

# WILLIAM WHITLOCK, 1520

The importance of the following will is twofold, William was of London and was a Merchant Tailor. Several of the Whitlocks of Wokingham appear in London at this time and were members of the Merchant Tailor's guild for several generations so we wondered if William could be part of this family and in particular the William who married a Miss Cowdrey in the 1490's. It appears William was quite young when he died in 1520 so it is unlikely he could have been the one who married a Cowdrey. William's wife, Elizabeth left a will at her death in 1556 and it appears she had also been married to Thomas Lee, Robert Wade and Mr. Onley. Elizabeth's will mentions several of her children but no Whitlocks. Any connection with the Whitlocks of Wokingham remains speculation.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I William Whitlok of London, marchannte taillour make and ordayne my present testamente and Last Will in man' and fourm folowing First I bequeth my soul to Almighty god my maker to our Lady sainte Mary his blessed muder and to all the holy company of heven and my body to be buried in the obsuary at Barowe nye the middell field and therefore I will that they have for the lyinge and their labour o iiijL p.myshe also I will that there be iij twentall songe at grenwnhi for me thre at grey freres two at the ob of sh in my p'ish church for my soule my fader and mader and all xp in soules Also I give to the highe aulter vjS viijd Also to the Rood x and to poor man in the p'ishe iiijd Also I bequeth to Joan my maide Twenty viS viijd and to eche of my Servantes thn som helinge and the som and foure pens And all the residue of my goods my buring and leying and my debts paid I give wholly unto my wif and to my children evenly to be distributed between theym and I make and ordayne Elisabeth my wiff my sole executrix of this my last will and testamente and she to se my debts paid and Leyard & buried and here I make my present testament and last will

Written at Barowe the second day of Auguste th year of our Lord MCCCCXX

Probatum .....duo apud Lambith penultamo die mensis August Anno Die Millmo Quin xx.....  
Elizabeth relict of ex...

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