

remembrance thankes be unto almightie god Do ordaine and make my testamente and last will in manner and forme followinge that is to say ffirste I bequethe my soule to almightie God and my bodie to therthe to be buried in the churchyard of Whitestanton aforesaid Itm I geve and bequethe to the saide pishe church Xiiid Itm I geve and bequethe to my sonne Salamon my tablebords Itm I geve and bequethe to euerie of my children iiiid a pece All the reste of my gooddes cattells and Debtes not geven nor bequethed in this my psente laste Will and testamente I do geve and bequethe unto Agnes Wief whome I make my whole and sale Executrix to use and Dispose the same as it semethe beste to her discession Yereunto bearethe Wittne Tristram Easton and Richard Brownsey

"Probatum fuit limoi testament virtute

"Comissis Curato ibm Directo

"Sum Invent iii li xviii s"

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"Agnētis Alford.

"In the name of God Amen, I Agnes Alforde, Widoe in the pishe of White-stanton in Somst, beinge in pfecte mynde and memory and sicke of body do make this my laste will and testamente as followethe ffirste I bequethe my soule to almightie god my savior in whome is my truste to be saved by his blood sheddingge for me and all other Itm I bequethe my bodie to be buried in xpian* buriall Itm to my mother church of Bathe and Wells iiiid Item I geve to Jone Symes my best gowne Itm I geve to my daughter Mary a platter a salteseller Itm to my daughter Alice one smocke and one aprone Itm to Jone Paine one stocke of bees Itm to my daughter Elinor my blacke frocke a podinger a sawc [er] Itm vnto my sonne Willyam, a borde that dothe stande vppon the benche Itm to John a stocke of bees. Itm to Salamon a frize gowne Itm to Bartholomew a douste bed ij feather pilloes a bolster and a paire of blanketts a coulett. Itm to Elinor also a quarte of hunney This my laste will and testamente made the IXth of november 1577 the residue of my goodes moveable and vnmovable I geve and bequethe to Brigett my daughter my full Executrix whome I made by the Wittnes of willyam Weyford my ou'seer And wittnes Bartholomew Alford John Lythe p me William Lewis, Clicum

Probatr 30 December 1577"

[Volume V page 316 Collated Wills in the Taunton District Registry of the Court of Probate formerly belonging to the Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton].

In addition to the Whitestaunton family there were Alford's also in Co. Somerset in the parishes of Winsham, Swell and Weston Zoyland; in Co. Dorset at Bridport and Lyme Regis; also in the counties of Devon, Essex, Wilts and other. There is a parish of Alford in Co. Somerset, 136 inhabitants, a parish of Alford in Co. Lincoln, 1506 inhabitants.

*cathedral.