

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Richard Stookes  
of Corsham  
Will proved 29th June 1603*



Probate Court of Canterbury  
Original reference: PROB 11/101/476  
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Will Dated: 9th April 1603

<b>Testator:</b>	Stookes	Richard	Weaver of Corsham
<b>Executors:</b>			
Stookes	Elizabeth	Wife	Sole Executrix
<b>Overseers:</b>			
Bushnell	Osmund		
Tailer	Thomas		

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Church of Sarum
			Poor of Corsham
			Poor of Atworth
Stookes	Ann	Daughter	Aged under 18
Stookes	Elizabeth	Wife	
Stookes	John	Son	Aged under 21
Stookes	Suzan	Daughter	Aged under 18
Vnckelles	John	Brother in law	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Hancock	John		
Harris	William		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Kippen	Thomas		To hold money for his son
Pinchin	Thomas		To hold money for his son
Vnckelles	John, Snr.		To hold money for his son

In the name of God, Amen. The third daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lorde God, a thousand six hundred and three. I, Richard Stookes, of parish of Corsham, weaver, being of whole minde, etc., commende my sowle unto Almightye God, and my bodie to the earth from whence it came; to the church of Sarum fower pence ; the poore of parrishe of Corsham twelve pence; the poore of Attforde twelve pence: to my sonne John Stookes somme of tenne poundes remaining in handes of Thomas Pinchen, minor, fower poundes in handes of Thomas Kippen, thirtie shillinges in handes of John Vnckelles, senior, fiftie shillinges, and in the handes of Osmund Bushnell, thirty eight shillinges six pence, which said some of tenn pound, my will and desier is that said Osmund Bushnell shall take securitie lor same to my Sonne's use and to putt it forthe for his best preferment and comoditie vntill my said sonne come to the age of one and twentie yeares ; vnto my saide sonne John Stookes another some of tenn poundes of curraunt Englishe monie well shall remaine in handes of Elizabeth my wife vntill my saide sonne come vnto the age of one and twentie yeares ; vnto my two daughters Anne and Suzan the some of tenn poundes apeece of curraunt Englishe monie to be paide vnto them by my executrix at

theire ages of eightene yeares. And yf yt happen either of my saide children to die before their severall ages, my will is that his or her parte so dyinge shalbe equallie devided amongst the reste that liveth, and yf they all die my will is that it shalbe equallie devided between my wife and the children of my brother in lawe John Vnckells. My further intent and will is that Elizabeth my wife shall put in securitie to my overseers for the paiment of the said severall portions to my children as aforesaid, yf she shalbe minded to marrie after my decease ; Elizabeth my wife sole executrix and residuary legatee ; Osmond Bushnell and Thomas Tailer, overseers ; signed and sealed the daie and yeare above written by *Richard Stokes*; witnesses, *John Hancock* and *William Harris*.

Proved at London, 29 June 1603

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