

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Joane Stokks
of Seend
Will proved 9th April 1594*



Probate Court of Edington
Original reference: (Court Reference here)
Court Copy reference:
Will Dated 2nd March 1593

Testator:	Stokks	Joane	of Seend
Executors:			
Stokes	Thomas	Son	Sole Executor, Weaver of Bromham
Stokes	William	Brother	Yeoman of Seend
Smythe	John		Clothier of Keevil
Wilkins	Thomas		

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Cathedral church of Sarum
			Church of Seend
			Ten of the poorest householders in Seend
		Mother	
Borowe		Goodwife	
Stephens	Anne	Sister	
Stokes	Anne	Daughter	
Stokes	Christopher	Son	
Stokes	John	Son	
Stokes	Samuel	Son	
Stokes	Thomas	Son	
Stokes	William	Son	
Witnesses:			
Kemp	Thomas		Clerk
Smythe	John		
Stephius	Thomas		
Stokes	William		
Wilkins	Thomas		
Others:			
Bally	John	Debtor	Of Seend (£6 13s 4d)
Prittle	John	Debtor	Of Seend (7s)
Somers	John	Debtor	Of Stockley (19s 4d)
Wilcox	John	Debtor	Of Luckington (£20)

In the name of God Amen The second day of Marche Anno domini 1593 and in the xxxvj yeare of the Raigne of our moste gracious and soueraigne ladie Elizabeth By the Grace of God Queene of England Fraunce and Ireland Defender of the Faithe etc ; I Joane Stokes of Seende in the com of Wiltes and Diocese of Sarum vid sicke and feeble in bodie whole and
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perfecte of memory thanckes to God do make and ordeyne this my laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule to Almightye God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in Christen burial in the Church of Seende Item I give and bequeathe to the Cathedral Church of Sarum vjd (6d) and to the Church of Seende xijd (12d) Item I give and bequeath to x of the poorest householders in Seende iijs iijd (3s 3d) to be equally devided emongest them by the discretion of my overseers Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne John Stokes xijli vjs viijd (£13 6s 8d) a flocke bedd a boulster and a covered and a pillowe Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Christopher Stokes xijli vjs viijd (£13 6s 8d) a flocke bed a covered and a pillowe Item I give to the said John and Christofer Stokes all my timber and boordes to be equallie devided between them Item I give and bequeath to my sonne William Stokes xxvjli xiiis iiijd (£16 13s 4d) my best brasse potte iij platters iij potingers Item I give and bequeathe to my sonne Samuel Stokes xxvjli xiijs iiijd (£16 13s 4d) my next best brasse potte iij platters and iij pottingers Item I give and bequeathe to Anne Stokes my daughter xxvjli xiijs iiijd (£16 13s 4d) my beste brasse panne iij platters and iij pottingers Item I give and bequeathe to my mother xxs (20s) and to my sister Anne Stephens xxs (20s) Item I give to Goodwif Borowe vs (5s) All the reste of my goodes and cattell movable and vnmovable not afore bequeathed my debts and legaces paid I give and bequeathe them to Thomas Stokes my sonne whome I make; and appoint my sole executour of this my last will and Testamente Item I make and appointe my brother William Stokes John Smythe and Thomas Wilkins overseers to see this my will performed and accomplished

Witnesses to the same Thomas Kemp clerke; William Stokes John Smythe Thomas Wilkins and Thomas Stepius

Debts owing to the said Testatum- as followethe

In the handes of John Wilcox of Luckington xxli (£20)

In the handes of John Bally of Seend vjli xiijs iiijd (£6 13s 4d)

In the handes of John Somers of Stockleye xixs iiijd (19s 4d)

In the handes of John Prittle of Seend vijs (7s)

Proved at Edington Tuesday 9th April 1594

Thomas Stokes the executor of Bromham co Wilts weaver with William Stokes of Sende yeoman and John Smith of Kevill clothier is bound for the education of the children and payment of the legacies

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