1617B34 John Keene of Merrow TS draft MK01-CF CHECKED 2022; CF checked ANCESTRY 17-01-2024

In the name of god Amen. I John Keene of Merrow in the County of Surry Carpenter being

weake in body but of good & p[er]fect memory do ordayne this as my last will & Testament

Imprimis I com[m]end my soule to Almighty God that gave it & my body to be buryed in the

Churchyard of Merrow aforesaid. It[e]m I will & bequeath vnto M[ary] my wife her lifes

tyme in the lease of myne house & after to John myne eldest sonne I give my lease

to him and to his heires during the whole terme of his said lease and I give to John mine

eldest sonne the new end in my house to his use when he shall come to the age of four

& twenty yeares It[e]m I bequeath vnto him more one weaned calfe It[e]m I give to Thomas my

sonne one Cow & to my sonne Willyam I give ^one^ Cow ^& a^ brasse pot & to my daughter An

I give the old bedsteadle & a table standing in the loft & one heifer bullocke & to my

daughter Jane ^I^ give one bedsteadle & an heifer bullocke w[i]th weaned Calfe two kine & two

heifer bullockes it shalbe lawfull for my wife to sell if shee keepe her selfe a widow

& stand in neede therof to the bringing up of her Children The rest of my goodes I

give vnto Mary my wife towardes the bringing up of my Children whom I make my

whole Executrix And my will is that my sonne John shall when he enioyeth the lease

after the decease of my wife pay vnto Thomas my sonne fifty shillinges & to my

sonne Willyam fifty shillinges To my daughter An forty shillinges & to my daughter

Jane forty shillinges And I appoynt Lawrence Marter & Henry Browne as

overseers to this my last will & Testament to whom I give for their paynes iijs iiijd

a peace. And this we witness to be his last will whose names are vnderwritten

Lawrence Marter

Henry Browne [mark] his marke

Robert Bury

John Smyth

*Probate [Latin] granted 6 June 1617 to Maria Keene widow of the deceased*

**Inventory** 1617B 34/2

An Inventory taken the sixteenth day of May of all the goodes of John Keene of Merrow Carpenter deceased.

Imprimis one table, one Cubbard one forme in the hall xiijs iiijd

It[e]m the brasse pewter pothangers & iron xxxs

It[e]m his wearing apparel & mony in his purse xxxs

It[e]m in the Chamber over the hall thre flocke beds two blankets }iij li

Two couerlets two bolsters two feather pillows }

It[e]m one ioyned bed w[i]th two old bedstedles xxs

It[e]m one table vs

It[e]m one box & three Chestes vjs viijd

It[e]m six payre of sheetes & tablecloths xxxs

It[e]m the wodden vessel xiijs iiijd

It[e]m his working Tools xiiijd iiijd

It[e]m foure Keene viij li

It[e]m two bullockes & one weanier Calfe xls

It[e]m one old mare & a colt xxvjs viijd

It[e]m one Acre of wheat one of barley one of Rye one of pease iiij li

It[e]m seaven shootes xxxvs

It[e]m the poultry about the house iijs

It[e]m owing vnto him by John Styles of Send iij li ijs viijd

It[e]m oweing vnto him by John Gyles vjs vjd

Summa totalis xxxj li xvs viijd

[Signed] Robert Bury, John Smyth, Thomas Harward

John Symonds [mark] his marke

**NB John Keene’s burial is recorded in the parish register of St Johns Merrow 21 May 1617**