

Bequests for the Poor

By his will proved in 1865, William Maslen Barnes bequeathed £100 for the benefit of the poor of the parish of Dinton. The annual income from this, which was about £2, was to be distributed at the beginning of every year among the 13 oldest and most deserving parishioners. In 1958, the income from the investment was unchanged and the sum distributed amounted to just over 4 s."

(Dinton, A History of the County of Wiltshire: Volume 8: Warminster, Westbury and Whorwellsdown Hundreds (1965)