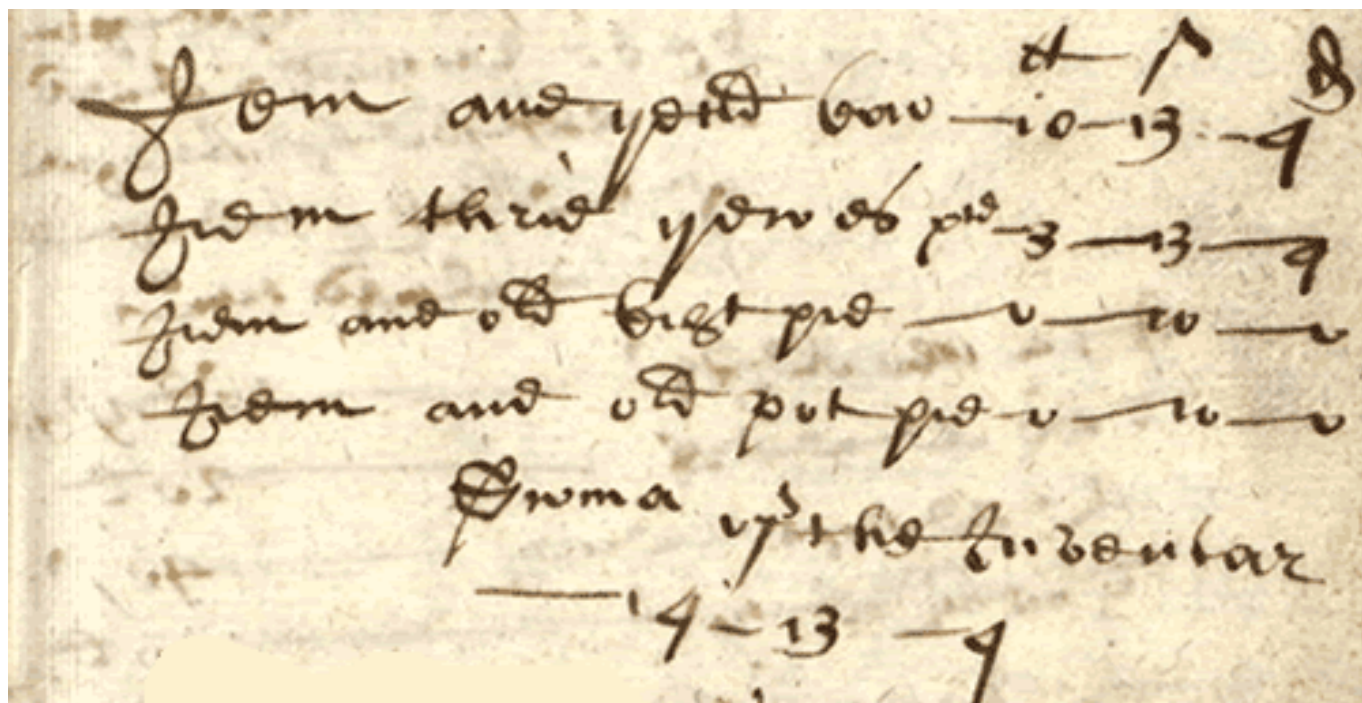


Weekly Poser (297) – Passage of the Inventory of Kathren Murchie, 1663

This week's poser features a short inventory recorded by the Commissary Court of Caithness in 1663 (National Records of Scotland, CC4/3/1, page 143).

In this case the inventory was for the deceased Kathren Murchie in Watten, and shows that testaments were often recorded for people with little in the way of worldly goods.

One thing which might confuse you is that after each of the second, third and fourth items in the inventory the clerk wrote the word p[ri]ce before the sum of money.



This week's question: apart from her cow and ewes, what were the only other items of value in Kathren Murchie's house?

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Answer: The only items of value recorded in the testament (apart from livestock) were an old kist and an old pot.

Transcription:

<i>Item ane yeild kow</i>	<i>– 10 – 13 – 4</i>
<i>Item thrie yewes p[ri]ce</i>	<i>– 3 – 13 – 9</i>
<i>Item ane old kist p[ri]ce</i>	<i>– 0 – 10 – 0</i>
<i>Item ane old pot p[ri]ce</i>	<i>– 0 – 10 – 0</i>
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	<i>14 – 13 – 4</i>