

*The Last Will and Testament of
Joan Smith
of West Overton
Will dated 13th April 1617*



Probate Court of: N/A
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Testator:	Smith	Joan	Widow of West Overton
Executors:			
Smyth	Robert	Son	Whole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			The Poor of the Parish
Phelps	Anne	Grand-Daughter	
Smyth	Robert	Son	Whole Executor
Smyth	-	Grand-Daughter	Son's daughter
Smythe	Anne	Grand-Daughter	Robert's daughter
Smythe	Robert	Grand-Son	Robert's son
Smythe	William	Grand-Son	Robert's son
Staff	Elizabeth	Servant	
Stone	Joan	Grand-Daughter	Elizabeth's daughter
Stone	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Tarrant	Margaret	Sister-in-Law	
Witnesses			
Franklyn	Elizabeth		
Ogers	J.		J. Ogers [Phelps?]
Smyth	Robert	Son	
Stone	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Other Names			
Batt	John	Beloved Friend	Overseer of Will

In the Name of God Amen The thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventeen the fifteenth year of the reign of our Lord James by the Grace of God King of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and of Scotland the fifth, I Joan Smith of West Overton in the County of Wiltshire, widow being sick of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be given unto Almighty God do ordain and make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God hoping and assuredly trusting to be saved by the merits death and passion of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the earth from which it came to be buried within the parish church of Overton at the discretion of my executor.

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish in money five shillings to be disposed at the discretion of my executor
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Stone in money twenty pounds, more I give and bequeath to my son's
daughter one of my lesser brass pans and my bell brass Posnetⁱ being in my chamber and one of the brass candle sticks
standing upon the cupboard in my chamber and the basin which stands upon the cupboard in my chamber and seven of
the pewter platters which be under the great chest in my chamber, one coffer Item I give and bequeath unto my said
daughter four pairs of boots and one pair of woollen bersⁱⁱ, Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter all my wearing
apparel as well linen and woollen Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Tarrant my sister in law three yards of course
woollen clothe to make her a petticoat Item I give and bequeath unto my son Robert's eldest son William Smythe my great
brass pot standing in my chamber and the brass candle belonging to him, Item I give and bequeath to my son's younger
son Robert my brass chaffing dish Item I give and bequeath unto my son Robert's daughter Anne Smythe one pewter
platter and a bearing sheet with a black Turk seam in the middle Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Stone's
eldest daughter Joan Stone one feather bed one feather bolster and feather pillows. One with comforter, and one blanket
Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law's James Phelps Alens Bramhorns youngest daughter Anne Phelps one
woollen sheet and one brass candle stick which stands upon the cupboard in my chamber Item I give and bequeath unto
my servant Elizabeth Staff three yards of course white woollen cloth to maker her a petticoat, the residue of my goods
movable and unmoveable my expenses and funeral paid I give and bequeath unto Robert Smyth my son whom I do
ordain and make my full and whole executor of this my last will and testament also I do ordain and make my well beloved
friend John Batt of the City of New Sarum in the County of Wiltshire, Gentleman overseer to this my last will and
testament, witnesses of this my will whose names are under written that is to say

Robert Smyth
Elizabeth Stone
Elizabeth Franklyn
J Ogers [Phelps?]

- ⁱ Posnet was a small pot with a long handle and three short legs used for boiling, a porringer.
- ⁱⁱ A pillow bere was a pillow case, woollen bers could be woollen cushion cover?