

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Anthony Bennett
of Stower Provost, Dorset
Will Written
20th May 1688*



Probate Court of London
Original reference
Will Dated 20th May 1688

Testator:	Bennett	Anthony	Gentleman of Stower Provost, Dorset
Executors:			
Bennett	Elianor	Wife	Sole Executrix
Trustees:			
Edmonds?	John	Friend	Of East Knoyle
Gibbins	Thomas	Friend	Of West Knoyle
Petteridge	John	Friend	Of Semley
Sergeant	Thomas	Friend	Of Hinton St. Mary, Dorset

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Poor of Stower Provost
			Poor of East Stower
		Granddaughters	Daughters of Thomas Bennett
	Alice	Servant	
Bennett	Christopher	Son	Of Kingscleare
Bennett	Elianor	Wife	
Bennett	Richard	Son	
Bennett	Samuel	Son	
Bennett	Sara	Daughter	
Bennett	Thomas	Grandson	Son of Thomas Bennett
Bennett	Thomas	Son	Of Semley
Bennett	William	Grandson	Son of Thomas Bennett
Browne	John	Son in law	Of Semley
Browne	Mary	Granddaughter	Of Semley; Daughter of Mary Browne
Browne	Peter	Grandson	Of Semley; Son of Mary Browne
Petteridge	Frances	Daughter	Of Semley
Witnesses			
Other Names			
Browne	Mary	Daughter	Deceased of Semley

Durdell		Tenant	Widow of Gillingham, Dorset
Ingram		Tenant	Widow and shopkeeper of Hatchmans, Dorset
Wooldridge	Christopher	Tenant	Cooper of East Stower, Dorset

In the name of God Amen I Anthony Bennett of Stower Provost in the county of Dorset Gent This eight and twentieth day of May in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James the Second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and eighty eight being of perfect mind and memory and hereby revoking all former Wills by me made do make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament as followeth Principally I commend my Soul to Almighty God hoping through the meritorious death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to receive pardon for all my Sins my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named As touching my temporall Estatel dispose thereof as follows In primis I do give unto my beloved wife Elianor Bennett all my lands and other Estates in East Stower and Stower Provost in the county of Dorset and all Copses and privileges thereunto belonging according to the custom of the Manor for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease I dispose thereof as followeth I do give unto my sonne Thomas Bennett of Sembley after the decease of my said Wife my land in Stower Provost aforesaid called Clarks and Clarks Allotments and to his heirs forever (with this proviso) that after the decease of my said wife he shall pay unto my sonne Samuell Bennett during his naturall life the summe of five pounds a year half-yearly paid with fifty shillings on every twenty fifth day of March and fifty shillings on every twenty ninth day of September or within twenty dayes next after either of the dayes of payment aforesaid and for non-payment of the same as abovesaid the said Samuell shall immediately enter upon the said Land called Clarks and Clarks allotments and the same hold and enjoy until the annual summe behinde shall be satisfied and paid I give also unto my said Sonne Thomas Bennett after the decease of my Wife my Cops in Stower Provost aforesaid called Clarks he giving Bonds to the in trust according to the custom of the Manor I doe give unto my said sonne Samuell Bennett after the decease of my said Wife my Closes in Stower Provost called Tiffells he giving Bonds to the ?faith.... in trust according to the custom of the Manor I give alsoe to my sonne Samuell Bennett after the decease of my said Wife my dwelling house in East Stower aforesaid called Machams and Hatchmans now in the possession of Christopher Wooldridge Cooper with the garden and orchard thereunto belonging and the parrock thereunto adjoining conteyning by estimation two Acres be it more or less and one parcel of ground thereunto belonging lying on the other side of The way over against the said house conteyning by estimation four perch be it more or less and the ?lease of one Bullock in the Common and Liberty to cut fewell upon the same according to the custom of the Manor I give unto my sonne Christopher Bennett of Kingscleare after the decease of my said Wife My Cops in Stower Provost called Moore Cops adjoining to East Stower Common he giving Bonds to the ?faith..... in trust according to the Custom of the Manor I give unto my daughter Frances Petheridge of Sembley after the decease of my said Wife my Land in East Stower aforesaid called and to her heirs forever (with this proviso) that after the decease of my said Wife she shall pay unto my sonne Richard Bennett during his natural life the sum of five pounds a year half-yearly (with) fifty shillings on every twenty fifth day of March and fifty shillings on every twenty ninth day of September or within twenty days next after either of the dayes of payment aforesaid And for non-payment of the same as abovesaid the said Richard Bennett shall immediately enter upon the said Land called and and the same hold and enjoy until the said Annuall summe behind shall be satisfied I do give unto my Grandchildren Thomas Bennett and William Bennett sonnes of the said Thomas Bennett after the decease of my said Wife the Tenemt in East Stower aforesaid called Newtons to be by my Trustees hereafter named equally divided between Them share and share alike during the term of my Lease and if either dye before the expiration of the said Lease then the survivor shall enjoy and keep the whole tenement during the course then unexpired I do give after the decease of my said Wife unto the daughters of my said sonne Thomas Bennett which are now borne and which shall be living at the decease of my said Wife one other house in East Stower aforesaid called Machams and Hatchmans and the shop thereunto belonging which the Widdow Ingram now liveth in and the parcells of ground thereunto belonging except such parcells of ground as are herein before nominated and given to my said sonne Samuell Bennett and all other parcells of ground belonging to the aforesaid house called likewise Machams and Hatchmans (except such parcells of ground as are herein aforesaid nominated and given alsoe to the aforesaid Samuell Bennett) during the term of my Lease to be by my Trustees hereafter named equally divided between them share and share alike and if either dye before the end of the term without Issue then the part and share of her so dyeing shall remain to the survivor I do give unto Peter Browne and Mary Browne sonne and daughter of my daughter Mary Browne of Sembley late deceased after the decease of my said Wife all that Tenement in East Stower aforesaid with the appurtenances (which Mrs Durdell of Gillingham Widdow now holds during her life) for and during the term of my Lease to be by my Trustees hereunder named equally divided between them share and share alike and if either of them dye without Issue then his or her share so dyeing shall remain to the survivor during the Term I do give unto my daughter Sara Bennett four hundred pounds to be paid her within one whole year next after my decease I do give unto my sonne in Law John Browne of Sembley one

hundred pounds to be paid within one year next after my decease I do give unto my Servant Alice twenty shillings if she living with me at the time of my decease I do give unto the poor of Stower Provost the summe of three pounds to be paid them on the day of my buryall by the then Overseers I do give unto the poor of East Stower forty shillings to be paid them on the day of my buryall likewise by the Overseers All my household goods after the decease of my said Wife I doe give unto my sonnes and daughters which shall be then living to be equally divided between them at the discretion of my Trustees hereafter names All the rest of my goods and chattels whatsoever unbequeathed I do give unto my beloved Wife Elianor Bennett whom I do make sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do desire and make my beloved friends John Petteridge of Sembley Thomas Gibbins of west knoile John ?edmonds of east knoile in the County of Wilts and Thomas Sergeant of Hinton St Mary to be my Trustees to see that this my last Will and Testament be duly and uprightly performed And I do give to each of them five pound for their paynes for so doing to be paid them in one year next after my decease In witness whereof I the said Anthony Bennett have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written *Anthony Bennett* Published declared and written by the said Anthony Bennett to be his last Will and Testament and signed and sealed in the presence of

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