

Probate records of the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire, P3/P/1059

*Abstract of the Will of Edward Phelps of the Parish of Purton in the County of Wilts, written 17 Jul 1796, proved 20 Oct 1797.*

Gives and bequeaths to **his wife Mary Phelps** all his ready money and all monies arising from debts due to him and other securities. He also gives to her all rents and profits arising from his personal estate consisting of lands, messuages and tenements in Purton. He also gives to his said wife Mary Phelps all his household goods and all his wearing apparel.

After his wife's decease he gives and bequeaths to **his grandson William Phelps son of Edward Phelps deceased** his lands and tenement called Wideham together with its orchard in the parish of Purton. And if his grandson William Phelps should die before it comes into his possession, then he gives and bequeaths the same to **William's brother John Phelps** and his heirs.

After his wife's decease he gives and bequeaths the rest and residue of his lands, messuages, tenements and hereditaments in Purton consisting of two messuages, tenements and gardens situated near Dogridge, and three tenements and gardens near Wideham, to **his daughter Mary Sheppard wife of Robert Sheppard of Purton, yeoman**, and to **his daughter Sarah Taylor wife of William Taylor of Wotton Bassett, slatter and plaisterer**, to be equally divided between them. And of either of his said daughters should die before his wife's decease, then her share is to be divided equally between her children by the said Robert Sheppard of William Tayler.

Appoints the said Robert Sheppard and William Taylor co-executors of his last will and testament.

(Signed)

Witnesses: George Norton, Ann Hale, William Hale

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Edward Phelps was buried in Purton on 13 Sep 1796 aged 71 years (b.c. 1725).  
Edward Phelpes was christened in Purton in Dec 1724, son of John Phelpes.