

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Barnes
of Wexcombe in Great Bedwyn
Will Proved
23rd March 1624*



Prerogative Court of Canterbury
PROB 11/143
Will Dated 28th January 1623

Testator:	Barnes	John	Yeoman of Wexcombe in Great Bedwyn
Executors:	Barnes	William	Son Sole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			The Poor of Great Bedwyn
Barnes	Frances	Wife	
Barnes	John	Son	
Barnes	Robert	Son	
Deane	John	Servant	
Florrye	John	Not stated	Probably also "Son in Law"
Florrye	William	"Son in Law"	
Witnesses			
Barnes	John		
Florrye	William		
Wells	John		
Other Names			
Andrewes	John		Of Collingbourne Ducis - Debtor
Clive	John		Of Buttermere - Debtor
Noyes	John		Of Westcott in Burbage - Debtor
Noyes	Robert		Of East Grafton - Debtor

In the Name of God Amen. The twenty eighth day of January in the twenty first year of His Majesty's happy reigne of England, France and Ireland and of Scotland the fifty seventh 1623, I John Barnes of Wexcombe in the Parish of Great Bedwyn in the County of Wilts, being sicke in body but whole in mind and of good remembrance thanks be unto God

therefore, doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Imprimis I bequeath my soule to Almightye God my onelie maker and to Jesus Christ my only redeemer by whose merits I hope to be saved and my body to be buried in the Church of Great Bedwyn aforesaid. Item I give twelve shillings to the poore of the Parish aforesaid. Item I give unto my Son in Law William Florrye ten pounds. Item I give unto John Florrye the same as the said William Florrye, ten pounds, the whole twenty pounds they shall have of John Noyes of Westcott in the Parish of Burbage. Item I give unto my sonnes Robert Barnes and John Barnes twenty four pounds with John Andrewes of Collingbourne Ducis equally to be devided between them And also twenty pounds which John Clive of Buttermere doth owe unto me wherof ten pounds to be payed on the second of February in the year of our Lord 1624 and the other ten pounds on the Feast of St. Michael then next ensuing and the twentie pounds shall likewise be equally devided betwixt them. Item I doe give unto Frances Barnes, my wife and unto John Deane my good servant five pounds and ten shillings which Robert Noyes of East Grafton doth owe unto me, equally to be devided betwixt them. Item I do give unto Frances Barnes, my wife all the household stuff that I had with her and also that my sonne, William Barnes whom I do meane to make my whole executor of this my last will and testament shall provide my wife with such dyner as he provide for himself and his own wife during her naturall life and shall suffer her to have houseroom with him during her life. Item all the rest of my goods and chattells unbequeathed I doe give unto my sonne, William Barnes whom I do make my whole executor of this my last will and testament in witness wherof I have sett hereunto my hand and seale the day and year above written. The mark of the said John Barnes.

Signed and sealed in the presence of *John Wells, John Barnes, William Florrye.*

Probatum Fuit

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