

*The Last Will and Testament
Of William Beale
of Hankerton
Will Proved
27th November 1643*



Probate Court of Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Original reference
Will Dated 3rd April 1643

Testator:	Beale	William	Yeoman
Executor:			
Beale	Mary	Wife	Sole Executrix
Overseers:			
Driver	John	Brother-in-law	
Driver	Robert	Brother-in-law	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Poor of the parish of Hankerton
Beale	Gyles	Son	
Beale	Mary	Daughter	
Beale	Mary	Wife	
Beale	Thomas	Son	
Beale	William	Son	
Witnesses			
Beale	Matthew		
Beale	William		Clerk
Other Names			
Beale	John	Brother	
Beale	Matthew	Brother	

In the name of God Amen the 3rd day of April 1643 I William Beale of Hankerton in the county of Wilts yeoman being sick in body but of good and perfect memory Praise be unto Almighty God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First I do bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer And my body to be buried with such funeral as it shall please my executrix hereafter named Item my will is that such portions of money as have been formerly given unto my daughter Mary Beale and are in my hands shall be made up to £20 to be set forth by my executors and overseers to her use and best advantage when she shall accomplish the age of 14 years Item my will is that such portion of money as have been formerly given unto my son William Beale shall be made up to £20 to be set forth as aforesaid to use when he shall accomplish the age of 14 years Item my will is that such portion of money as have been formerly given unto my son Gyles shall be made up to £20 to be set forth as aforesaid to use when he shall accomplish the age of 14 years Item I give to my son Thomas Beale £20 to be set forth as aforesaid to use when

he shall accomplish the age of 14 years And whereas I hold grounds called The Downs for 99 years determinable upon my life and 2 brothers Matthew Beale and John Beale my will is that after the decease of Mary my now wife the term of years that is to come and unexpired if there be any shall come and remain unto my son William Beale if he be then living But if he happens to die before the decease of my said wife then my will is that the said terms of years unexpired shall come and remain unto my son Gyles Beale And if he happens to die before the decease of my said wife then my will is the term of years unexpired of the said ground shall come and remain unto my son Thomas Beale Item I give unto the poor of the parish of Hankerton 20/-d to remain in stock for them and to be held by the churchwardens then- for the time being to some honest neighbour upon security and the use thereof to be yearly distributed by the minister and churchwarden to the said poor Also I desire my brothers-in-laws Mr John Driver and Robert Driver to be my overseers And I give each of them 5/-d The rest of all my goods and chattels and debts not before given or bequeathed my debts paid my legacies fulfilled and my funeral expenses discharged I do give unto Mary my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament not doubting but she will see the same performed in all things according to the trust in her reposed *William Beale*

These witnesses *William Beale* clerk and *Matthew Beale*

Probated in London in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 27th day of November 1643 by Mary Beale widow and executrix of this will