

*The Last Will and Testament
Of William Whitaker, Snr.
of Bratton
Will Written
18th April 1663*



Probate Court of
Original reference
Will Dated - 18th April 1663
Codicil Dated -
Buried at -

Testator:	Whitaker	William, Snr.	Yeoman of Bratton
Executors:			
Whitaker	John	Son	Joint Executors
Whitaker	William	Son	
Overseers:			
Beach	Robert, Snr.	Friend	
Kington	Anthony	Son in law	
Trustees:			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Poor of Bratton
		Grandchildren	
Beach	Robert, Snr.	Friend	Gentleman
Holloway	Melior	Daughter	
Kington	Anne	Daughter	
Kington	Anthony	Son in law	
Tucker	Joane	Daughter	Also known as Couch
Whitaker	John	Son	
Whitaker	William	Son	
Witnesses			
Beach	Thomas		
Bennett	Francis		
Rawlings	William		
Other Names			
Bromwich	William		Landowner

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of April in the year of theof our
Lord Christ the Saviour by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith on the
fifteenth anno domini One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Three William Whitaker the elder of Bratton in the parish of

Westbury in the County of Wilts Yeoman being sick in body but of good and perfect memory Thanks be given to Almighty God do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I commend my soul unto the hands of God my creator hoping assuredly through themerits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to be madeof everlasting life I commit my body to the earth from where it came concerning all my worldly goods as God has bestowed upon me I give and bequeath as followeth that is to say First I give and bequeath to the poor of Bratton aforesaid twenty shillings to be distributed by executors and overseers hereafter named according to their discretion Also I do give devise and bequeath all and singular my messuage tenements and hereditaments with their and ...of their appurtenances in Edington Steeple Ashton and West Ashton in the County of Wilts aforesaid (except certain.....called Crowswill Down lying in the tything of West Ashton aforesaid which I purchased from William Bromwich esquire and others) unto my eldest son John Whitaker and his heirs lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of such issue I give devise and bequeath all and singular the said messuages lands and tenements to my son William Whitaker and his heirs lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of such issue I give devise and bequeath all and singular the said messuages lands and tenements unto my three daughter Melior Joane and Anne and to their heirs for ever Also I give devise and bequeath my saidcalled Crowswill Down and all and singular my messuages land tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances in Hinton and North Bradley in the said County of Wilts unto my said son William Whitaker and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten And for default of such issue I give devise and bequeath the said lastmessuages lands and tenements lying in West Ashton Hinton and North Bradley aforesaid unto my said son John Whitaker and to heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten And for default of such issue I give devise and bequeath the said lastmessuages lands and tenements in West Ashton Hinton and North Bradley aforesaid unto my three daughters Melior Joane and Anne and to their heirs for ever Also I give devise and bequeath my lands and tenements in Norridge in the parish of *Skudmores Upton in the said County of Wilts to Anne Kington my daughter and her heirs for ever Also I give and bequeath unto my loving friends Robert Beach the elder Gent and my son in law Anthony Kington all that my chattelhold tenement lying in Westbury commonly called by the name of Culverhouse and all my estate might.....of years to come and title thereunto to hold to them for all said term in trust and confidence...the...that they the said Robert Beach and Anthony Kington shall permit and suffer William Whitaker my son to hold and enjoy the same and take the rents issues and profits thereof to his own use for so many of the said terms of years and estate as he the said William my son shall happen to live and after the decease of the said William my son upon further trust and confidence nevertheless that they the said Robert Beach and Anthony Kington shall permit and suffer my said daughter Melior Holloway to hold and enjoy the same and take the rents issues and profits thereof to her own proper use for so many of the said terms of years and estate as she the said Melior Holloway shall happen to live And after the several deceases of the said William my son and Melior my daughter upon further trust and confidence that they the said Robert Beach and Anthony Kington shall permit and suffer the said Joane Tucker als Couth to hold and enjoy the same and take the rents issues and profits thereof for all the remainder of my terms and estate then to come andAlso I give and bequeath to my daughter Melior Holloway twenty shillings of lawful money of England to be paid to her within three months next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joane Tucker als Couch twenty shillings of lawful money of England to be paid to her within three months after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Kington twenty shillings of lawful money of England to be paid to her within three months after my decease Also I give to every one of my grandchildren the sum of twenty shillings a piece of lawful money of England to be paid unto them when they shall attain their respective ages of one and twenty years All the rest and residue of my goods and chattels moniable andwhatsoever not herein before given my legacies and funeral expenses being paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto John Whitaker and William Whitaker my sons whom I make my executors of this my last will and testament to pay my legacies and discharge my funeral expenses as aforesaid Also I devise and appoint my loving friends Robert Beach and Anthony Kington my son in law to be overseers of this my last will and testament to see it performed and for their care thereof in token of my love I give to them five shillings a piece

In witness whereof I the said William Whitaker the elder named hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year ...above written *William Whitaker*

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of *Frances Bennett William Rawlings Thomas Beach*

Proved

The Will is Proved – text is in Latin

OPC Note:

Skudamores Upton' is now known as 'Upton Scudamore'