

*Last Will and Testament of
Richard Barnes of Brinkworth -
1570*



In the name of God Amen the tenth daye of December Anno Domini 1570. I Richard Baren of Brinkworthe within the county of north Wiltes and diocese of Sarum husbandman beinge sicke in body but prayse be to God of hole and perfect memorye do make and ordaine this my perfecte testament contayninge here in my last will in manner and forme followinge. First I bequeath my soule to Almighty God my maker and Redemer and my body to be buried in the churchyarde of Brinkworthe when ye shall please God to call me by his visitacion. Secondly I geve to the church of Sarum 2d. Item I geve to the pore mens boxe 4d. Item I geve to my sonne William a yerlinge bullocke. Item I geve to my daughter Jone a cowe and a heifer and 6 shepe. Item I geve to my daughter Elizabeth a cowe a heifer and 6 shepe and my children shall have there porcions delivered them at the daye of there mariadge or at the death of their mother. Item I geve to William Barnes my kinsman my beste cotte. Item I geve to William Bushell my black jacket. The residue of all my goodes and cattels both moveable and unmoveable my debts and legacies fulfilled and payed I frely geve and bequeath to Maryan my wyffe whome I doe make my full and whole executrix of this my perfecte testament and see this my laste will fulfilled in all thinges as she will answer before God the judge of all truth. Also I desier my sone in lawe Thomas Henly and Water Arnould to be my oversears and I geve to every of them 12d. Thesse bearing wittness being cauled and desiered John White the parson, William Bushell the clerke, John Skoll with others the day and yere first above written.