

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John White
of Marston within the
parish of Potterne
Will Dated
7th May 1600*



Probate Court of
Original reference
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Testator:	White	John	Yeoman of Marston
Executors:			
White	Agnes	Wife	Sole Executrix
Overseers:			
Bener	Richard		
Burton	William		
Dalmor	Ian		
Edwards	Humphrey		
Ellis	John		

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			St. Mary's Church Potterne
			Church of Potterne
			Poor Mans Box of Potterne
Briton	William		
Goodyer	William		
White	Agnes	Wife	
White	Agnes	Daughter	
White	John	Son	
White	Mary	Daughter	
Witnesses			
Briton	John		
Edwards	Humphrey		
Gansen	Henry		
Goodyer	William		Clerk
Mynsie	William		
Mynsie	Walter		
Salter	John		
Other Names			
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Barton	Christopher John		
Bristow	William		
Bristowe	John		
Coles	Robert		
Earle			Sir
Foardings	William, Jnr.		
Gaisford	Berrington John		
Goodmore	John		Master
Goodyer	William, Jnr.		
Longman			Sir
Minfield	William		
Roberts	Wilfred		
Ruff	Henry		
Seathman	Thomas		
Self	Nicholas		
Simmond	John		
Simsforde			Sir
Smith	Thomas		
Symes	Thomas		
Townsend	Roger		
Valman	Simon		
Ways	William		
White	Richard	Brother	

In the name of God Amen In the seventh day of May in the one and fortieth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith I John White of Marston within the parish of Potterne in the county of Wiltshire England being frail in body but of good and perfect memory granted God be praised doth make and ordain this my present Will and Testaments in manner and form following that is to pay first I commit my soul to Almighty God my maker father of Christ my Redeemer and the Holy Ghost the present comforter and my body to be buried in Christian burial Item I give to Our Lady Church of St Mary's six pence Item I give to the church of Potterne eight pence Item I give to the Poor Mans Box of Potterne eight pence Item I give and bequeath Agnes White my wife all that my Lease of West Meade and the twenty acres in Longmeade for and during the time of my brother Richard White his natural life Yet she shall remain and abide widow no longer and my said wife shall marry then I will that John White my son shall have the foresaid lease of my gift made and the sum above in Longmeade and if my said son shall happen to die then I will that Mary and Agnes White my daughters shall have the foresaid lease of Westmeades and the fenced area in Longmeade jointly together Item I give and bequeath unto my said wife Agnes White all that my lease of the mesuages and testament with the appurtenances herein I now dwell for and during the time of her widowhood and if she shall marry then I will from and after the day of the solomnisation from after marriage as also from and after the day and hour of her death All the foresaid lease houses confines and buildings orchard gardens _____ meadows pasture closures arable land common and feeding with clapper fencing halls and remains to John White my son during the time of the granted lease If yet he shall no longer live and if yet he shall happen to die then I will that Mary White and Agnes White my daughters shall have the said during the time of the granted lease if my said wife Agnes White shall no longer live Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John White three score and ten pounds of lawful money of England and my mantle stone our fathers _____ and main house with all my plough harnesses and plough timber wool blanket and roundles with appurtenances and one press and one cheese _____ a chest _____ one head board in the loft my table boards with benches and forms and all my fabric in the house and my cupboard Item I give to Mary White my daughter twenty pounds of lawful money of England and one bed with its apparel and one cover Item I give and bequeath to Agnes White my daughter twenty pounds of lawful money of England and one bed with its apparel and one cover Item I do ordain and appoint that my overseers hereafter named shall oversee rule and govern for my children all that their portions before remembered and also forever for them and in their names all through who's commodities and profits _____ and _____ of the same to be employed only for my safe and _____ of my said children until that my said son shall come to the age of twenty and one years and my daughters to the age of twenty and one years Each to be married Item If any of my said children shall happen to die before they shall come to the afore said age and not married then I will that the part or party shall remain to them from _____ equally to be divided by my overseers or by anyone of them provided that my children shall not marry without the consent of their mother and my overseers and if that they willfully do marry

then I will that they do _____ shall not have the portion before their full ages before signified Item I give unto William Goodyer Charles Ten shillings of lawful English money Item I give to William Briton twenty shillings of lawful English money Item I will that my Executors hereafter named shall fund my afore said children John White Mary White and Agnes White meat drink money woolen hose shoes and sufficient lodgings until they shall accomplish their full age or be married albeit before signified And I will that my said Executors do and shall bring up my children in learning and name his foresaid my son John White to hold for longer all be it shall by their wisdom and deposition of my over seers hath thought good and meet for him The rest of all my goods _____ debts moveable and unmoveable after my debts paid my funeral expenses so formed and those my legacies fulfilled and my children brought up I give and bequeath to Agnes White my wife whom I make and ordain my full whole and soul executrix of this my present will and testament and I pray William Burton Humphrey Edwards and John Ellis Richard Bener and Ian Dalmor to be my overseers and I give them for their pains five shillings a piece and I utterly revoke and annul all other former wills testament legacies and bequeathed executors and overseers heretofore by me named willed and bequeathed constituted and appointed those bearing witness William Goodyer John Salter John Briton Humphrey Edwards Henry Gansen William Mynsie Walter Mynsie Also paid five hundred and ninety nine Debts owing to John White the day and year within written Sent Simon Valman by reparation eleven pounds Hay Bill William Foardings junior by reparation five pounds ten shillings Berrington John Gaisford by reparation ten pounds Thomas Symes by reparation three pounds six shillings Thomas Smith and P _____ for four years by reparation _____ William Ways by reparation six pounds twelve shillings William Goodyer clerk by reparation seven pounds and fifteen shillings and six pence William Goodyer junior by reparation three pounds two shillings William Minfield by reparation five pounds ten shillings Nicholas Self for a peck of beans seven shillings Walter Minsie by reparation three pounds six shillings Roger Townsend by reparation four pounds eight shillings John Simmond for a gelding nag forty eight shillings eight pence Thomas Seathman by reparation fifty shillings and one pence of meadows in walling of Potterne William Bristowe by joint reparation fifteen pounds Sir Earle without reparation five shillings Master John Goodmore by reparation Eight pounds Henry Ruff without reparation four pounds John Bristowe by reparation three pounds six shillings John Salter by reparation four pounds eight shillings Wilfred Roberts and _____ without reparation thirteen shillings and four pence Christopher John Barton without reparation fifty shillings also Robert Coles without reparation eleven shillings little _____ Sir Longman four shillings Sir Simsforde three bushels of beans to be paid at Michaelmas next Henry Gansen to pay in and upon the 4th of St Thomas the apostle I paid Five Hundred and Ninety Nine pounds and forty shillings Item Henry Gansen to pay in and upon the 4th of the anniversary of St Mary the Virgin Six hundred pounds and forty shillings John Mynsie of Earles Ford ten shillings