

*The Last Will and Testament of
Alice Skull
of Calne
Will proved 20th January 1650-51*



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Testator:	Skull	Alice	Widow of Brinkworth
Executors:	Beale	William	Son in law

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Parish Poor
			Mother Church of Sarum
Beale	Samuel	Kinsman	
Beale	Toby	Kinsman	
Beale	Richard	Kinsman	
Beale	Margaret	Daughter	
Beale	Maria	Kinswoman	Sister of Alice Beale
Beale	Alice	Kinswoman	
Davies	Maria	Goddaughter	
Skull	John	Son	Also known as John Sherer
Witnesses			
Wickes	Arthur		Made his mark
Wickes	Martha		Made his mark
Other Names			
Edwards	William		Yeoman of Brinkworth as Overseer to will
Panting	Robert		Yeoman of Brinkworth as Overseer to will

In the name of God Amen The twenty Eight of December in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred fortie nyne I Alice Skull of Brinkworth in the countie of Wilts widdowe being weake in bodie but thankes be unto Allmightie God in perfect minde and memorie doe ordaine and make by these presents my Testament containeing herein my last Will in manner and forme following ffirst and before all things I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of allmightie God to rest in the bosome of Abraham and my bodie to be buried in the Church yard of Brinkworth aforesaid and there to remaine

untill the resurrection when my soule shall receive the same bodie againe to enter into life everlasting by a true and livelie faith through Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer And for my worldlie goods I will and dispose as followeth ffirst I give towards the maintenance of the Mother Church of Sarum twelve pence Also I give unto John Skull als. Sherer my Sonne the lease I have of the groundes in Brinkworth called Oxlayes To have and the said ground unto him the said John Skull als. Sherer his heires executors from and after my decease for and duringe all the time and terme of yeares thereof then to come but because it is so reported that John Skull als. Sherer my sonne is gone into another land and I know not whether hee maie returne to lay claime to the aforesaid grounde to the aforesaid grounde called Oxlayes therefore my will and full intente is that Alice Beale my kinswoman shall quietlie and peaceablie enjoy the same grounde called Oxlayes untill the said John Skull als. Sherer lay claime thereunto And my will and fill intent is that Alice Beale my kinswoman shall have delivered into her own possession the lease of Oxlayes the twenty five daie of March next my decease And my will is that Alice Beale my kinswoman shall..... her sister Maria Beale the full some of Three pound of good and currant money of England to be paid her the twentie fifth daie of March one whole yeare after the said Alice Beale my kinswoman have received the lease of the aforesaid Oxlaies Also I give unto Alice Beale one cow and one heifer the bedstead and bed I on with oen paire of blanketts and one Holland sheete with a hooke seame in the middle of it Also I give her two coverlets one of them shalbe my best and the other a red one also I give her two boulsters two pillows my kettle and my greate chest and my best piece of and my middle and one platter And my will and meaning is that Alice Beale my kinswoman shall have delivered into her owne possession all these aforesaid goodes within fourteene daies after my decease Also I give unto Alice Beale my kinswoman my best gowne All these to be delivered within fourteene daies after my decease except the lease of Oxlaies which is to be delivered as aforesaid Also I give unto Margaret Beale my daughter my truncke for her own use as long as shee shall live and after her decease to remaine to Maria Beale my kinswoman unto whome I give one Cowe and one heifer my greate pott and one platter Also I give unto Richard Beale my kinsman one Cowe and one platter Also I give unto Toby Beale one Cowe and one platter Also I give unto Samuell Beale my kinsman one Cowe and one platter Also I give unto Maria Davies my goddaughter my best Gowne save one and my best petticoate Also I give towards the releife of the poore people of the parishe of Brinkworth five shillings also the cubboard and the table stand in the Hall to remaine untill the last life Also all the rest of my goods and chattels not before by mee given and bequeathed my legacies and debts being paid and my funerall being expenced and ended my will is that William Beale my sonne in lawe shall have whome I ordiane and make my whole executor And finally I ordaine and make Robert Panting and William Edwards of Brinkworth yeoman my loveinge freindes overseers of this my last will and testament to see that all things according be delivered contented satisfied and paid and for their paines therein I give them twelve pence apiece Alice Skull her marke There being wittnes Arthur Wickes his marke Esther Wheeler her marke

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