



# Great Fire of London

## Inventory

This is an inventory of the goods belonging to Edward Smith who lived London before the Great Fire. The inventory is dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 1661.

An Inventory of all the goodes chatelles and debtes of Edward Smith late of St Martins le ground in the City of London deceased taken and appraised by Edward Thurffeild of London and William Smith also of [London] upholster this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of December 1661		
<b><i>In the Garret</i></b>		
In primis one bedstead mat[tress] and cords and feather bed boulster and pillow two blankets and one red rug	lj <sup>li</sup> x <sup>d</sup>	£2 10d
<b><i>In the Hall</i></b>		
Item five pictures and one carpet	j <sup>li</sup>	£1
<b><i>In the Closett by the Hall</i></b>		
Item one trunke and birdcage	lj <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>	2s 6d
<b><i>In the Lodging Chamber</i></b>		
Item one bedstead and boulster one greene rug and blanket five pictures and two old trunks one old Testament one little cabinett	lj <sup>li</sup> vij <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>	£2 7s 6d
<b><i>In the kitchen</i></b>		
Item one flock bed one downe pillow and six pictures	j <sup>li</sup> iiij <sup>s</sup>	£1 4s
Item one brasse kettle three brasse candlestickes one other little brasse candlesticke and one brasse skillet	j <sup>li</sup>	£1
Item three spites one gridiron and frying pan one warming pan two iron candlestickes one pair of pothangers one iron pott one iron chaffing dish one smoothing iron one paire of bellowes two rush chaires three tinne peeces of wards and other lumber	xvij <sup>s</sup>	18s
Item one case of knives and one looking glasse	liij <sup>s</sup>	4s



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## Glossary

bedstead	the framework of a bed
boulster	a long stuffed pillow or cushion, pillows were often placed on top of the bolster
brasse	metal made of copper and tin
cabinett	piece of furniture, fitted with compartments, drawers, shelves
chaffing dish	a vessel to hold burning charcoal or other fuel, for heating anything placed upon it; a portable grate
chatelles	property; goods; money
cords	thick string or rope
debtes	money owed
deceased	died
downe	the soft under feathers of birds, usually ducks and geese used for stuffing pillows
flock	waste wool or cotton used for stuffing furniture and mattresses
gridiron	metal frame, usually supported on short legs used for grilling meat or fish over a fire
in primis	in the first place
lumber	wooden planks or boards
Old Testament	bible
paire of bellows	apparatus for producing a strong current of air, used to increase the draft to a fire
pothangers	a bar with a series of holes on which to attach a pot-hook
rush chair	grassy plant with long stems dried and woven to make the seat of a chair
skillet	large metal cooking pot for boiling or stewing food
smoothing iron	a flat-iron
spites	pointed rods or bars for holding meat that is to be cooked over a fire
trunke or trunk	chest or box often made of wood
<b>Money</b>	s = shillings. One shilling is 5p d = penny £ = pound. There are twenty shillings to the pound