

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Robert Saunders
of Shrewton
Will Proved
16th February 1778*



Probate Court of Sarum
Original reference
Will Dated - 28th January 1778
Codicil Dated -
Buried at -

Testator:	Saunders	Robert	Collar Maker of Shrewton
Executors:			
Chambers	Mary	Daughter	Joint Executrixes
Harris	Betty (Elizabeth)	Daughter	
Laws	Alice	Daughter	
Sainsbury	Sarah	Daughter	
Overseers:			
Trustees:			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Chambers	Mary	Daughter	Wife of Thomas Chambers
Harris	Betty (Elizabeth)	Daughter	Wife of Thomas Harris
Laws	Alice	Daughter	Wife of Stephen Laws
Sainsbury	Sarah	Daughter	Wife of John Sainsbury
Saunders	Ann	Granddaughter	Daughter of Benjamin Saunders
Saunders	Elizabeth	Granddaughter	Daughter of Benjamin Saunders
Saunders	Francis	Son	
Saunders	Robert	Grandson	Son of Benjamin Saunders
Saunders	Robert	Son	
Witnesses			
Garrett	Ambrose		
Garrett	Susanna		
Moore	John		
Other Names			
Chambers	Thomas	Son in law	
Harris	Thomas	Son in law	

Laws	Stephen	Son in law	
Sainsbury	John	Son in law	
Saunders	Benjamin	Son	

In the Name of God Amen The Twenty Eighth day of January In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight I Robert Saunders of Shrewton in the County of Wilts Coller-Maker being Sick and Weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life after my Debts and Burial Expences are paid I give demise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form I Give and Bequeath to my Son Robert Saunders One Guinea and half my Wearing Apparel both Linen and Woollen I Give and Bequeath to my Son Francis Saunders the other half of my Wearing Apparel both Linen and Woollen Also I Give and Bequeath to my Son Francis Saunders my Coller-making Shop during the Lives that I hold it by And Also all my Goods belonging to the Coller-making Business I also give him what Money is due on Book belonging to my Coller-making Business But my Son Francis Saunders is to pay all the Bills that I do owe belonging to Coller-making Business I Also give my Son Francis Saunders Two Beds and Bed-Steads and all the Bedding thereunto belonging One Furnace and Grate Three Barrels and my Clock One Silt and Three Tubbs One Bell Meattle Pot one Small Pot and One Tea Kettle One Long Table and One Round Table One Chest and One Coffen and One Box in his Room And one Pair of Hangels Two large Pewter Dishes and Six Pewter Plates One Iron Candle Stick And One Brass Candle Stick One Pair of Tongs and One Fire Pan and One Pair of Bellows And all the Chairs in the Kitchen One Warming Pan & One Frying Pan I give and Bequeath to Elizabeth Saunders and Ann Saunders Daughters of my Son Benjamin Saunders the Sum of Ten Pounds apiece to be paid to them when they Arrives at Twenty One Years of Age And if either of them dies before they Arrives at Twenty One Years of Age Then She that Survives shall have Twenty Pounds And if both of them Should die before they Arrives at Twenty One Years of Age Then I give the Twenty Pounds to Robert Saunders Son of my Son Benjamin Saunders to be Paid to him when he Arrives at Twenty One Years of Age Robert Saunders I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah the Wife of John Sainsbury And my Daughter Mary the Wife of Thomas Chambers and my Daughter Alice the Wife of Stephen Laws And my Daughter Betty the Wife of Thomas Harris whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my Joint Executrix's of this my last Will and Testament All my ffreehold Messuages and Premises in the Parish of Shrewton to be equally Divided between them Share and Share alike and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever I Also give my Aforesaid Four Daughters my Leasehold Estates at Littleton my Stock in my Grocery Shop and all the rest of my Household Furniture my Book Debts And all other things whatsoever to be equally Divided between them Share & Share alike And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named Willed and Bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I the Said Robert Saunders have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two Sheets of Paper set my Hand to the first and my hand and Seal to the last Sheet the day and Year above written

Attestation Clause

Signed & Sealed in the Presence of *Ambrose Garrett* The mark X of Susanna Garrett *Jno Moore*

Proved at Sarum February 16 1778 to Elizabeth Harris power reserved to other Executrixes