

Last Will and Testament of Elinor Beale of Brinkworth - 1605



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In the name of God Amen. The 26th day of June in the year of our Lord God 1605. I Elinor Beale of Brinkworth in the county of Wilts widow being sick in body but of good minde and memory thanks I give to God for it, do ordeine and make by these present my testament conteining herin my last will in manner and forme followinge. First I give and bequeath my soule to allmightie God my only maker redeemer and Saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Brinkworth aforsaid when yt shall please God to call me. Also I give unto Geoffery Beale my sonne 5s of currant English money. Also I give unto Thomas Beale my sonn five shillings of lawfull English money. Also I give unto Humphrey Beale my sonne 20s of currant English money. Also I give unto Alice Wilshire my daughter 2 sheep. Item I give unto my goddaughter Mary Wilshire one sheep. Also I give unto Anne Wilshire the daughter of the said Alice Wilshire one sheepe. Also I give unto Jone Wilshere the daughter of the said Alice Wilshire one sheepe. Also I give unto Johan Scull my daughter 2 sheepe. Also I give unto Elinour Scull my goddaughter my medly gounne cloth. Also I give unto Margaret Sutton my daughter 40s of currant English money to be delivered at Holyroode Day next after my decease. Also I give unto the said Margaret my daughter a h... meis. .. her children six shillings and 10d of like lawfull money. Item I give more unto the said Margaret my daughter my second best medly gounne my second best petocote one smock one wollen shite wastcot. Also I give more unto Alice Wilshire my daughter my best medly gounne my new peticote cloth my best hatt my best fustian wastcoat my best kerchife my best partlett my best white apron & my smok with leqram bodice. Also I give unto Francis Beale my kinsman one browne marked wealing calfe. Also I give unto Alice Beale my kinswoman one vallow wealing calfe. Also I give unto the poor of the said parishe of Brinkworth 3s 8d to be distributed amongst them at the discrecion of my overseers. Also I give towards the mother church of Sarum 6d. All the rest of my goods and cattles both moveable and unmoveable not before by me given nor bequeathed my legacies being paid and my funerall expences ended I will that Antony my sonn shall have, whome I ordaine and make my whole executor and finally I do ordaine and make my will beloved in Christ Robert Beale Senior and William Skull of Brinkworth aforesaid yeomen overseers of this my last will and testament to see that all things accordingly justly and truly be delivered contented satisfied and paid and for their pains taking herein I give them 8d apeece. These bearing wittnesse being called Robert Beale Elinor Beale William Skull William Lewen.