

The Administration of the Estate of William Capps the Elder of Stoney Middleton (died early 1704 (n.b. then called 1703/4--the New Year started in England on 25 March "Lady Day" until 1752 or 1753 (can never remember which)--when the new year began to be counted from 1st January), and an Inventory of the goods of William Capps

Transcribed for Mr. Neil Maltby by his distant American cousin, Dr. Glenn R. Trezza of Boston, MA, USA, 7 December 2014

Outer cover: Chesterfield 19 Aprilis 1704 Adio Wm Capps de Stony Middleton  
[??Inv ye 19th??] (n.b., the inventory of Wm's goods was actually taken 29 Jan'ry 1703/4).  
In the parish of Chesterfield 24th day of the month of April in the Year of the Lord 1704  
Before John Husband, Surrogate, the same day and place, came Wmis. Capps

(the rest is in scrawled Latin and I'm afraid I could only make out "Wm Capps sen(ior) of the parish of Hathersage", and "Sheffield", and then a line or two later:

Sworn by the same Wm Capps before John Husband, surrogate, Nath. Hinch NP (n.b., notary public).

The Codicil of this Obligason is such that if the Abovebounden Wm Capps sonne and Administrator off all and singular the goods, chattells, and credits of Wmm Capps late of the parish of Hathersuch foresaid does make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattells and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of him, the said Wm Capps, or into the hands and possession of any person or persons for and the same same soe made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited.....into the Registry of the Bishop's Consistory at Lichfield at or before the last day of July next ensuing. And the same goods, chattells, and credits and all other the goods, chattells, and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time shall come to the hands or possession of the said Wm Capps or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for. ...do well and truly administer according to law. And further I do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said Admon at or before ye first day of August and (if it???) appears that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named doe exhibit the same into the said court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Wm Capps abovebounden being thereunto required doe render and devise the said (word unreadable) of Admon approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said court, Then this obligation to be void and of none-effect or offer to remaine in full force and vertue.

Signed William Capps, Danielis Howson, William Jackson  
Sealed and Delivered in the presence of R. Rider, Surrogate

Inventory:

A True & Perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods & chattels of William Capps the Elder of Stony Middleton in the county of Derby, yeoman, lately dead, Taken the 29th day of January, In the second year of the Reign of our Sovraigne Lady Queen Anne; over England xt; And ye yr 1703/4 By us whose names are subscribed And Prized as followeth, viz:

	pounds	shillings	d
Imprimis			
His Purse & his Apparell	3	0	0
Item, one Long Tale, one form, one Livery Cupboard, one settle, one little table, five chayrs, one buffet, 2 stools, one hand Iron, A Payr of Hanging Racks, An hanging spit, a turn spit, A toasting Iron & Rafter hooks, in the house	2	1	0
It: one old table, 2 Forms & a buffet, one chayr- table, 1 cupboard, 1 Press, 1 little chest, 1 Chayr, 2 stools in the Parlour, together with ye wall b.....(can't make out this word)	1	7	2
It: Four shelves, 2 forms, & 1 basket in the Buttery	0	3	0
It: one seild bed with bedding & furniture, & an old chest in the chamber over the house	1	10	0
It: one seild bed with bedding & furniture & an Arke in the Middle Chamber	1	12	6
It: one seild bed, 1 coverlet, 1 blanket, one chaff bed, 2 seild chests, 2 plain chests, & a chair in the Parlour Chamber	2	15	0
It: Two forms & a basket, in the kitchen	0	3	0
It: 1 chest, 1 cupboard, 1 little chest, 1 (...) -table, 1 form, 1 chun, 1 loom, 2 wood bottles, 2 tunnels & 1 bowles, in the old house	1	1	5
It: Two Arks & a payr of bed hooks in the old- house chamber	1	1	6
It: One payr of sheets, 2 table cloths, & 2 table- napkins	0	5	0
It: Pewter, brass, & iron-ware	2	3	0
It: Two Arks, one old cart, 1 ladder, one oxe- tram, 3 Pitchforks, & 3 Raikes	2	0	0
It: All other husslemts of House	0	10	4
(n.b. the full word is one in vogue at the time: "hustlements", referring to various household goods and tools)			
Sum Total	19	13	0

Prized by us:

James ffynney

Rob: Wrighte

Will. Tomlinson

John Stanley

Apud (n.b. "in the parish of") Cheadle (n.b. perhaps actually an abbreviation meaning "Chesterfield", i.e. not Cheadle in Staffordshire), 24 day of the month of April A D 1704  
Johannes (i.e., John) Husband, Surrogate

Jurent Wmis Capps; John Husband Surrogate  
Johes Tesla(?--n.b. maybe actually "Taylor")  
Nath Hinch, N.P.