

William Rabbnet of Steventon, 1617

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In the name of God Amen I William Rabbnet of Steventon in the diocese of Winchester being sick and weak in body but of perfect sense and memory, I give my gracious God most humble and hearty thanks, do make and ordain this my last will and testament the 30th day of June in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred and seventeen. **First** and foremost I commit my soul into the hands and custody of my Saviour Jesus Christ who has redeemed me from sin, death and hell by his precious blood shedding and has insured me by his resurrection being [assembled] into heaven to prepare a place for me, that with him I may reign forever. **And** I refer my body to the earth to be decently and Christianly buried according to the discretion of my executrix hereunder named making no doubt that though my body be consumed and [named] *[illegible]* yet it shall by time be raised up at the general day of Judgment and united unto my soul that both body and soul may be partaker of everlasting happiness. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Avis Rabnett seven pounds of lawful English money to be employed after the best [m...d] until my said daughter Avis Rabnet, do attain unto the age of one and twenty years and then the said seven pounds with all the profit issuing thereof to be delivered unto her own disposition and governance. **Item** I give and bequeath to that child or children which yet remain within the body of my said wife Agnes Rabnet and unborn, five pounds of lawful English money to be employed following until it shall please God it or they do come to the age of one and twenty years, and to have the said five pounds with the profit thereof to be delivered unto it or them at the full age as aforesaid. **And** if it shall please God that any of my said children do die before they come to be one and twenty years old, my will is that all the portions bequeathed with the whole profit thereof do come and be delivered to the survivor. **Item** I give and bequeath to three children of Henry Hall of Deane in the diocese aforesaid to wit Hugh Hall, Marye Hall and Patience Hall five pounds of lawful English money viz., to Hugh Hall forty shillings and to Marye and Patience Hall thirty shillings apiece to be delivered to them at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after my decease. **My meaning** and will is that the five pounds is bequeathed and given above unto the three children of the said Henry Hall now remaining in the hands of the said Henry Hall, be taken from him and put with an honourable and honest man at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel as before is expressed, for their use, profits and behoof until they come to the age of one and twenty years. **And if** it please God any of the said three children do die before the age of one and twenty years then my will is *that* the survivor shall have the deceased's part. **Item** I give and bequeath to my two sisters Alice Rabnet and Christian Rabnet forty shillings apiece to be paid unto them at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my father in law John Sherman a piece of new medley cloth covering in measure about four yards to be delivered to him at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next

after my decease. **I give** to my mother in law Avis Sherman the sum of 20s lawful English money to be delivered her at Michaelmas as aforesaid after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my brother in law John Sherman my white Milan fustian doublet to be delivered to him present after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my brother in law Thomas Sherman ten shillings of lawful English money to be delivered him at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my sisters in law Issorde and Alice Sherman, each of them, a lamb to be delivered unto them presently after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my aforesaid daughter Avis Rabnet a joined chest to be delivered her when she comes to the age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath to my sister in law Marye Sherman five shillings of current English money to be delivered unto her at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret the widow of Henrye Hall the sum of ten shillings of lawful English money, the money to be paid and delivered unto her at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after my decease. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels yet not given and bequeathed I give and bequeath to my wife Agnes Rabnet whom I make and appoint my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and I do invoke my father in law John Sherman and Symon Joyner vicar of Preston Candover in the said diocese to be my overseers of this my last will and testament unto whom for their pains I give to each of them 6s 8d. **I give** to the church of Preston Candover aforesaid five shillings to be delivered to the Church wardens of the said parish church at my funeral. **Item** I give and bequeath to my own brother [Aice] Rabnet the sum of forty shillings of lawful English money to be given and delivered unto him at the Feast of St Michael the Archangel next after my decease. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto put my hand or mark the day and year aforesaid written.

The mark of William Rabnet

Signed in the presence of Sy Joyner and John Sherman

Probate granted on the testament of William Rabnett recently of Steventon the 17th day of December AD 1617. Agnes Rabnet to administer all the goods and chattels.

A true inventory of all the goods and chattels of William Rabnet of the parish of Steventon in the diocese of Winchester deceased taken and appraised by Thomas Odes and John Sherman the 1st day of November in the year of our Lord God 1617.

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel	1	0	0
Item a joined plain cupboard	0	6	8
Item one tub, one kiver and one great furnace	0	3	4
Item two small brass kettles and one skillet	0	5	0
Item 7 great pieces of pewter and five small pieces	0	13	4

Item a wainscoted chest	0	5	0
Item a small trunk, one little box and an old coffer	0	5	0
Item one flock bed covered with canvas, one bolster, one pillow, one pair of blankets, two pairs of canvas sheets and two coarse coverlets	2	0	0
Item one tod and one half of wool	2	5	0
Item one [score] of [cows]	5	10	0
Item one lease containing certain years yet to come of a house in [Upp-Husburne] after the decease of [illegible]	5	0	0
Item in debts appearing in specialty	52	10	0
Sum total	70	3	4

Thomas Odes his mark

John Sherman his mark