

*The Last Will and Testament of
John Whytte (White)
of Marston in the Parish of Potterne
Will proved 21 July 1599*



Probate Court of London

Original reference: Prob 11/94/169

Last Will & Testament dated 7 May 1599

Testator:	Whytte (White)	John	Husbandman
Sole Executrix:	White	Agnes	Wife
Overseers:	Bristow	William	
	Dalmar	Alice	
	Edwards	Humfrey	
	Ellis alias Brner	John	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Lady church of Sarum
			Church of Potterne
			Portman's box of Potterne
Bristow	William		
Clarke	William Goodyere		
Whitt	Agnes	Wife	
Whitt	John	Son	Aged under 21 years
Whitt	Mary/Marie	Daughter	Aged under 21 years
Whitt	Agnes	Daughter	Aged under 21 years
Witnesses			
Bristow	John		
Edwards	Humfry		
Gawen	Henry		
Goodyere	William		
Myntie	Willm		
Myntie	Walter		
Salter	John		
Other Names			
Aust	Henry		
Barlow	John		Shrewton
Bristowe	William, jnr, Gent		Potterne
Clarke	William Goodyeare		
Colds	Robert		Oston (Ashton ?)
Dalmar	Symon		o Seend
Ford	William, junr.		of Keyvill

Gaisford	John		of Bulkington
Goodinowe	John		Marston
Goodyeare	William, junr.		
Hydringe	John		
Leachman	Thomas		
Longman	Richard		Little Cheverell
Mays	William		of Pollesholt
Myntie	John		Earle Stocke
Myntie	Walter		Worton
Pearse	Richard		
Robert	Detie ?		Tilstid (Tilshead ?)
Rumsted	Richard		
Selfe	Nicholas		
Smies	Thomas		
Symes	Thomas		
Townsend	Roger		
Whitt	Richard	Brother	

In Sei nomine Amen The Seventh daye of May in the one and fforteth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereign Ladie Queene Elizabeth by the grace of God of England ffrance and Ireland Quene defender of the faythe I John White of Marston within the parish of Potterne in the Countie of Wilts husbandman beinge sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte remembrance God be prayed; Doe make and ordayne this my presente will and Teatment in manner and forme followinge That is Saye ffirst I comende my Soule to Almightye God my maker Jesus Christ my Redeemer and the holie ghost the sweete comforter, and my body to be buried in Christian buriall.

Item I gyve to our Ladies Church of Sarum Six pence

Item I gyve to the Church of Potterne Twelve pence

Item I gyve to the pooreman's Box of Potterne Twelve pence

Item I gyve and bequeath to Agnes Whitt my wife, All that my Lease of wethie meade and the Tenne Acres in Longe meade, for and dureing the tyme of my Brother Richard Whitt his naturall lyffe yf he shall remayne and abide wydow so longe And yf my sayde wiffe shall marrye then I will that John Whitt my Sonne shall have the fore said Lease of wethie meade and the Tenne Acres in Longe meade And yf my sayd Sonne shall happen to dye then I will that Mary and Agnes Whitt my daughters shall have the fore paide Lease of wethie meade and the tenne Acres in Longe meade wynthe to gether.

Item I gyve and bequeath unto my said wiffe Agnes Whitt all that my Lease of the messuage and tenemente with the Appurtenances wherein, I now dwell for and duringe the tyme of her wydowhood and yf she shall marrie then I will yt from and after the day of the Solemnisation of her marriage as also from and after the day and hower of her death; All the fore sayd Lease howses Edifice and buyldinge Orchard, Gardens, bartons, meadows, pastures Closures Errable lande/comon and feadings with the appurtenances stalbe and remayne to John Whitt my Son duringe the tyme of the grounds Lease yb he shall so longe hyve ; And yf he shall happen to die then I will that Marie Whitt and Agnes Whitt my daughters shall hand the same duringe the tyme of the grounds Lease If my sayde wife Agnes Whitt shall so longe lyve

Item I gyve and bequeath unto my Sayd sonne John White Three score and Tenne poundes of lawfull money of England and my wantit [?] stone Rickska the by tallette and wayne howse with all my plough harnesse and plough tymber well Bucket and windles with with th(e) appurtenances and one presse and one Cheese wringe a Cheese Racke, one Bedsteade in the Lofte my Table Boarde with benches and formes and all my tackes in the house and my Cubbord
Item I gyve to Mary Whitt my daughter Twentie poundes of Lawfull money of England and one bed with his apparell and one Cowe

Item I gyve bequeath to Agnes White my daughter Twentie poundes of Lawfull money of England and one bed with his apparell and one Cowe

