

*Last Will and Testament of
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In the name of God Amen the 16th daye of Februarii Anno Domini 1570. I Michell Thorne of Brinkworth in the diocese of Sarum husbandman beinge sicke in body but prayse be to Almighty God of hole and perfect memory do make and ordaine this my perfect testament containinge herein my last will in manner and forme followinge. First I beqeath my soule to Almighty God my maker and redemer and my body to be buryed in the churchyard of Brinkworth aforesaid when it shall please God to call me by his visitacion. Secondly I geve to the pore mens boxe 3s 4d. Item I geve to my daughter Joan Hatherell a wan rede heyfer. Item I geve to my daughter Elizabeth Hickes a cowe and 2s of lawfull money of England. Item I geve to John Bucke and to his sonne Nicolas all my weringe apparrell. Item I geve to my sonne William 20s that ys in the hande of Edmunt Hatherell my sonne in lawe and the bedde that I lye one and my beste brasse pane and my malte querne and a skilate a ladder and a cheyer and a coule a stabine. Item I geve to Michell Hatherell the sonne of Edmunt Hatherell 2 shepe. Item I geve to John Beale the sonne of Thomas Beale my sonne in lawe a wane redd heyfer that ys in the handes of his father to be delivered to the sayd John at Holerode Day next ensuinge the date here of. Item I geve to Alis Henly the daughter of William Henlye 6s 8d which the sayd William Henly owith me that I lent unto hime. The residue of all my goodes and cattels both moveable and unmoveable my debts payd and my legacies fulfilled I doe freley geve and bequeath to Edmunt Hatherell my sonne in lawe whome I doe make my full and whole executor of this my perfect testament and last will and he to see this my laste will fulfilled in all things as he will answer before God the judge of all truth. Also I desier my sonne in lawe Thomas Beale and my neighbour Nicolas Messeter to be my oversears and I geve to every of them 8d. Thesse bearinge wisse beinge called and desired John

Wite the parson, William Bushell, William Whitte with others.