

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/309/327.

*Abstract of the Will of William Backhouse of Swallowfield in the County of Berks, Esquire, written 9 Feb 1661/2, proved 5 Nov 1662.*

Gives an annuity of £250 to **his wife Anne Backhouse**, to be paid out of his Berkshire manor. He gives her an additional annuity of £150 out of eight shares in the New River water brought from the Springs of Chadwell and Amwell to the City of London. And in case his wife chooses not to live with **his daughter Flower Bishop**, he gives to her six beds, an assortment of household furniture and goods, and all the plate that had belonged to **his son John** deceased.

Gives to Mr. William Lloyd, clerk, the land and tenements in the parish of Swallowfield which he recently purchased from Hugh Gates, along with the books that had belonged to his said son John.

Gives to his servant Thomas Harrison lands and tenements in the parish of St. James Clerkenwell in co. Middlesex, commonly called Waterhouse Field, currently occupied by Sir Sanders Dunscombe. And if after two years Thomas is evicted, he gives him his tenement in Cheapside London, commonly called Boarshead.

Gives £10 to the poor of the parish of Swallowfield.

Gives £10 toward the reparations of the church of Swallowfield.

Gives £5 to the poor of the parish of Kingly in the county of Southampton.

Gives to his servants the following: £15 to his servant Ellen Lloyd, £10 to Bridget Saxby, £10 to Joseph Brincklett, £10 to George Buckeridge, £5 to John Hill, £5 to Richard Webbe, £8 to Henry Round, £10 to John Phillips, £4 to Mary Edwards, £4 to Anne Edwards, £4 to Margaret Fulker, £40 to Anne Backhouse, £10 to Lindsay? Searle, £10 to William Plate, £2 to Richard Alexander, £2 to Barnard Alexander, £3 to John Misingham of Kingly, £2 to John Fisher, and £5 to Jone Harrison.

Gives £5 to . . . . . Grove, his daughter Flower Bishop's servant.

Gives £2 to his blacksmith John Tomes.

All the rest of his goods & chattels he gives to **his daughter Flower Bishop**, appointing here sole executrix of his last will and testament.

(Signed)

Witnesses: Anthony Barker and others