

Last Will and Testament of John Skull of Brinkworth - 1610



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In the name of God Amen the first day of July in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred and Ten. I John Skull the Elder of Brinkworth in the County of Wiltes yeoman being sick in body but thanks be unto God in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God to rest in the bosom of Abraham and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Brinkworth there to remain until the resurrection when my soul shall receive the same body again to enter into life everlasting by a true and lively faith through Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer Amen. And as for my worldly goods I willingly dispose as followeth. Imprimis I give towards the maintenance of the mother church of Sarum 6d. Also I give towards the relief of the poor people of the parish of Brinkworth 6s 8d to be distributed amongst them on the day of my funeral by my overseers (with the consent of Mr Edward Hutchins). Also I give towards the repair of the church home 2s 6d to be employed there where most need is according to the discretion of the supervisors. Also I give unto Gyles Skull my son two kyne and ten weather sheep and the table board and frame standing in the Guesten chamber and my docet tagled mare. All the rest of my goods and chattels both movable and unmovable my lagacies and debts being paid and my funeral expenses ended I will that Alice my wife shall have whom I ordain and make my whole executrix. And finally I ordain and make William Hendly and Thomas Lewen of Brinkworth aforesaid yeomen overseers of this my last will and testament to see that all things accordingly and truly be delivered contented satisfied and paid. And for their pains taken herein I give unto them 12d a piece. Also I give unto William Lewen one of the witnesses 3s 4d. Those being witness being called John Skull William Scull William Lewen Senior