

*The Last Will and Testament of
George Deakon
of Dilton Marsh
Will proved - 1729*



Probate Court of - Precentor of Cathedral Court of Salisbury

Original reference: P25/1729/13

Testator:	Deakon	George	Broadweaver of Dilton Marsh
Executors:			
Eyres	John	Joint	Of Chapmanslade
Wilkins	John	Joint	Of Marsh

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Deakon	George		Of Short Street
Deakon	Jane	Wife	
Deakon	Richard		Son of George Deakon of Short Street
Deakon	Samuel		Son of Thomas Deakon of Dilton
Green	Isabel		Daughter of William Green
Green	Lydia		Daughter of William Green
Green	Martha		Daughter of William Green
Gunstone	William		Of Ayinger
WITNESSES			
Hickman	Thomas		
Ralphs	Richard		
Wilkins	John		
OTHER NAMES			
Deakon	Thomas		Mentioned as father of Samuel

In the Name of God Amen, I George Deakon of Dilton Marsh, in the Parish of Westbury in the County of Wiltshire, Broadweaver, being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, blessed be to God, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following; thereby revoking all other wills by me, at any other time afore made. In the first place I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it me. Assuredly hoping that through the merits and mediation of my blessed Redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christ, to have everlasting life in the world to come, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named: and as for and concerning the Worldly Estate which God of his great Mercy and Goodness have been pleased to bestow upon me. I give and dispose thereof in Manner following.

Imprimes I give to Isabel Green the daughter of Wm Green the bed, bedding and bedstead and a pewter platter, which I had with my first wife.

Item I give to Martha Green the daughter of Wm Green a new box and skillet, which I also had with my first wife.

Item I give to Lydia Green the daughter of Wm Green an auld box and a little pot, which I had with my first wife.

Item I give to Bro. Wm Gunstone of Ayinger – one shilling

Item I give to George Deakon of Short Street – one shilling

Item I give to my wife Jane the bed and bedding with the chest and two boxes which I had with her, and this to be her own.

Item I give to A Charitable Use as specified in another paper or instrument, bearing the date and subscription, this with the sum of six shillings per annum; to be well and truly paid by my Executrix and others herein after named into whose hands my Estate may severally and successfully come for this purpose as well as others.

Item I give to the trustees of this my Last Will and Testament, which are John Wilkins of Marsh and John Eyres of Cheapmansade. To these I give five shillings each: to see that this my Will is fulfilled.

Item I give to my Wife Jane for her use and benefit during her life or continuance in my name and not otherwise, all the rest of my Estate and Substance in the world, not given before, and her I nominate, ordain and constitute to be my Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. But in case she die or marry again then my Estate and Substance, which I gave her only for her use and sustenance shall depart and devolve upon Richard Deakon the son of George Deakon of Short Street for it's herein by me, given to him, but not to be by him, the said Richard Deakon, enjoyed until he is full 24 years of age. And if my wife should die or marry before he, the said Richard Deakon, is of such full age then the trustees are to take the rents, profits and advantages of my Estate and Substance and keep or use it for his best advantage till he is of the full age aforesaid. But all taxes, dues, costs and expenses are to be by them deducted, and allowed out of rents, profiles and issues of the Estate and the pure and clear profits are to be accounted his, when all taxes, dues, debts, costs, and expenses are deducted and paid out of the Estate.

But in case the said Richard Deakon shall die before he is of the age aforesaid. This is 24 years, then it shall go to and become to Samuel Deakon the son of Thomas Deakon of Dilton, for it is by me herein given to him the said Samuel Deakon, in case of the failure of Richard Deakon. But if at any time the trustees find occasion and think it proper anyway to renew the title by putting of a life or lines into the Estate; they the Estate must pay this before the Legatee do enjoy it, and if according to the discretion of my trustees any of the profits of my Estate be by them laid out to educate or teach Richard Deakon in hope of his better improving of it all when it comes into his hands and he after all do die before he comes to the age aforesaid, then this also the Estate must pay and Samuel Deakon the son of Thomas Deakon allow. And I do hereby appoint and constitute John Wilkins and John Eyres before mentioned as trustees to see to, and take care that this my Last Will and Testament be fulfilled.

I do hereby ordain and order they, in case Richard Deakon do live to enjoy what I have given him, they then shall pay to the said Samuel Deakon five pounds and if Richard die before the 24 years above mentioned, and so it comes to the said Samuel Deakon, then he, the said Samuel Deakon shall pay five pounds to George Deakon of Short Street the father of Richard Deakon.

Signed Sealed and Delivered this twenty fifth of July 1724 George Deakon (his mark) Signed in the presence of us John Wilkins. Thomas Hickman (his mark), Richard Ralphs

Proved by Precentor of Cathedral Church of Salisbury 1729 Admon to John Wilkins and John Eyres