

*The Last Will and Testament of
William Smith
of West Overton
Will dated 6th March 1617*



Probate Court of: N/A
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Testator:	Smith	William	Yeoman of West Overton
Executors:			
Smyth	Robert	Son	Whole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Parish Church of Overton
Bramham		Grandchildren	Son-in-law's children
Clifford	Thomas	Vicar	of Overton
Cutbert	Elizabeth		Poor person of Overton
Gilliam	Joan		Poor person of Overton
Luckman	John		Poor person of Overton
Mersham	John		Poor person of Overton
Pym	Alexander		Poor person of Overton
Smyth	Robert	Son	Executor
Smyth	Joan	Wife	
Stone		Grandchildren	Children of Elizabeth
Stone	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Tarrant	Joan		Poor person of Overton
Tarrant	Margaret	Sister	Widow
Witnesses			
Batt	John	Friend	of Sarum
Franklyn	Edward		
Other Names			
Batt	John	Friend	of Sarum. Overseer of Will
Parsons	Simon	Friend	of Overton. Overseer of Will

In the Name of God Amen I William Smyth the Elder of Overton in the County of Wiltshire, yeoman being sick of body but of sound and perfect remembrance thanks be given unto Almighty God do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following Item I give and bequeath my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God hoping and assuredly trusting to be saved by the merits death and passion of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and

my body I commit to the earth from which it came to be buried within the parish church of Overton at the discretion of my executor.

Item I give and bequeath to my parish church of Overton aforesaid 10s Item I give and bequeath to Joan Gilliam, Joan Tarrant, John Luckman, Elizabeth Cutbert, Alexander Pym and John Mersham being poor people inhabiting in the said parish of Overton to every of them one bushel of corn apiece. Item I give and bequeath unto Mr Thomas Clifford Vicar of Overton aforesaid 5 shillings Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Tarrant widow, my sister, one bushel of wheat. Item I give and bequeath unto Joan Smyth my loving wife the some of twenty pounds of current English money. Item I give and bequeath to my said wife the moiety and one half of all my pewter and brass to be equally divided between her and my executor. Item I also give and bequeath unto my said wife her dott and all manner of apparel convenient for her estate yearly and from time to time during her natural life moreover my will and meaning is that my said wife shall have the use of the middle chamber of the house wherein I now dwell and the use of all such implements goods and household stuff as are now remaining in the said chamber during the term of her natural life. Item I forgive my daughter Elizabeth Stone all debts whatever that she does or shall owe me at the time of my death. Item I give and bequeath unto the children of my said daughter Stone the sum of seven pounds of current English money to be equally divided amongst them. Item I give unto my son in law Bramham's children to each of them ten shillings a piece.

All the residue of my goods moveable and unmoveable my debts legacies and funeral paid I give and bequeath unto Robert Smyth my son whom I do ordain and make my full and whole executor of this my last will and testament also I do make and ordain my loving friend John Batt of Sarum and Simon Parsons of Overton aforesaid overseers of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal given the sixth day of March in the fourteenth year of the reign of the sovereign lord James by the Grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith and of Scotland the fifth. Anno Domini 1616.

Signed sealed and delivered
In the presence of
John Batt and Edward Franklyn