

The Last Will and Testament of
 Stephen GAYSFORD
 of
 Marston in the parish of Potterne
 proved 5 March 1688

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Consistory Court of Sarum
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Testator:	Stephen GAYSFORD, Gent, of Marston in the parish of Potterne
Executor:	Richard CROWCH, sole executor, son in law

Beneficiary	Given Name	Relationship	Other Information
GAYSFORD	Stephen	son	
GAYSFORD	John	son	
CROWCH	Elizabeth	daughter	Wife of Richard CROWCH
GAYSFORD	Anne	daughter	A minor in December 1686 (date of will)
CROWCH	Richard	Son in law	
WITNESSES			
SAINSBURY	W[illia]m		
SAINSBURY	W[illiam] jnr		
READ	Micheall (sic)		
OTHER NAMES MENTIONED			
MEREWETHER	Christopher		
LONG	Roger	Father in law	
KISTOLL	John		
LONG	Elizabeth		

In the name of God Amen, I **Stephen Gaysford** of Marston in the p[ar]ish of Potterne
 in the County of Wilts gent being in i[m]p[er]fect health of body and of sound mynde and
 disposing memory prayse be given to god therefore, but being sensible of the frailty and
 uncertainty of this life doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament following
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Revoking disannulling and making voyd all former and other Wills by me made whatsoever And first I bequeathe my soule into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me, trusting in & through the merritts of his sonne Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour & deare Redeemer to Inherite eternall and salvaton and my body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, And as for touching and concerning that temporall estate the Lord of his mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as followeth

Imprimis I give and bequeathe unto the poor of the Tything of Marston the sume of Tenn shillings to be disposed amongst them according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named Item I give unto my sonne **Stephen Gaysford** the sume of Five Pounds of Lawfull money of England to be payd halfe a yeare after my decease

Item: I give unto my sonne **John Gaysford** All that my freehold land of Inheritance situate lying & being in Marston aforesaid which was formerly purchased of one **Christopher Merewether** by my father in Law **Roger Long** and now in my possession to hold to him the said **John** and his Heires for ever; Item I give unto my said sonne **John** All my household goods and implements of household situate & being in my house in Marston (Except two of my best feather beds, bedsteads and all the furniture thereunto belonging which I do hereby give unto my two daughters **Elizabeth Crowch** and **Anne Gaysford** to be equally divided between them, Item: I give unto my said daughter **Anne** the sume of One Thousand Pounds of Lawful money of England to be payd unto her when she shall attaine the age of One and Twenty yeares; And if she shall happen to dye before she attain that age; then and in such case my will is that the said sume of One Thousand Pounds shall be equally divided between my said daughter

^And for the better securing[?] thereof I engage[?] my Land hereafter mentioned called Kistolles & Longs for the payment thereof[?]^

Crowch & my sonne **John** ^ Item: I give unto my sonne in law **Richard Crowch** gent All that my freehold Land of Inheritance situate lying & being in Marston, which was

formerly purchased of **John Kistoll & Elizabeth Long** To hold to him and his heires
for ever Upon condition neverthelesse that he the said Richard Crowch shall pay out of
the said Land unto my said daughter **Anne Gaysford** the yearly summe of Twenty Pounds of
Lawfull money of England the same to be payd halfe yearly by even and equal portions until
she shall attayne the age of One & Twenty Yeares; Item all the rest residue & remainder of my
goods & chattells moveable & unmoveable[?] whatsoever I give & bequeath unto my said
sonne in law **Richard Crowch** whome I do hereby nominate & appoint my whole & sole
Executor of this my last Will & Testament; In witsse whereof I have herunto sett
my hand & seale the three & Twentyth day of December in the second yeare of the Raigne
of [?] Sovraigne Lord James the second over England King &c Anno Dno 1686

[signed] Stephen Gaisford (LS)

Signed sealed published and declared to be my
last Will & Testament ~~in the p[re]sence of~~
interlined before sealing thereof in the p[re]sence of
[signed] Wm Sainsbury [signed] W Sainsbury Jun [signed] Micheall(sic) Read

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Includes inventory, total value of goods and chattels £1159 0s 7d

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