

Last Will and Testament of Geoffrey Skull of Grittenham - 1616



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In the name of God Amen, the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixteen. I Geoffery Skull of Grittenham within the parish of Brinkworth in the county of Wilts being weak in body but thanks be unto God in perfect mind and memory do ordain and make by these present my testament containing therein my last will in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God to rest in the bosom of Abraham and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Brinkworth aforesaid there to remain until the resurrection when my soul shall receive the same body again to enter into life everlasting by a true and lively faith through Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer Amen. And as for my worldly goods I willingly dispose as followeth. First I give towards the reparations of the Mother Church of Sarum 6d. Also I give unto John Skull senior my son my cart horse and also I will that all the posts and pale about my now dwelling house shall remain unremoved to the use of the said John my son. Also I give more unto the said John my son my malt querne and I will that the benches boards or tacks about the house that are either pinned or nailed shall remain to the use of the said John unremoved. Also I give unto William Skull my son forty shillings of current English money. Also I give unto Geoffery Skull my son one cow and twenty shillings of like lawful money. Also I give unto Thomas Skull my son my best brass pot. Also I give unto John Skull the younger my son one cow and my best flock bed. Also I give unto Anne Burchall my daughter one flockbed. Also I give unto Agnes Vynes my daughter one cow. Also I give unto Thomas Vynes my kinsman one bullock of a year old. Also I give unto Francis Skull my kinsman my bedstead in the chamber beneath. Also I give more unto John Skull senior my son my Iron Barr. Also I give more unto William Skull my son my great chest saving that I will Margery my wife shall have the use of the said chest during her natural life if she remain unmarried. Also I give more unto Geoffery Skull my son my second best brass pot saving that the said Margery my wife shall have the use of him during her natural life if she remain unmarried. Also I give more unto Thomas Skull my son my press that is used to put clothes in saving that the said Margery shall have the use of the said press during her natural life if she remain unmarried. Also I give more unto John Skull junior my son my bedstead in the chamber above saving I will the said Margery my wife shall have the use of the said bedstead during her natural life if she remain unmarried. Also I give more unto Anne Burchall my daughter my copy bason saving that the said Margery shall have the use of the said bason during her natural if she remain unmarried. Also I give more unto Agnes Vynes my daughter my table board and frame in the hall saving that I will the said Margery my wife shall have the use of the said table board and frame during her natural life if she remain unmarried. All the rest of my goods and chattels both movable and unmovable not before my me given nor bequeathed my legacies and debts being paid and my funeral expenses ended, I will that Margery my wife shall have whom I ordain and make my whole executrix. And finally I ordain and make my wellbeloved in Christ John Wayte junior and William Trebrett of Grittenham aforesaid yeomen overseers of this my last will and testament to see that all things

accordingly justly and truly be delivered contented satisfied and paid and for their pains taking herein I give unto them eighteen pence a peece. Those bearing witness being called Geoffery Skull Frances Sherer his mark. William Lewen the writer

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattels of
Geoffery Skull of Grittenham in the parish of Brinkworth late deceased taken eight day of October in the seventeenth year of reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland and of Scotland the fifty taken by Edmont Wayt William Trebrett and John Burchall praisers.

Imprimis eight kyne two yearlings and one wenling praised at £20

Item one mare at 20s

Item three pigs and one stow 40s

Item two stocks of bees at 10s

Item the hay praised at £13

Item all the wood 30s

Item brass and pewter £3 10s

Item one feather bed and boulster 40s

Item 3 flock beds with their boulsters 40s

Item five coverlets 50s

Item all the linen 30s

Item one bedstead 13s 4d

Item 3 chests 20s

Item one press 13s 4d

Item one bedstead 10s

Item all the tweeing ware 50s

Item malt mill & muster mill 13s 4d

Item one table board & frame 6s 8d

Item one iron bar 4s

Item other iron ware 8s

Item all bonds tacks & forms 50s

Item carthorse & palls 16s 8d

Item poultry 4s

Item his wearing apparrel 40s

The whole sum of this inventory is £61 19s 4d