

*The Last Will and Testament
Of William Stokes
of Seend
Will proved at London 8th May 1612*



Probate Court of London
Original reference: (Court Reference here)
Court Copy reference:
Will Dated 25th January 1611

Testator	Stokes	William	Yeoman of Seend
Executors			
Stookes	Alice	Joint	His wife
Stookes	William	Joint	His son

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Our Lady Her Church at Salisbury
			The church at Seend
			The poor at his burial
		Godchildren	All of his godchildren
	Sybill	Daughter	
Stookes	Alice	Daughter	Aged under 21 in 1611
Stookes	Alice	Wife	
Stookes	Ann	Daughter	Aged under 21 in 1611
Stookes	Joane	Daughter	Aged under 21 in 1611
Stookes	Mary	Daughter	Aged under 21 in 1611
Stookes	William	Son	
Tucker	Marian	Servant	
Witnesses			
Browne	Reginald		Clerk
Thomas	Walter	Son-in-law	
Other Names			
Thomas	Walter	Son-in-law	
Stookes	John, Snr.	Cousin	

In the name of God amen 25 January AD 1611 (9 James I) I William Stokes senior of Seeme in the countye of Wilts yeeman being weake in body but of good and perfect remembraunce (the Lorde his name be ever magnified therefore) doe make and ordaine my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge Imprimis I comende and commytte my soule into the hands of my Creator who gave it hopinge and fullye trustinge of absolute and perfect remission of all and everie my synnes and offences Not for any demerrittes of my owne but for and by the demirrittes {sic} and bitter passion of my Lorde and only Saviour Christe Jesus whoe dyed for me to redeeme me from thrall In this hopes I rest and dispose of my Body to the earth whereof it is and to be buried at the discretion of my executors" It is my full purpose that my two friends my overseers shall have full power after my decease to let and dispose of my land ill the tithing and Liberty of

Bratton Co Wilts and also of my land at Seeme with all leases of grounds and houses which I have at Buckingham co Wilts and Seeme or elsewhere until they have made of the same land or leases 480 to be bestowed upon my 4 daughters Mary Stookes Anne Stookes Alice Stookes and Joanc Stookes at the age of 21 years or day of marriage whichever happen first any daughter marrying without the consent or contrary to the liking of my wife and executrix her mother and of my overseers her part not to be more than £60 and that not to be paid until her 24th year Item I give to my son William Stookes all posts rails and pales now standing about my house orchard or garden and all glass casement windows and their covers doors and locks about the house a square board in the parlour and all forms and benches therein my cupboard in the parlour waynscott and benches in the hall his mother to have the free use of these things not abusing them so long as she live my widow to my said son my best feather bed bolster and best bolster for the flock bed and the flock bed 2 pairs of blankets (it for those beds 1 pair of sheets one Pillowe and his Pilstere or pillowbeare a bedstead in the new chamber and one in the chamber over the parlour a red coverlet 2 best pots and crocks 2 best pans 2 best broaches or spyttts a pair of iron racks and a pair of iron dogs best dripping pan furnace querne or malt mill and mustard mill Item I give to our Ladye hir Church at Salisburye 12d to the church at Seeme 10s to the poor which shall be at my buriall 10s to every godchild 12d to my servant Marian Tucker a hog sheep to my daughter Sybbyll an ewe Lastly I bequeath to my wife Alice and son William whom I make joint executors all other my goods and chattels after payment of my debts legacies and funeral expenses I nominate Thomas Walter my son-in-law and John Stookes senior my cousin my overseers The seal and marks of William Stookes Memorandum that it was the will of him within named William Stookes senior that if any of his four daughters within named die before their portion is due her or their portion or portions shall remain to the survivors Sealed in presence of Reginald Browne Clarke and Thomas Walter one of the overseers his mark

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