

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/147/31.

Abstract of the Will of John Blacknall of Abingdon in the County of Berks, Esquire, written 9 Aug 1625, proved 4 Oct 1625.

To be buried at St Nicholas, Abingdon, near his parents, grandparents and sister.

Gives 12 pence to the mother church of Sarum.

Gives 40 shillings to St Nicholas church.

Gives 40 shillings each to the parson of St Nicholas and the vicar of St Helens for tithes and offerings unpaid.

Gives 40 shillings to whoever preaches at his funeral.

Gives 2 shillings each to the parish clerks of St Helens and 4 shillings to that of St. Nicholas.

Gives an annuity of 5 shillings for life to his and his father's old workman William Slatter, to be paid out of his property in Longworth.

Gives an annuity of £4 for life to **his cousin Ellen Wise**, also to be paid out of the Longworth property.

Gives an annuity of £4 for life to **his cousin Robert Blacknall** the elder of Reading, clothier, to be paid out of his rents in Shepridge.

Gives £40 to the poor of Abingdon.

Made bequests to the prisoners of Oxford Castle and Reading gaol and eight other gaols in or near London, and to the poor of Hanney and Lyford.

Gives 40 shillings to the Master of the Temple in London for duties omitted.

Gives £5 6s. 8d. per annum to his friends Walter Dayrell, John Ashcombe and Charles Wiseman, Esquires, in trust, for the cure of the church of St Nicholas.

Following the death of **his wife Jane** he gives to his trustees his close in the Bore Street, Abingdon, his two messuages in Abingdon, his Lammas grounds in Abingdon, his meadow in Abingdon mead, his eleven acres of land in Abingdon field and his tithe of Connenwfield in Radley, in order to pay for twenty-four loaves to be distributed every Sunday morning after the service in St Nicholas church to twelve poor persons of that parish. Also gives an annuity of £8 to his trustees during the life of **his wife Jane** for the said purposes.

Gives to **his daughters Mary and Jane Blacknall**, then minors, his manor of Wasing and his farm and lands called Braybies Farm, and all his lands &c. in Wasing, Aldermaston, Woolhampton, Brimpton and Midgham in co. Berks.

Gives £1,000 each to his said daughters, to be paid to them when the turn twenty-one or when they marry.

Gives the tithing of Corneavell field in Radley and the fishing of Thrupp Water to his wife for life.

Gives £4 each to his servants.

Gives £10 and a mourning gown to **his cousin Anne Hamblyn**, to **her eldest son Richard Lane** he gives £10 and black cloak cloth, £20 each to **her other two sons George and William Lane**, and £20 to **their uncle William Lane** in Ireland (cousin of the testator).

Made a series of other bequests to church bodies.

No executor named.

Witnesses: John Richardson; Elizabeth Elkes

Administration performed by **his kinsman Charles Wiseman*** and **his wife Mary** during the minority of **his daughters Mary and Jane Blacknall**. Second Admon dated 9 Nov 1633 by **Ralph Verney and his wife Mary Verney alias Blacknall**, Jane Blacknall having died.

* Charles Wiseman married Mary Blagrove, sister of John's wife Jane.