

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of William Stokes  
of Seend  
Will proved 1619*



Probate Court of Archdeacon's Court, Sarum  
Original reference: (Court Reference here)  
Court Copy reference:  
Will dated: 14th October 1619

<b>Testator</b>	Stokes	William	of Seend Row
<b>Executors</b>			
Dugdale	Thomas	Brother in law	Joint Executor
Trimnell	John	Brother in law	Joint Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			The poor of Seend and Seend Row
Dugdale	Thomas	Brother in law	
Gerish	Mary		
Stokes	Bartholomew	Son	Aged under 21 in October 1619
Stokes	James	Son	Aged under 21 in October 1619
Stokes	John	Son	Aged under 14 in October 1619
Stokes	Phebe	Daughter	Aged under 18 in October 1619
Trimnell	John	Brother in law	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Tise	Elias		
Usher	Edward		
<b>Others</b>			
Stokes	John, Jnr.		Inventory Taker
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Tilling	John		Inventory Taker
Usher	Edward		Inventory Taker

October 14 AD 1619 William Stokes of Seend Row in the parish of Melksham orders his body to be buried in Seend Churchyard ; leaves to Phebe Stokes his daughter 30 *lib* to be paid her at the age of 18 years or marriage also his best feather bed with all the parell belonging 2 little coffers and his best crock and platter ; to John Stokes his son his house at Henmarsh and all his tree land in Seend and Melksham to him and his heirs for over with remainder on failure of issue to his other son Bartholomew Stokes for ever his executour to have the benefit of the same land until John Stokes come to the age of 14 years towards the latter's keep at skoole; also to John his son a little Croke and 2 platters ; to Bartholomew Stokes his son 20 *lib* to be paid him at the age of 21 years and a bedstead in the loft with a bed and pair of blankets and bolster and coverlet; to James Stokes his son the rest of his household stuff and the lease of his house and that which doeth belong to it when he comes to the age of 21 years; he leaves to the poor of Seend and Seend Row 5s ; to Mary Gerish 10s in three years after his decease The rest of his goods and the lease of his house until his son James is 21 he leaves to John Trimnell and Thomas Dugdale his Brethren in law whom he makes his executours to bring up his children and to pay them their portions; if they happen to be dismised of the lease by the death of James Stokes or otherwise it shall be abated in his children's portions Signed *William Stokes*

Witnesses *Elias Tise Edward Vsher*

With an Inventory of his household stuff and implements taken 18 October 1619 by John Tilling Edward Usher John Stokes senior and John Stokes junior being plain household furniture grain and a few cattle including also a chattell lease for House and ground xxxli £30

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