

*The Last Will and Testament of  
John Blatch the Elder  
of Bratton  
Will proved 6th May 1772*



Probate Court of Westbury  
Original reference:

<b>Testator:</b>	Blatch	John	Gentleman
<b>Executors:</b>	Blatch	John	Son

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Blatch	Deborah	Daughter	
Blatch	Eleanor	Daughter-in-law	
Blatch	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Blatch	John	Son	
Blatch	Philip	Grandson	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
<b>Other Names</b>			
Ballard	Elizabeth		
Ballard	John		
Hooper	Robert		

BLATCH – John Blatch the elder of Bratton, gentleman. To son John Blatch, amongst other things, black chest of drawers and looking glass in black frame in the parlour chamber, furniture in the little chamber over the cellar next the street, and an eight-day clock, also two family coats of arms in gilt frames and two glazed prints of the King and Queen. To son John's wife Eleanor Blatch the mourning ring he had at the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ballard late wife to Mr. John Ballard of Imbar. To grand-son Philip Blatch a set of coat and waistcoat silver buttons, his silver watch and shoe buckles and four crown pieces. Whereas by a deed of settlement he made his late wife a reserve of 500 pounds to give by will, he therefore gives the said 500 pounds with 60 pounds more, to be equally divided between his daughters Deborah and Elizabeth Blatch with the following goods, all gold rings not mentioned, all plate, jewels and china. Also to his said two daughters to reside in his dwelling-house and to have the use of profit of the garden and orchard belonging to Hill's tenement extended to the footpath leading to and from Westbury, to the use of his woodhouse, and to all rents and profits from the orchard belonging to the freehold estate lately purchased by him of Robert Hooper, to enjoy the same as long as they remain unmarried; all his bee stocks to be divided between his son and two daughters. All the rest and remainder of his goods and chattels he bequeaths to his son John Blatch who he makes his sole executor.  
Dated 4th April 1772 proved at Westbury 6th May 1772

**Source:- Wiltshire Notes and Queries 1896-1913**