

**Last Will and Testament of John Twyman, blacksmith of Minster-on-Thanet
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In the name of God Amen. November fiff one thousand six hundred and three. I John Twyman of the parish of Minster in the Isle of Thanet in the County of Kent Blacksmith, being sick in body but of perfect a memory, God be praised, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I do command my soul unto the hands of my Lord and savior Jesus Christ by whose only [son] looks to be saved and my body I bequith to the earth from whence it come. And for my [where] estate [I commed] Gods help.

First I give and bequeth unto my first daughter Mary Twyman now the wife of Alexander Norwood the sum of fourty shillings of lawful money of England to be paid unto her if she be then living. If not then to his children lawfully begotten of her one body within one year most after my decease.

Now I give and bequeth unto Jane Twyman my second daughter the sum of four pounds of goods and lawful money of England to be paid unto her by my executrix hereafter mentioned with one year after my decease.

Now I give and bequeth un to my son Nicholas Twyman the sum of four pounds of goods and lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my executrix hereafter mentioned within one year after my decease.

Now I give and bequeth unto my son Edward Twyman the sum of two pounds of goods and lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my executix at the age of five and twenty years. [From] my will and monies in that my executix shall [support] my son Edward Twyman in goods until he shall reach the age of ten and pay for his schooling.

Now I give and bequeth unto Mary my loving and beloved wife and John Twyman my eldest son all my goods that are moveable household stuff, being and ? of their [approval] to have and to hod the same to them and their house forever to the only purpose and behold of them and the said Mary Twyman and John Twyman forever. All the rest of my goods [to be sold] and that [after all debts be] paid and my funeral [the rest] I give unto the said Mary Twyman and John Twyman [whom I also] make solo executrix of this my last will and testament.

I have hereunto set my hands and sealed this day and year first above written John Twyman his mark and [witnessed in the presence of] John Goldsmith [and] William Taylor his mark.

[Will proved May 10th 1654]

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