

*The Last Will and Testament of  
John Blake  
of South Newton  
Will proved 6th February 1553/4*



Probate Court of: N/A  
Source: Swindon & Wiltshire Record Office  
Source reference: P2/2 Reg/186A

<b>Testator:</b>	Blake	John	Husbandman of South Newton
<b>Executors:</b>			
Blake	Edythe	Wife	
Blake	Robert	Son	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Cathedral Church of Salisbury Church of South Newton My wyfes children
Blake	Edward	Son	
Blake	William	Son	
Blake	Gyls	Son	
Blake	Walter	Son	
Blake	Maryan	Daughter	
Blake	Christian	Daughter	
Blake	Alys	Daughter	
Blake	Elisabeth	Daughter	
Blake	Agnes	Daughter	
Blake	Margery	Daughter	
Blake	Robert	Son	
Blake	Edythe	Wife	
Fry	Robert		
Graye	Maria	Sister	
Topping	B William		
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Blake	John		The elder
Blake	John		The younger
Makerell	John		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Graye	Walter		Overseer of Will
Kyngman	John		Overseer of Will

In the name of god amen the xxv th day of December the yere of o[u]r lord god m ccccc liij And the Fyrst yere of the Reyngn of Mary by the grace of god quene of England France Ireland defend[e]r of the feythe etc I John Blake of the p[ar]jeshe of Southe Newton in the Countie of Wylts[hire] husbandman beyng of good and p[er]fyte memorye but yet sycke in body do make this my testament contaynyng my last wyll in man[ner] and forme folowyng First I gyve and bequeathe my sowle to Almyghtie god And my bodye to be buryed in the churche yerd of Southe Newton a foresayde It[e]m Igyve and bequeathe to my said p[ar]jeshe Southe Newton a foresayde It[e]m Igyve and bequeathe to my said p[ar]jeshe Sa[lisbur]y viij d. It[e]m to Wyssheforde brydge xii d

It[e]m to my syster Maria Graye one akre of wheate and an other of barley. It[e]m to my dawght[er] Margery v shepe and a payre of sylv[er] croks It[e]m to my dowghter Agnes v shepe and a pyncase It[e]m to my dowghter Elisabeth a payre of beads w[i]t[h] silv[er] gawdyes and v shepe It[e]m to my dowghter Alys A gyrdell w[i]t[h] silv[er] hoks and v shepe It[e]m to my dowghter Christian a sylv[er] croke and a coffer and v shepe It[e]m to my dowghter Maryan a sylv[er] pyn and v shepe. It[e]m to my son walter a masar [cup] ij silv[er]sponys a table bo[ar]d a cow and v shepe It[e]m to my son Gylys a bullocke an Akre of wheate and an other of barley and the best yron barr' and v shepe It[e]m It[e]m to my son Will[ia]m a bullocke and v shepe It[e]m to my son Edward one bullocke and v shepe and one Flocke bedd It[e]m to my wyfes iiij cheldren iiij lambes It[e]m to Robert Fry a Cupbo[ar]d It[e]m to my wyfe a ffetherbedd And all the pewter and brass that was hers before It[e]m to my son Robert Blake the other Fetherbedd and all my workyng tolys and my Cart horse w[i]t[h] all the woll that is uppon yt And an yron barr' wall Also my sylv[er]d sponys and all my weryng rayment my brass pewter and lattyn and my befold w[i]t[h] all other trey vessels as they shall thynke best to be stowe yt a mongest my chylderen as I put my trust in them that ys to say walter graye and John Kyngman whom I make ov[er]seers of this my last will and testament to se yt trewly p[er]formed and fulfilled And they shall have for ther labo[u]rs 20 s betwyxt them It[e]m to B Will[ia]m Topping my goostly Father xii d

The Residwe of all my goods moveable and unmoveable not gyven nor bequeathed I gyve and bequeathe un to Edythe my wyfe and to Robert Blake my son whom I make myne executors the one as far for the as the other to dispose for the helthe of my sowle And all Christe[ns] Also I wyll that all the forsaide shepe to be delyv[er]ed at shere tyme w[i]t[h] the woll uppon ther backs

Thes keping witness John Blake th[e] Jelder John Blake theyoung[er] and John Makerell

Probatum fut testamentum scripstruptum John blake S Newton  
cora magio petro men offio dui arch eaq sexto dei mensis  
Februarij Ao Dm Millesimo CCCCC liii Ao pen approbat and Jusimat  
Comiss fuit etc in ab etc forma inrat etc salmo inse commisar