

*Will of
Philip Batten
of
Broad Somerford
21st August 1603*



In the name of God, Amen, the 21st August 1603. I **Philip Batten** of Broad Somerford in the county of Wilts and diocese of Sarum, yeoman, hole in bodie and of perfect memorie (God be thanked therefore doe make my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following ffirst. I bequeathe my soule being departed from my bodie to Almightye God the father, the Sonne and the Holy Ghost, and my bodie to be buried in the church or churchyard of Broad Somerford.

To our Lady Church of Sarum 2s.

To prsh. church Broad Somerford one load of paving stones.

To **Margery** my daughter my lease of Starkley grove and 10 of my best kine, 20 of my best sheep, one of my best beddes with the furniture, and the third part of my silver spoones. Owt of the which ground of Starkley grove and stocke of kine I reserve 1x of loful English money hereafter to be bequeathed.

To **Ellen** my daughter my lease of the church house and three score pounds to be paid by £10 yearly out of Starkley grove, 40 sheep 2 kine, my second best bed furnished and a third part of my silver spoons. Provided allwayes that yi eyther of my said daughters shall happed to depart this life befor the day of her marriage or the age of 21 yeres then legacies shall be to the survivor of them.

To **Arthur Taplin** 3 sheepe

Item I doe earnestly request and heartily desire **Richard Atwood**, clerk, **John Stratton**, yeoman, **John Batten**, my brother, and **William Knappe**, my kinsman, to be overseers of this my last will and testament giving unto them or the more part of them, power to determine any variance or controversie which shall arise about the same. All the rest of my goods and chattalles(2) unbequeathed, my debtes paid my funeralle and legacies dischargdged, I give and bequeath unto **Margerie** my wife whom I ordeyn and make the sole and only executrix of this my last will.

In Presence of **Richard Attwoodde**, **Humfry Mayo**, **Willm. Knapp**. **John Batten's** mark. **Thomas Batten** mark.

2. *The inventory of "goodes and chattalles" comprised the testator's apparel and a corslet pike, furnished with other arms," priced at £9 13s.4d. In the "halle" and "p'lor" and in the various chambers was the usual substantial furniture, beds for two servants, "10 payre of sheets, 6 doz. of napkins, 6 payre of pillowe beres, 7 table cloathes, 2 carpets and 4 cushins," the linen, etc. valued at £16 17s. 4d. A doz silver spoons, £4. Brass "poyter" and iron stuff, wool and yarn. Concluding with the cattle, "6 oxen, 6 calves, 10 young beastes, 12 kine, 100 sheepe and the horse beastes", the whole amounting to £399.*

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