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There are two small drawings of a fish on this inventory. The fish has been a symbol of Christianity since the very earliest times and when Christians were suffering persecution it was often used as a means of identification. This inventory was made in 1587, just a year before the Spanish Armada threatened England. At the start of her reign in 1558, Elizabeth 1 said that she and her chief minister, William Cecil, had no wish "to open a window into men's souls". They required outward obedience to the Protestant faith but there would be no persecution of people who attended the Roman Catholic church quietly and said nothing in public. However, around 1580 things changed as Jesuit priests from the continent tried to convert English people back to Catholicism and, as war loomed with Spain, the Pope declared that English Catholics need not be loyal to the Queen. Laws on attendance at parish churches were strengthened and enforced. Those who refused to attend were known as Recusants. Influential Catholics were imprisoned, losing their lands and sometimes their lives and many Catholic priests were hung, drawn and quartered. At this time of persecution of the Catholics, the two fish symbols on this inventory suggest that Henry Maynger may have been a secret Catholic and also the men taking the inventory./

The Inventarie of the goods and/
cattelles of Henrie [deletion] Maynger late of the/

p[ar]ishe of Accrisse prised by [Thomas deleted] Clemente Wyse/
Richarde Gibbs & Henry Torroll the second day/
of Februarie 1587/

In his Chamber [small drawing of fish]/
In primis his purse & gyrdle &)/

£ s d fr

mony	x/
It[e]m his wearinge raymente	xx/
It[e]m ii old bedsteddles & ii chests	x/
It[e]m [?] a hanginge bed	xvi
It[e]m ii coverlettes ii blankettes	xiii iii/
It[e]m xix payre of Sheets	xls/
It[e]m v tableclothes x tablenapkins vi pillowe)	
coats & a towell)	xii/
It[e]m ii bowlsters & a [featherbed deleted] flockbed	x/
In the hall/	
It[e]m [?] a table a fourme, a chayre, a)	
paynted clothe & stoole)	iii iii/
It[e]m ii cubbards	xx/
It[e]m a calyver furnished	x/
It[e]m a bowe and halfe a sheafe of ar)/	
rowes	iii/
It[e]m a payre of pothangers ii spittes ii)/	
trevettes a fyrerake, a gredyron, a)/	
drippinge pan	iiii/
It[e]m iii cushens, ii shelves	ii/
In the servantes chamber/	
It[e]m ii bedsteddles ii old chests	iii vi/
It[e]m v blankettes ii bowlsters	vii/
It[e]m vii quarters of wooll	xiii iii/
It[e]m certayne yarne & hемpe	x/
It[e]m a payre of stockards a payre of wooll/	
cards & other trashe	ii/
In another chamber [small drawing of a fish]/	
It[e]m a bedsteddle a chest & a paynted clothe	iii vi/
It[e]m an old featherbed, a bowlster & a pillowe	xv/
It[e]m a cov[er]let ii blankettes	viii/
In the buttrye/	
It[e]m iii beare fyrkins, a lanterne & some other/	
trashe	vi viii/
It[e]m vii gallon of Butter)/	
xvii cheeses)	xxii/
It[e]m a gallon of honye & certayne greace	iiii/
It[e]m xxx milkbowles dyshes iii payles a)/	
charne & ii shelves)	x/
It[e]m iii candlesticks a bason & a laver	iii/
It[e]m xii platters vi pewter dyshes, xii sawcers)/	
a bason	xiiii/
In the kitchen/	
It[e]m a yotinge tun a brewinge tun & other)/	
tubbes	xx/
It[e]m vi flichtes of bacon	xv/
It[e]m vi ketles ii brasse potts a stupnet	xx/
It[e]m a kneadinge troughe a mouldinge board)/	
an oast clothe ii ladders & other wooden)	iiii/
trashe/	
It[e]m a mattocke ii shovelles a scavell and)/	

other olde yron	ii/
In the Lofte/	
It[e]m ii seames of Wheate	xxx/
It[e]m viii sacks	v/
It[e]m a bushell, a fan & a payre of rippes	ii/ vi/
In the Barne/	
It[e]m xii seames of wheat	ix/
It[e]m xii seames of barlye	v/
It[e]m xxx seames of oats	v/
It[e]m podware & haye	l/
It[e]m iii geldings [iii deleted] ii mares	x/
It[e]m ii workinge bullocks & two steres)/	
of two yeare old & the vayle	x/
It[e]m v kine	x/
It[e]m v heifers	v/
It[e]m iii twelvemonethinge steares	iii/
It[e]m iii budds [xxx deleted]	xxx/
it[e]m lxxiii sheepe & teggs	xiii/
It[e]m viii hoggs	xxv viii/
It[e]m iii geese, x ducks, xii hennes & a cocke	viii/
It[e]m ix acres of wheat	x/
It[e]m a wayne [deletion] a wagon & allthinges therto)/	
Belonginge)	iiii/
It[e]m a ploughe with the yrons & iiii harrowes	xiii iiii/
It[e]m iii ladders	iii/
It[e]m a querne	ii/
It[e]m certayne boords & tymber	xl/
It[e]m wood & broome	x/
It[e]m a gryndstone, ii axes & ii bylles [deletion]	iii/
It[e]m vii fats of bees	v/
Sum[m]a to[ta]lis	Cxii xv vi/

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