

*The Last Will and Testament
Of William Beale
of Hankerton
Will Proved
21st July 1660*



Probate Court of Prerogative Court of Canterbury

This was proved by the Right Worshipful William Merike, Doctor of Law, master keeper of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury London on 21st July 1660 by Henry Beale the son.

Will Dated: 26th May 1654

Testator:	Beale	William	of Hankerton
Executors:			
Beale	Henry	Son	Sole Executor
Overseers:			
Beale	Matthew	Son	
Yearington	Thomas	Son in law	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Poor of the Parish of Hankerton
Beale		Daughter-in-law	Wife of Matthew Beale
Beale		Grandchildren	Children of Matthew Beale
Beale		Grandchildren	Children of Henry Beale
Beale		Grandchildren	Children of Mary Millington
Beale	Beata	Granddaughter	Daughter of Isabella
Beale	Frances	Daughter-in-law	Wife of Henry Beale
Beale	Giles		Son of Mary Millington
Beale	Henry	Son	
Beale	Isabella	Daughter-in-law	
Beale	Margaret	Granddaughter	Daughter of Henry Beale
Beale	Matthew	Son	
Beale	William	Grandson	Son of Henry Beale
Millington	Mary	Daughter-in-law	Mother of William Beale [remarried]
Ridler		Grandson	Son of Margaret Ridler
Ridler		Grandson	Son of Margaret Ridler
Ridler	Margaret	Daughter	
Smith		Grandchildren	Children of Mary Smith
Smith	Mary	Daughter	
Snell		Grandchildren	Children of Joan Snell
Snell	Charles	Grandson	Son of Joan Snell
Snell	Joan	Daughter	
Snell	Margaret	Granddaughter	Daughter of Joan Snell
Witnesses			
Shewring	Nicholas		

Yearington	Robert		
Yearington	William		
Other Names			
Snell	Thomas	Son-in-law	

In the name of God Amen 26th May AD 1654 I William Beale of Hankerton in the county of Wilts Clerke Do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and Principally in all humility I commend and commit my spirit when it shall please the Lord to fetch it out of this earthly prison to the of the Blessed Trinity confidently believing that through the merits of Christ the son I shall be received by Him whose due it is said who end residing therewith And my body be buried with such funeral as it shall please my executor hereafter named And as concerning my temporal goods where with it hath pleased God to bless me I do hereof dispose thereof as followeth Item I give and bequeath unto my son Matthew Beale 20/d and my silver piece my best brewing kettle my great dripping pan and a pair of andirons And to my daughterinlaw his wife I give 10/d Item I give and bequeath unto every one of his children 40/d And my will is that these portions be set forth to there use best profit and advantage by my executor and overseers hereafter named within 6 months after my decease and to be paid unto them with the use that they may be made thereof when they shall accomplish their several ages of 21 years And if any of them happen to die before they come to the said age then my will is that his or her part so dying shall come and remain to the other of them living by equal portions Item I give to my daughter Mary Smith 20/d and to every one of her children I give 10/d Item I give unto my daughter Joan Snell 20/d And whereas Thomas Snell her husband owe unto me one Bond and 1 bill Obligatory the sum of £208s0d I give unto their daughter Margaret £5 thereof And in lieu of a little heifer which I sold which was their son Charles his goods My will is that the same be made £5 of part of the said £208s0d The same sums to be set forth to their best use by my executor and overseers after my decease and to be paid unto them together with the use that may be made thereof when they shall accomplish their several ages of 21 years And if either of them shall happen to die before the said age then my will is that his or her part so dying remain to the other then living and to and amongst their other children to be equally divided amongst them and to every one of their other children I give 10/d apiece Item I give to my daughter Margaret Ridler 20/d and to her two sons I give to each 20/d Item I give to William Beale the son of my son Henry Beale 2nd best brass pan and to the daughter Margaret I give £10 And to the said William and to every one of the children of my son 10/d a piece And to my daughterinlaw Frances I give 10/d Item I give unto my daughterinlaw Mary Millington 10/d And my will is that she shall have the use and occupation of my Yeating stone [grinding stone] that is at her house and the great chest that is in the chamber over the buttery the 2 table boards and their frame in the hall the in the loft over the white house and the malt mill during her natural life And after her decease then the will is that the Yeating stone and the other things before named shall remain unto her son William Beale if he lives to enjoy her means after her But if he happens to die before he enjoy the same the same means then the things before named shall remain to his brother Giles Beale Item I give unto the said William Beale my great pan and to every one of the children of my said daughterinlaw I give 10/d Item I give unto my daughterinlaw Isabella Beale 20/d and to her daughter Beata Beale £5 to be set forth to her use as aforesaid and upon like terms and if she happens to die then the portion to remain to my executor Also I give Beata 1 board cloth ½ dozen napkins and 2 platters Item I give to the poor of the parish of Hankerton 40/d to remain as stock for them for ever and be set forth to some sufficient neighbour upon good security by the churchwardens of the said parish for the time being And to the use that may thereof to be distributed against the Feast of the Nativity of our Saviour Christ by the Minister and Churchwardens then being to the said poor at their discretion Also I desire my son Matthew and Henry Yearington to be my overseers and to the end that they shall aid and assist my executor in the bettering and setting forth of the portions above given and bequeathed unto my grandchildren unto their best profit and advantage and see the execution of this my last will I give to each of them 10/d The rest of my goods and chattels and debts both moveable and unmovable not to be given or bequeathed my debts paid and my legacies fulfilled and funeral expenses discharged I freely give and bequeath unto my son Henry Beale whom I make my sole executor of this my last will and testament not doubting but he will see the same performed in all things according to the trust in him reposed And I hereby revoke all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed the day and year above written *William Beale*

Witnesses hereunto *Nicholas Shewring Robert Yearington* William Yearington his mark

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