Item I doe ordaine and appoint that my overseers hereafter named shall oversee unto and governe for my children. All that their portions before remembered; And also to receave for them and in their names all the Rente Issues commodities and profitts cominge and growinge of the Sonne to be employed onlie to y rose and behoofe of my sayd Children, until that my Sayd Sonne shall come to the age of Twentie and one yeares; And my daughters to the age of Twentie and one yeares or else to be maried And if any of my Sayde Children shall happen to dye before they shall come to therefore sayd ages and not married, Then I will that his parte or her parte shall remayne to them then lyvinge equallie to be devidid by my overseers or by any one of them Provided that my Children shall not Marrie without the consent of their mother and my overseers and if that they wilfully doe marrie, Then I will that they soe doinge shall not have their porcons before their full ages before lymitted

Item I give unto William Goodyere Clarke Tenne shillings of lawfull English money

Item I give unto William Bristow twentie shillings of lawfull English money

Item I will that my Executrix hereafter named shall fynde my aforesaid Children John Whitt Mary Whitt and Agnes Whitt meat drinke lynney. wollen hose shooes, and sufficient Lodginge until they shall accomplish their full ages or be maryed as vs before lymitted And I will that my sayd Executrix doe and shall bringe upp my Children in Learninge and namelie to keepe my Sonne John Whitt to schole foe longe as yt shalby they wisdomes and descretion of my overseers be thought good and meete for him The rest of all my goods cattles debts moveable and unmoveable after my debtes paide my funerall expences so formed, and these my Legacies fulfilled and my Children brought upp

Item I gyve bequeath to Agnes Whitt my wife whom I make and ordaine my full whole and Sole Executrix of this my present will and Testament and I pray Willm Bristow Humfrey Edwards and John Ellis alias Brner and Alic Dalmar to be my overseers, and I gyve them for their paines fyve shillinges a peece; And I utterly revocke and adnull all other former wills Testaments Legacies and bequeathes Executors and overseers hereto fore by me named willed and bequeathed constituted and appointed these bearinge witnesses Willm Goodyere, John Salter, John Bristow, Humfrey Edwardes, Henry Gawen, Willm Myntie, Walter Myntie. A thousand fyve hundred nyntie nyne. Debtes owinge to John Whitt the day and yeare within written. Seend; Symon Dalmar by specialtie eleven pounds, Keyvill ; William Ford junior by specialtie; fyve pounds Tenne shillings; Bulkington; John Gaisford by specialtie; Tenne pounds; Thomas Symes by specialtie Three pounds Six shillings; Thomas Smies Two Beastes beasoes for foure yeares by specialtie; Pollsholt; Willm Mays by specialtie; Six pounds Twelve shillings; Willm Goodyere Clarke by specialtie Seven pounds fiftene shillings six pence; William Goodyere junior by specialtie Three poundes Two Shillings; William Myntie by specialtie ffyve pounds Tenne Shillings; Nicholas Selve for a sacke of Beanes Seaven Shillings; Worton; Walter Myntie by specialtie, Three pounds Six Shillings; Roger Townsend by specialtie ffoure pounds Eight shillings; John Hyndringe for a gelding nag ffortie eight shillings eight pence; Thomas Leachman by specialtie fiftie shillings and one peece of meadowe in Wallis; Potterne; Willm Bristowe jno gent by specialtie fiftene poundes; Ric. Pearse without specialtie ffyve shillings; Marston; John Goodinowe by specialtie Eight pounds, Henry Aust without specialtie ffoure poundes; John Bristowe by specialtie thre(e) pounds Six shillings; John Salter by specialtie ffoure poundes eight shillings; Tilstid; Robert y Detie? without specialtie Thirteen Shillings foure pence; Shrewton; John Barlow without specialtie fiftie shillings; Oston; Robert Colds without specialtie eleven shillings; Little Cheverell; Ric Longman foure shillings; Ric Rumsted oweth thre(e) bushelles of beanes to be paide at michaellmas next; Henry Gawen to paid in and upon the feast of St Thomas the Apostle, A thousand fyve hundred nyntie nyne, ffortie shillings
Item Henry Gawen to paye in and upon the feast of the Annutiacion of St Marie the virgin 1600 fforty shillings; John Myntie of Earle Stocke; Ten Shillinges.

(Attestation Clause)

Vicesimo primo die menses July Anno dm millesimo quingen te simo nonagesimo nono (21 July 1599)

Agnes Whitt, Executrix.

OPC Notes:-

Within document surname written as White and Whitt, whilst document at National Archies as Whytte.

Land mentioned: Lease of Withie Mead and Ten acres in Long Mead. Lease of the messuage and tenement with the appurtenances.

Maybe ...

No burial recorded at Potterne for John White.

John Whit baptised 15 Jun 1591 (no father given) at Potterne

Mary White 24 Jul 1587 (no father given) at Potterne

No Agnes recorded in the Potterne parish registers

Agnes White, mother, buried 1 Sep 1633 at Potterne, widow