

*The Last Will and Testament of  
William Skull  
of Brinkworth  
Will proved 22nd June 1631*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference: PCC Prob11/160

Court Copy reference:

<b>Testator:</b>	Skull	William	Yeoman of Brinkworth
<b>Executors:</b>			
Skull	Johane	Wife of deceased	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			10 Widow Women of Brinkworth
Alexander	Robert		Mercer of Sissester
Beale	Anthony		Of Brinkworth
Beale	Humfery		Mercer of Gloucester
Beene	William	Kinsman	
Clifford	William	Godson	
Edmonds	Johane		Daughter in law to Anthony Beale
Hendley	Thomas		Of Brinkworth
Skull	Francis	Son	
Skull	Johane	Daughter	
Skull	Johane	Wife	
Skull	Mary	Daughter	
Skull	William	Son	
Walker	William	Godson	(Possibly a grandson)
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Barnes	William		Yeoman of Brinkworth and Overseer to Will
Lewen	Thomas		Yeoman of Brinkworth and Overseer to Will
Lewen	William		Writer of Will
<b>Other Names</b>			
Cowles	John		
Walker	John	Son in law	Bondsman

In the name of God Amen the xxviiiith day of December in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundred twenty seaven I William Skull of Brinckworth in the Countie of Wilts yeoman being weake in body but thanks be unto Almightye God in perfect mind and memorie Doe ordeyne and make by these pshentes my Testamt conteyngne my last will in manner and forme following ffirst I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almightye God to rest in the bosome of Abraham and my body to be buryed in the Church yard of Brinckworth aforesaid there to remaine untill the resurrection when my Soule shall receive the same body againe 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 ffirst I give unto ffrancis Skull my Sonne ffortie shillings of currant Englishe money and a .... Colt of a year old and the vantage and a standing Beddsteede in myne own house in the Chamber over the Hall Also I give unto William Skull my Sonne Tenn poundes of like lawfull money to be paid to him when as he shall accomplish the age of xxi yeares Also I give more to the sd William one brasse pott that was my ffathers and one Cow Lead Colour yellow and redd that was my ffathers and a Truckle Bedstead in the Kitchin last in the farme Saveing that I will my Wife shall have the use of the said pott Cow lead and beddsteed during her naturall life Also I give unto Mary Skull my daughter Syxe poundes thirteene shillings & fower pence of Currant Englishe money to be paid unto her when as shee shall accomplish the age of xxi yeare or at her day of marryage on the which of them shall first happen Also I give unto Johane Skull my daughter Sixe poundes thirteene shillings & fower pence of like lawfull money to be paid unto her in manner and forme as unto the said Mary my daughter but if eyther of my daughters fortune to decease before they shall accomplish the said age or be marryed then her portion shall redowne the other or if they my said daughters both of them shall happen to decease before they shall accomplish the said age or be marryed The their Stockes shall redowne unto William Skull their brother Also I give unto William Beene my kinsman Twenty shillings of Currant Englishe money towards the placing him Apprentice To be paid when as a Master may be had that will accepte of him Also I give unto William Walker my Godsonne twelve pence Also I give unto William Clifford my Godsonne twelve pence Also I give unto William Skull the sonne of William Skull my Godsonne sixe pence Also I give unto tenn widdowe woemen in Brincksworth of the poorer sort tenn groates That is to say fower pence apiece to be unto them by myne Overseers within one moneth after my decease Also whereas I stand bounden with my sonne in lawe John Walker for the payment of ffive poundes unto John Cowles my will and meaninge is that myne Executrix shall pay the said some unto the said John Cowles and discharge the said John Walker thereof All the rest of my goodes and Chattells both moveable and unmoveable not before by me given or bequeathed my legacyes and debts being paid and my funerall expences ended I will that Johane my wife shall have the same whome I ordaine and make my whole Executrix And finally I ordeine and make my Welbeloved in Christ William Barnes and Thomas Lewen of Brinckworth aforesaid yeoman Overseers of this my last Will and Testamt to see that all thinges accordingly and truelie be satisfied contented and paid and for their paines takinge I give unto them Twenty pence a peece Item I give unto Johane Edmonds daughter in lawe unto Anthony Beale xiid Debts oweinge unto the Testaor Robert Alexander of Sissester mercer Seaven pounds Humfery Beale of Glocester mercer Tenn poundes Anthony Beale of Brinckworth ffortie and ffower poundes Thomas Hendley of Brinckworth Tenn Shillings by me *William Skull* These bearing witness being called *William Barnes Thomas Lewen William Lewen* the writer

Proved at London 22 June 1631

PCC Prob11/160