

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/210/35.

Abstract of the Will of Sir John Backhouse of Swallowfield in the County of Berks, Knight, written 25 Feb 1648/9, proved 5 Nov 1649.

Appoints **his wife** sole executrix, giving her £500, his cattle and household stuff.

Makes his three friends Mr. Josias Bernard, Mr. Samuell West and Mr. William Codrington trustees of his estate.

Gives £10 to the poor of Swallowfield.

Gives £10 to the poor of Kingsley.

Gives £10 to the poor of Wordleham where his land is.

Gives 40 shillings to the poor of the tithing of Synsham.

Gives £5 to the poor of Clerkenwell.

Gives 40 shillings each to the minister officiating at the above places at the time of his decease.

Gives to his servant Thomas Mudd, who will be responsible for collecting and receiving the rents and giving account to his trustees, a lease of a tenement, Thomas paying the testator's wife an annuity of £6 during her life.

Gives £100 to **his niece Love**.

Gives an annuity of £100 to **his brother William Backhouse** during his life, besides the manor of Okehanger.

Gives annuities £40 each to **John Backhouse and Flower Backhouse, son and daughter of his brother William**, until they reach the ages of twenty years and sixteen years respectively.

Directs his trustees to pay £1,000 to the said Flower Backhouse once she comes of age.

Gives an annuity of £100 to **his nephew Samuell Bellingham**.

Gives an annuity of £100 to **his wife's nephew Mr. Samuell West**.

Gives leases of land to Andrew Roades and Frances Jennings, for their services to his wife.

Gives £10 to his neighbour and friend Mr. John Harrison.

Gives £5 each to his friends Mr. John Hanman, Mr. Stephen Rose and Mr. Bartholomew Springate.

Gives £50 to his servant Mary Staverton.

Gives £10 each to Lawrence Richards and Richard Justocke.

Gives £5 to Ralph Weekes.

Gives £3 to the boy Tom to secure himself an apprenticeship.

Gives to his servant Anthony Justocke a lease of land during his life.

Gives a yearly sum of £10 over seven years toward the repairing of the road between Swallowfield and Reading.

Makes further bequests to his and his wife's servants.

Witnesses: Thomas Mudd, Edward Swayne, John Castle

Codicil dated 27 Feb 1648/9...

Gives £40 each to his friends and trustees Mr. Josias Bernard and Mr. William Coddington.

Gives £10 to Mr. Pargiter of Wordleham.

Gives £5 to Mr. Shyler of Swallowfield.

Gives 40 shillings to Mr. John Bouckerson?