

Legacies of The Last Will and Testament of James Ballard of Bratton

Will proved 3rd June 1680



Chantor's Court of Salisbury
Proved at Westbury 3rd June 1680

Testator:	Ballard	James	Yeoman of Bratton
Executors:	Ballard	Henry	Father

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Ballard	Henry	Father	
Ballard	Henry	Nephew	Son of John Ballard (deceased)
Ballard	James	Nephew	Son of John Ballard (deceased)
Ballard	Jane	Wife	
Ballard	John	Nephew	Son of John Ballard (deceased)
Ballard	William	Brother	
Ballard	William	Brother-in-law	Younger son of William Ballard the elder of Steeple Ashton
Witnesses			
Croome	John		
Tille	Richard		
Other Names			
Lambert	Thomas		

Before the Precentor or Chantor's Court of Salisbury, Wiltshire

BALLARD – James Ballard of Bratton, Co. Wilts, yeoman bequeaths to his wife Jane all closes, land and tenements with their appurtenances in Keevil, Co. Wilts lately purchased of Thomas Lambert esquire, for the term of her life and after her death, to the heirs of his body, and for the want of such issue to his brother-in-law William Ballard the younger, son of William Ballard the elder of Steeple Ashton, yeoman, and the heirs male of his body; and for want of such issue to William Ballard his brother and heirs male of his body; and for want of such issue to his kinsman Henry Ballard, son of his brother John Ballard deceased, and his heirs male; and for want of such issue to John son of the said John Ballard and his heirs male; and for want of such issue to James, son of the said brother John Ballard, and for want of such issue to the right heirs of himself for ever. He gives to his wife his black mare, the remainder of his goods to his father Henry Ballard his executor, in trust for such child as his wife "is now with child withal" either by putting such child's life in his copyhold living in Bratton, or otherwise as he shall think fit; and in case the child dies before the age of eighteen years or day of marriage, he gives the rest of his personal estate to his father. Dated 26th September 1679 proved at Westbury 3rd June 1680. Inventory of the goods taken 17th December 1679 by John Croome and Richard Tille, their total value being 504 pounds, three shillings and 4 pence.

Source:- Wiltshire Notes and Queries 1893-1916