

**AN INVENTORY OF ALL THE GOODS & CHATTELS OF JOHN COAPE of
WESTERLEIGH who died on 1st August, 1664/5.**

I have been unsuccessful in finding a Will for this man who died 38 years before the John Cope, Yeoman of Westerleigh who farmed on Leigh Farm. It does seem quite possible that the subject of this Inventory is the Father (or even grandfather at a pinch) of Yeoman John, but we still lack any proof or information that gives any clues to that possibility.

The original of this Inventory is in the Gloucestershire Archives.

A true and perfect inventorie of all the goods and chattels of John Coape of the Parish of Westerleigh within the Diocese of Gloucester who deceased the first day of August Anno Dom 1664 taken and prized the sixth day of August by George Edmunds John Edmonds and others as followeth -

		£.	s.	d.
Imprimis	His wearing apparrell prized	1	10.	0.
It.	Five horsebeasts & theyre tackle prized	13	0.	0.
It.	3 Cows three heysows two yearlings prized	17	0.	0.
It.	Two piggs two calves prized.....	3	0.	0.
It	In the kitchin 2 iron crocks 2 drying pans one cheyne and other Trumpery prized		5.	0.
It.	In the hall 2 table boards and one chest one Cupboard two kettles one posnet 3 pieces of pewter, one pewter candlestick 2 stoles (?) one form & other small Implements prized	2	0.	0.
It.	In the hall chamber one flock bed and boutestow one rug one blan(ket) a paire of sheets one chest 4 boxes one cheyre one pair of Iron doggs three hundred of cheese prized	4	0.	0.
It.	In the kitching chamber one bed and bedstead prized	1	0.	0.
It.	In the butterie chamber one bed and bedstead prized		5.	0.
It.	His hay prized	8	0.	0.
	Sum all ????	£ 50	0.	0.

According to calculations on the Website “Measuring Worth”, £50 in 1664 would be valued (using the RPI) at about £ 6,230 in 2008. Using the average earnings index however, the figure would be £79,300!

- NOTES.**
1. It. Is a Latin abbreviation for Item meaning “also” or “likewise”.
 2. The word prized means priced or appraised.
 3. A posnet is a small metal pot for boiling, with 3 feet and a handle
 4. A cheyre is of course a chair.
 5. Boutestow - no clue what this is. Somewhere to stow one’s boots perhaps?
 6. Iron doggs or Dog-irons are a pair of utensils placed at each side of a fireplace to support burning wood etc.
 7. Three hundred is probably short for 3 hundredweight = 3 x 112 lbs (150 Kg)
 8. There are several other words that puzzle me: e.g. Horsebeasts and heysows and I wonder if these are specialised Gloucestershire farming terms