

*The Last Will and Testament of
Thomas Stevens
of Overton
Will proved 2nd August 1582*



Probate Court
Original reference PROB11/64

Testator:	Stevens	Thomas	Yeoman of Overton
Executors:			
Stevens	Thomas	Son	
Stevens	William	Son	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Overton Parish Church
			Mother Church of Sarum
			Unnamed God children
Adene	John	Not specified	
Chandler	William	Servant	
Davies	Gilbert	Not specified	
Miles	Austen	Not specified	
Stevens	Agnes	Daughter	
Stevens	Christopher	Son	
Stevens	Edith	Daughter	
Stevens	John	Son	
Stevens	Katherine	Wife	
Stevens	Richard	Son	
Stevens	Thomas	Son	Also executor
Stevens	William	Son	Also executor
Witnesses			
Kingsman	Robert	Brother in law	
Smythe	Nicholas		
Smythe	Richard		
Smythe	Thomas	Brother in law	
Wilmott	Richard		
Other Names			
Barbild	William	Tenant (?)	
Kingsman	Robert	Brother in law	Overseer to will
Smythe	Thomas	Brother in law	Overseer to will

In the Name of God Amen The three and twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand and five hundred eighty two I Thomas Stevens of Overton in the County of Wilts yeoman whole of mind and of good and perfect

remembrance but sick in body praised be God do ordain and make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following that is to wit first I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Overton aforesaid next to the place where my father and first wife doth lie Item I give to the mother Church of Sarum twelve pence Item I give to the parish church of Overton twelve pence Item I give and bequeath to Katherine my wife forty pounds to be paid by my son William Stevens that is to say twenty pounds to be paid within one month after my decease and the other twenty pounds at that date twelve months next following and her chamber which said chamber I will shall be made worth six pounds thirteen shillings four pence over and above all her wearing apparel Also I will that my executors shall pay find and allot unto the said Katherine my wife so long as she shall keep her self sole and sufficient and convenient meat and drink and house room with them in the messuage or tenement at Overton or Lockeridge whence wherein I now inhabit and use Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Stevens all that my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments lying in the Lordship of Calston within the parish of Calne in the county of Wilts and all my deeds and writings confirming the same and all the stock and store of twelve kine remaining in the hands and custody of William Barbild of Beryles in the parish of Calne aforesaid or the value of that the said twelve kine are already appraised at to have and to hold all the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments and the deeds and writings confirming the same and twelve kine or the price that they are already valued at to my said son Thomas Stevens his heirs and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Stevens one flock bed with the appurtenance thoroughly furnished and two brass pots and two pans one *broche* one table board that standeth at Lockeridge nine platters two candlesticks one table cloth of canvas and all wood and wood found without the gate of the dwelling house of Overton Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas my whole lease of Lockeridge Farm together with the appurtenances there unto belonging wholly to enter at my decease preserving the tithing hay unto my son William Stevens during the term of my lease Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Stevens the lease of St Margaret's Cope and the feeding of the same unto my son William Stevens paying the rent thereof and also I make my son Thomas half executor of all the residue of my other chattels Item I give and bequeath to my son John Stevens twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto him the said John at the age of one and twenty years by my son Thomas Stevens Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Stevens twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto the said Richard Stevens at the age of one and twenty years by my son Thomas Stevens provided always that if my son John Stevens or Richard or either of them do happen to die before they be of the age of one and twenty years then I will that the legacy of John or Richard so dying shall remain to the longest liver of them two and if they both do die before the age of one and twenty years then I will that both their legacies amounting to the sum of forty pounds shall remain to my son Thomas Stevens Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Edith Stevens thirty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to the said Edith at the day of her marriage and one dozen of pewter vessels the money to be paid by the said Thomas Stevens my son Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes Stevens thirty pounds of good and lawful money of England and half a dozen pewter vessels ten pounds to be paid by Thomas Stevens my son and the other twenty pounds to be paid by my son William Stevens Item I give and bequeath unto my son Christopher Stevens twenty pounds of lawful money of England which said twenty pounds I will to be paid to my said son Christopher at the age of one and twenty years by my son Thomas Stevens and if my daughter Agnes Stevens shall happen to die before she be married then I will her said legacy of thirty pounds shall remain to my son Thomas Stevens ten pounds and the other twenty pounds to my son William and if my son Christopher do die before the age of one and twenty years then I will that his said legacy of twenty pounds together also with the legacy of thirty pounds before given to my said daughter Agnes if she die before she be married then it shall remain to my son Thomas Stevens thirty pounds and the other twenty pounds to my son William Stevens Provided always and I will that the portions of my goods and legacies amounting to the sum of forty pounds before given to my son John and Richard Stevens shall be put forth by the discretion of my brother-in-law Thomas Smythe and my brother-in-law Robert Kingsman and my executors for the best and most advantage and benefit of the said children from the age of twelve years until they shall come to the age of one and twenty years And I will that my executors shall stand charged with the bringing up of the said children until they be of reasonable age and discretion Item I give to my man William Chandler one quarter of barley Item I give to every one of my god children twelve pence Item I give to Austen Miles my best suit of apparel *thoroughly* Item I give to Gilbert Davies my second suit of apparel Item I give to John Adene my third suit of apparel The residue of all my goods and chattels not given nor bequeathed as moveable as unmovable my debts and legacies well and truly being paid and my funeral thoroughly discharged I give and bequeath to Thomas Stevens my son and William Stevens my son whom I ordain and make my whole executors of this my last will and testament And I do make Thomas Smythe and Robert

Kingsman my overseers Those bearing witness Thomas Smythe Robert Kingsman Richard Smythe and Nicholas Smythe
Richard Willmott

Proved at London by Thomas and William Stevens executors 2 August 1582