____) 0 . 2s . 0

It three spades, three hookes one ax two hatchets)
two Byles, two old muck-hookes one yron peale,)
three pickforks one trowel _____)

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| one yron shooring horne 2 Augers one payre of pinsons,) | |
| one Gouge, 2 Chisseles, one hammer and one syth snead) | 0 . 6s . 8d |
| one leaden Bullet _____) | |
| It one spytte, one payer of Cobbards one payer of Tungs) | |
| one ffyre shovel, pothookes and pothangeles one Land) | 0 . 3s . 0 |
| yron, one cleever, one plate of yron _____) | |
| It the Bacon _____ | £2 . 0 . 0 |
| It Coles and other Lumber _____ | 0 . 3s . 4d |
| It fyve little beasts and two calves _____ | £15 . 10s . 0 |
| It one nag _____ | £ 3 . 10s . 0 |
| It eleaven sheepe _____ | £ 3 . 0 . 0 |
| It Ry on the ground _____ | £ 1 . 10s . 0 |
| It a bushell of pease new sowed _____ | 0 . 18s . 0 |
| It two store swine _____ | 0 . 18s . 0 |
| It a p'cell of mucke _____ | 0 . 5s . 0 |
| It two pig trowghs, kids, & a lathder _____ | 0 . 1s . 0 |
| It one cratch & other lumber _____ | 0 . 0 . 6d |

In the Milne

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| Impr's five grindlestons & 3 (? Forks) _____ | £3 . 0 . 0 |
| It one Lymetroughe one handsaw three hammers two) | |
| rasing yrons one picke, one drawing knife one) | 0 . 4s . 0 |
| packsaddle _____) | |
| It owing for grinding _____ | £5 . 10s . 0 |
| It owing by John Hargreave sen'r of Minworth Smith | 0 . 12s . 7d |
| It owing by John Warner _____ | 0 . 5s . 6d |
| It owing by Arthur Wylson of Durayton _____ | 0 . 3s . 10 |

In the Barne

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| It Corne and hay _____ | £ 1 . |
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Sume £ 54 . .2s . 9d

GLOSSARY FOR RICHARD STONYER INVENTORY

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| BYLE or BILL | a blade on a long handle |
| CHESFORD | a cheese vat |
| COBBARD | an iron for supporting a spit |
| CRATCH | a rack |
| DRAWING KNIFE | a woodcutting tool |
| FRENCHWHEAT | buckwheat used for animal fodder |
| GAUNE | a gallon measure |
| HOOPE | a 4 peck measure |
| HORSE LOCKS | hobbles |
| HURDS | coarse flax or hemp |
| JOYNED CUBBARD | cupboard made by a joiner |
| KIDS | bundles of sticks for firewood |
| KYNMELL or KIMNELL | a wooden tub |
| LANDIRON | large iron for supporting burning wood |
| LOOME | an open tub |
| PAINTED CLOTHS | a cheap substitute for tapestry usually a wall hanging |
| PIGIN | a small wooden vessel with a handle |
| PILLOW BEERE | a pillow slip |
| PINSONS | pincers |
| POSNETT | a metal pot with a handle and 3 legs |
| POT HOOKS & HANGLES | for suspending pots over fires |
| ROUNDS | wheels or rollers |
| SHOOING HORN | tool used in shoeing horses |
| SLIPPINGS | skeins of yarn |
| SNEAD | a shaft or handle |
| STORE SWYNE | pig kept for breeding |
| STRIKE | a bushel measure |
| SUTER or SUYTER | a board put between cheeses when pressing |
| TOWE | uncleansed wool or flax |
| T WILLET | a bedcover made of twill |
| WHISKET | a straw basket |
| YERRINGLES | revolving tools for winding yarn |