

*The Last Will and Testament of
John Blake (Johannes Blake)
of Stoverd, South Newton
Will proved 20th May 1637*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC PROB 11/174/183

Testator:	Blake	John	Yeoman of Stoverd, South Newton
Executors:	Blake	Agnes Wife	Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Parish Church Newton
			Parish poor of Newton
			Parish Church Wishford
			Parish poor of Wishford
			Cathedral Church of Sarum
Biggs		Grandchildren	All other children of John Biggs
Biggs	Anthonie	Grandson	Son of John Biggs
Biggs	Joan	Daughter	Wife of John Biggs
Biggs	John	Son in law	
Blake		Grandchildren	7 Children of Thomas Blake
Blake		Grandchildren	2 Children of Robert Blake
Blake	Agnes	Wife	
Blake	Robert	Son	
Blake	Thomas	Son	
Perrye	John	Servant	
Witnesses			
Perre	John		
Ringwood	Ambrose		
Voke	John	Friend	Husbandman of Wishford; Overseer to Will
Other Names			
Horne	John	Friend	Smith of Stoverd; Overseer to Will

In the name of God Amen I John Blake th[e] elder of Stoverd wilts in the Parrish of South Newton in the County of Wilts yeoman being weake in bodie but of a go[o]d memorie (God be prayed) doe make and ordaine my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge (that is to saye) First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightye God my Creator and redeemer, and my Bodie to the Earth Desiringe it may bee interred in my Parrish Church of Southnewton, trustinge that through the alone meritts of my Saviour Jesus Christ I shall [] be partaker of a joyfull resurrection into eternall

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life Item I give to the Parrish Church of Newton aforesaid six shillings and Eighte Pence and to the poore of the same parrish Five shillings, To the Parrish Church of Wishford Five shillings, And to the poore of the same parrish Five shillings, And Eight eene pence to the Cathedrall Church of Sarum commonly called our Ladie Church Item I give to my eldest sonne Thomas Blake Twenty shillings And I forgive him a debt of One hundred pounds which he oweth me Item I give to ev[er]y one of his seaven children Twentie shillings a peece Then I give and bequeath to my sonne Robert Blake, All my Stocke of Cattle Corne and Hay which I have or ought to have (except onely my riding Hagg) and to my sonne Roberts two children I give Twentie shillings a peece Item I give to my daughter Joane the wife of John Biggs Threescore and five pounds in money And I forgive the said John Biggs Fifteene pounds which he oweth mee Item I give unto Anthoine Biggs eldest sonne of the said John Biggs and Joane his wife the somme of Twenty pounds And I give to everie one of the said John Biggs other children Twenty shillings apeece Item I geve unto my servant John Perrye the somme of Twenty shillings Item my Will is that all the said Legacyes shall bee paid as soone after my decease as my Executrix after named Can gett in debts, and money oweing to mee to discharge the same yet for as that shee shall not be compelled to pay any of the said Legacyes till after the expiration and one of Sixe Moneths next after my decease All the rest of my goods and chattells, my debts and the said legacyes being paid, and funeral expences discharged I give, and bequeath unto my loving wife Agnes Blake whome I make full and sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament And I desire my loving freinds John Voke of Wishford husbandman and John Horne of Stoverd abovesaid Smith to bee the Overseers of this my Will, and for their paynes to bee ymployed herein I give them Tenn groate a peece In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the fowerth daie of March Anno duodecimo _____ Caroli Ang etc etc Anno qz d[o]m[in]i millesimo sexcentesimo tricesimo Sexto The Marke of John Blake Signed sealed published and declared to be the last will and Testament of the abovenamed John Blake in the p[re]sence of *Ambrose Ringwood, John Perre*, The marke of John Voke