

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Stoakes
of Seend
Will proved 20th January 1648*



Probate Court of London
Original reference: P.C.C. 12 KsSLX
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Will Dated 15th August 1646

Testator	Stoakes	John, Snr.	Clothier of Seend
Executors			
Stoakes	Anne	Wife	Sole Executrix
Overseers:			
Stoakes	William	Friend	
Summer	George	Friend	
Stoakes	James	Friend	
Smith	George	Friend	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			The poor of Seend
			Every spinster of mine who is a householder
	Alice	Daughter	Expecting a child after August 1646
	Anne	Granddaughter	Child of his daughter Alice
	James	Grandson	Child of his daughter Alice
	John	Grandson	Child of his daughter Alice
	William	Grandson	Child of his daughter Alice
Hort	Thomas	Servant	
Stoakes	Anne	Daughter	Unmarried in August 1646
Stoakes	Anne	Wife	
Stoakes	Joane	Daughter	Unmarried in August 1646
Stoakes	John	Son	His wife expecting a child after August 1646
Stoakes	Mary	Daughter	Unmarried in August 1646
Watson	Mary	Servant	
Witnesses			
Smith	George		
Stoakes	James		
Other Names			
Eyres		Uncle of his daughters?	

In the name of God the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost Amen the fifteenth day of August Anno Domini one thousand six hundred fortie six and in the twentie second yeare of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles now of England Kinge &c I John Stoakes of Seend senior in the countie of Wilts clothier being sicke in body but of good and perfect memory the Lord be praised doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following Imprimis I bequeathe my soule to God that gave it assuring myself of a joyfull resurrection and life eternall through Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and my body to be buried by the appointment of my executrix Son John 20s daughter Alice 20s and the brass pan at her house; daughter Joane £100 at her marriage if she marry with the consent of her friends otherwise her portion to be at her disposinge except what money she has already at her own disposinge ; if it please God to call her away before marriage her portion is to remain to her sister or sisters unmarried: daughters Anne and Mary so much money as will make what they have already given them by their uncle Eyres and employed for their own benefit £200 apiece payable on the day of marriage of either if they marry with the consent of their friends otherwise what I give shall be at the disposal of their friends; to four children of my daughter Alice John James William and Anne £3 each payable when my wife shall think fit for their advantage; son John's child if please God it live also to be borne and also to the other child of my daughter Alice if it live also to be borne 40s each payable when my wife think fit To the poor of Seend 10s servants Thomas Hort and Mary Watson 10s payable within a month after my decease; to every spinster of mine that is a housekeeper 2s The rest of my goods chattels and debts I leave to my wife Anne whom I make my sole executrix with my friends William Stoakes George Summer James Stoakes and George Smith my overseers and to them 10s each

Witnesses George Smith James Stoakes

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