

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/194/497.

Abstract of the Will of Mary Standen of Arborfield in the County of Berks, Widow, late Wife of William Standen of Arborfield, Esquire, written 28 Oct 1639, proved 19 Dec 1645.

Gives £10 to the poor of Swallowfield where she was born.

Gives 20 nobles to the poor of Reading.

Gives 20 nobles to the poor of Wokingham.

Gives 40 shillings each to the poor of the neighbouring parishes of Barkham, Hurst and Shinfield.

Gives £10 toward the reparations of the parish church of Arborfield.

Gives £20 to her servant Joane Davie?.

Gives £40 to her servant Elizabeth Welch.

Gives £20 to **her elder brother Sir John Backhouse** to buy himself a piece of plate.

Gives £100 to **her second brother Nicholas Backhouse**.

Gives £30 to **her younger brother William Backhouse**.

Gives 100 marks to **her sister's son, Samuel Bellingham**.

Gives her lease in Nutwell in co. Oxon, along with her jewells, monies, debts, credits, bills, bonds, goods & chattels, to **her niece Anne the wife of Nicholas Love**,* Esq. of Lincoln's Inn, whom she appoints sole executor of her last will and testament.

Nominates William Lentoll of Lincoln's Inn, Esq. as overseer of her will, giving him a piece of plate worth 20 marks as a legacy.

* The only niece named Anne was the daughter of Mary's sister Anne wife of Thomas Chester. A record of the marriage of Anne Chester to Nicholas Love has yet to be found.