

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Sarah Knight  
of Bramshaw & Downton  
Will Proved  
29th August 1783*



Probate Court of Sarum  
Original reference  
Will Dated - 5th July 1783  
Codicil Dated -  
Buried at -

<b>Testator:</b>	(Surname)	(Given names)	(status of parish)
<b>Executors:</b>			
Simmonds	Alice	Sister	Joint Executrix
Simmonds	William	Brother in law	Joint Executor
<b>Overseers:</b>			
<b>Trustees:</b>			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Perry	Mary	Sister	
Simmonds	Alice	Sister	
Simmonds	Mary	Niece	Daughter of Alice & William Simmonds
Simmonds	William	Brother-in-law	
Simmonds	William	Nephew	Son of Alice & William Simmonds
Vaughn	Sarah	Sister	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Coles	Elizabeth		
Coles	Richard		
Coles	William		
<b>Other Names</b>			

This is the last Will and Testament of me Sarah Knight late of Bramshaw in the County of Southampton Widow (but now of Downton in the County of Wilts) being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First I desire that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses shall be fully paid and satisfied by and out of my personal Estate by my Executor or Executrix herein after named Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Alice Simmonds and her husband Mr William Simmonds or the surviving one of them as shall be living at my decease the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain Also I give devise and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Mary Perry one Shilling and no more Also I give devise and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Sarah Vaughn the sum of thirty pounds of like lawful money

Also I give devise and bequeath unto my Niece Mary Simmonds the sum of Fifty pounds of like money to be paid to her when she shall attain the age of twenty one years or the day of her marriage Also I give devise and bequeath unto my said Sister Alice Simmonds and her Husband William Simmonds the sum of Fifty pounds of like lawful money (In Trust) to and for the use of my nephew William Simmonds their son now abroad in America to be paid to him when he returns home but in case he should never return then my Will and meaning is that my said Brother in law William Simmonds and my said Sister Alice Simmonds shall have and keep this said sum of Fifty pounds to his and her own use and benefit in like manner as this above mentioned Legacy of One Hundred and Twenty pounds And I do hereby Will Order and direct that all these Legacies by me herein given shall be paid by my said Executor and Executrix or one of them to the said respective Legatees within twelve calendar months of my decease if the same shall become one And lastly I do hereby make and ordain Constituting and appoint my said Brother in law William Simmonds and my said Sister Alice Simmonds Executor and Executrix of this my last Will Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore and In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fifth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three.

The mark of Sarah  $\Phi$  Knight

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by Sarah Knight }  
the above names Testatrix as and for her last Will and }  
Testament in the presence of us who at her request in her }  
presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed }  
our names as Witnesses thereto William Coles  
Richard Coles  
Elizabeth Coles

At Sarum on the 29th day of August 1783 the executor and executrix  
Above named were duly sworn before me  
*I. Vanderplan*  
*Sar.*

## Cover

Downton

The Will of Sarah Knight  
Widow, deceased

This Will was proved at Sarum  
on this 29th day of August 1783 before  
the Reverend Israel Vanderplank, B.M.  
a lawful Surrogate of the Worshipful  
Sir Charles Goreld, Kn., Dr. of Laws  
Chancellor of this Diocese of Sarum and  
by him Administered of the Effects of the  
Testatrix was granted to William Simmonds  
and Alice his Wife lawful Sister of the  
said Deceased and joint Executor and Executrix within  
named (being first sworn to the truth  
of the said Will to perform the same to  
make a true and perfect Inventory and render  
a just account when lawfully required

Joseph Elderton .....