

*Legacies of The Last Will and Testament of Henry Ballard of Bratton Will dated 28th December 1684*



<b>Testator:</b>	Ballard	Henry	Yeoman of Bratton
<b>Executors:</b>			
Mervet	Mabel	Daughter	
Ballard	Henry	Grandson	
<b>Overseers of will</b>			
Ballard	William	Cousin	
Baily	Nathaniel	Son-in-law	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Ballard	Henry	Grandson	Son of John Ballard (deceased)
Mervet	John	Grandson	
Ballard	William	Son	
Bayly	Anne	Daughter	
Mervet	Mabel	Daughter	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Aldridge	William		of Erlestoke
Ballard	William		of Steeple Ashton
Taylor	Thomas		of Bulkington
<b>Other Names</b>			
Croome	John		
Dew	Thomas		

BALLARD – Henry Ballard of Bratton, yeoman 28th December 1684 leaves to his grandchild Henry Ballard, son of John Ballard lately deceased, the new end of the house called “Waggens” joining John Croome’s barn and backside, and that part of the garden that lies on the north side of the house. To his grandchild John Mervet that other part of the house and garden “that Thomas Dew now dwells in”. To his son William Ballard the cupboard in parlour, to his daughter Anne Bayly five shillings. Item “I doth owe my daughter Mabel Mervet one hundred pounds to be paid to her in two months upon my decease”. Henry makes his grandson Henry Ballard and his daughter Mabel Mervet his executors and appoints his son-in-law Nathaniel Baily and his cousin William Ballard of Ashton, the overseers of his will. Inventory of his goods, taken 29th March 1688 by William Aldridge of Erlestoke and William Ballard of Steeple Ashton and Thomas Taylor of Bulkington, including furniture, household implements and farm stock and produce amounted to 341 pounds, 18 shillings and six pence.

Source - Wiltshire Notes and Queries 1893-1916