

## Will of William Norman, Clothier of Cerne Abbas, Dorset, England, 13 Oct 1646

It isn't clear whether this person connects to my family. However, his will was probated in **1646** in **Cerne Abbas**, which is only six (6) miles from **W Charminster**, the putative home town of my English ancestor, Richard Norman (b. ca. 1580), who immigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony **ca. 1624**.

*Further research is required.*

### Text

In the name of God Amen. I **William Norman** of Cerne abbas, Clothier, do make this my last will & Testam. in manner and Forme following, That is to say,  
Bullets added for better readability.

- First I bequeath my Soul to the hands of the Almightye, and my bodie to the Earth.
- Imprimis, I give unto my Cousin **William Shearra** my Mill, and the meade ground belonging unto the Mill, and all the appurtenances belong to the Mill with all the interest that I have in it.
- Imprimis I give unto my Sister **Gillen Randall** Twentie pounds [£20] to her owne disposing out of this goods in house.
- Imprimis I give unto my Couzin [sic] **Patience Shearra** the Daugher of **Edward Shearra** Twelve pounds [£12], And William Shearra as a friend in trust for her.
- Imprimis I give unto **John Shearra** and **Thomas Shearra** and **Elizabeth Shearra** the children of **John Shearra** the three whitt casses [sic] that are in Role, and their father as a friend in trust.
- Imprimis I give unto my Couzin **Mary Shearra** my best bedd, and the best bedclothes and bedstead belonging unto it.
- Imprimis I give unto **Gillen Durdens** and **Anna Durdens** her Daughter three Remletts of whitt Casses.
- Imprimis I give unto **Edward Pettibone** one suite [sic: suit] and Cloke and one Shirt.
- Imprimis I give **William Gibbs** my best suite and Cloke and one Shirt.
- Imprimis I give unto **Sara Gibbs** the Daughter of **Richard Gibbs** fower [four] pounds [£4] and **William Abraham** as a friend in trust.
- Imprimis I give unto **Alice Whitte** the Daughter of **Henry Whitte** fortie shillings [40s], and her father a friend in trust.
- Imprimis I give unto **Abigail Shearra** the Daughter of **Roger Shearra** one Trundle bedstead and bed.
- Imprimis I give unto **John Shearra** [sic] sonne of **Roger Shearra** my great Bible.
- Imprimis I give unto **Edward Pitteybone** [sic] fortie shillings [40s].

Item I give unto my Couzin **William Shearra** all my goods debts and Chattells whatsoever. And of this my last will & Testam. I make him my sole Executor.

In witsse whereof I have sett my hand.

The marke of **William Norman**.

[Witnesses:]

**Roger Dumberfill**.

The marke of **William Abraham.**  
**William Harvy**

[Probate (in Latin):]  
Probatum fuit Testamentum

Suprascriptum apud Londinum coram Magio [Francisco] Ringstead in Regibus [...], decimo tertio die Mensio Octobrio Anno Dom. [Domini] 1646 [13 Oct 1646] Juramento **William Sherra** [sic] Executorio in Testamento [...]

### Image



### Abstract

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## NORMAN, William, PROB 11/197, Will, London, Prerogative Court of Canterbury

TESTATOR	William NORMAN, Clothier of Cerne Abbas
WILL WRITTEN	no date
WILL PROVEN	13 October 1646
SISTER	Gillen RANDALL
COUSINS	William SHEARRA; Patience SHEARRA (daughter of Edward SHEARRA); John, Thomas & Elizabeth SHEARRA (children of John SHEARRA); Mary SHEARRA; Roger SHEARRA; Abigail SHEARRA (daughter of Robert SHEARRA); John SHEARRA (son of Roger SHEARRA)
OTHERS	Gillen DURDENS; Anna DURDENS (daughter of Gillen DURDENS); Edward PETTIBONE; Sarah [Sara] GIBBS (daughter of Richard GIBBS); William ABRAHAM; Alice WHITE (daughter of Henry WHITE)
WITNESSES	Roger DUMBERFIELD; William ABRAHAM; William HARVY
EXECUTOR	William SHEARRA (cousin)

## Source

Repository: The National Archives, Kew - Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers.

Name of Register: Twisse Quire Numbers: 102 - 148.

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Reference: [PROB 11/197/520](#)

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