

1. Admon of the goods of Edward Atkins late of Chard, Somerset who died in Virginia or elsewhere over seas granted to Richard Atkins his son. - Admon P.C.C. 25 Sept. 1652

Selwood
2. Will of Thomas Atkins of Chard, Somerset dated 10 Aug. 1641. Proved 20 July 1653 by Thomas Selwood the grandson and one of the Executors with power reserved to Abraham Selwood - Will P.C.C. 166 Brent. being aged and weak. To be buried in Chard Churchyard Legacies to:-

Selwood
wife Eliz. all goods which were hers before I married her. daur. Anna Selwood bedstead etc.
grandson Matthew W Selwood furniture &c.
granddaur. Sarah " "
grandsons Thos. & Abraham Selwood rest of goods &c.
wife Eliz. to have use of the household goods bequeathed to me by my Aunt Eliz. Atkins, along with her own, as she has been used to do, for her life during widowhood.
Grandsons Thos. & Abraham Selwood to be Executors
Wm. Atkins my brother & Wm. Atkins the younger my cousin to be Overseers
witnesses:- John Boyle, Amfusten Walker (quite clearly but ? Augustine intended.

3. Mary Atkins of Chard, Somerset, widow. Will lost (see follg. Will) Probate Act Book 1656 p.182 Proved 11 June 1656 by Anne Atkins the daur. & Executrix (see Ruthen 244)

3. Will of Mary Atkins of Chard, Somerset, widow dated 2 May 1656. Proved 7 Jun. 1656 by Anne Atkins sole Exix. (Ruthen 244)
Legacies to:- William Atkins the furnace in the Brewhouse in lieu of money due to him in a late suit of law in which I was to bear part with him. In token of my love 6 pence.
son Henry Atkins the £10 which his brother William Atkins borrowed from me, if he can recover it. Also 1/-
son Richard Atkins a chest
son Robert a linsey-woolsey Carpet & 6 drum cushions.
daur. Parnell a silver gilt spoon
daur. Elizabeth a book called Moses choice
daur. Marie a flockbed & bolster
son in law John Chapman some furniture in lieu of £6 which I owe him.
daur. Anne sole Exix. & residue provided she pay my debts two months after she receives £50 which my son Wm. Atkins is to pay.
son in law John Chapman & son Richard Atkins to be Exors. (? Supervisors)

son in law John Chapman
witnesses:- Nathaniel Pitte, Wm. Burrige, Hannah Pitte
(It seems probable that this Will is the one thought to be lost. You will notice that though it was written & proved in 1657, it is registered in RUTHEN which contains 1657 Wills

- 4. Will of John Atkins of Chard, Somerset, senior. dated 7 June 1656
Proved 22 Dec. 1656 by Exix. (443 Berkeley)

"days on earth cannot be long"

To be buried near ancestors on north side of Chard Churchyard.

Legacies to:-

John Atkins Sr died before 1656
son John Atkins
John Atkins
Rebecca

- poor of Chard 10/-
- son John Atkins 5/-
- " Austen " 5/-
- grandchildren - not named 12d. each
- son Thomas Atkins £10
- " Mathew " £10
- daur. Rebecca Atkins £20
- " Anne " £20
- " Alice " £20
- sister Elizabeth Ray 10/-
- wife Susan occupation of house I now live in at Broadlate for life, with park close, two furnaces & 2 racks in park close then to son Mathew Atkins with all furniture.
- wife Susan occupation of my house near the town where Wm. Pretty now lives, for life, then to my son Thomas Atkins.
- wife Susan, house (?adjoining) Wm. Pretty's for life then to my three daurs.
- wife Susan to be Executrix.

witnesses:- Geo. Hu?is, John Vickers

- 5. Will of Nicholas Atkins of Chard, Somerset dated 4 Jul. 1651.
Proved 15 June 1657 by Margt. Atkins (230 Ruthen)

In perfect health

To be buried in Chard Churchyard.

Legacies to:-

- wife Margaret all my goods within & without house.
- son Richard Atkins £4
- daur. Elizaneth 40/-
- No Executor appointed

- 6. Will of Francis Atkins of Chard, Somerset, clerk. dated about 18 May 1672. Proved 30 Feb. 1672/3 by ... Atkins the relict Nuncupative (14 Pye)

Legacies to:-

- son Francis my nut bowl tipped with silver and a white stone ring which I wear, also 1/2 plate and household goods at 21 yrs. or marriage with consent of mother (not named)

The child my wife is now with, money due to me, about £400

witnesses:- Francis Atkins, Robt. Browne

Wills and Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
1640-1652 for entries of SMITH and ATKINS of Devon & Somerset
~~and SHENKLENG all Counties.~~

- 1640 Nil
1641 Atkins Anne of CHARD. Somerset spinster. Will proved 12 Feb.
1640/1 by her brother Walter Atkins.
1641 Smith James of Bishops Lydeard. Somerset. Will proved by
brother Peter and Wm. son of brother Wm. Smith.
1641 Smith Thomas of Dunkerton, Somerset. Will proved by relict Edith.
1642 Smith Robert of CHARD, Somerset. Will proved by relict Elizabeth.
1642 Smith John of Trull. Somerset. Will proved by John Jullians.
1642 Smith Wm. of Worriton. Devon. Will proved by John Hodge.
1643 & 1644 Nil.
1645 Atkins Wm. the elder of Chard, Somerset. Merchant. Will proved
by relict Jane
1645 Smith John of Honiton, Devon. Will proved by son John.
1646 Smith Joan of Puckington. Somersset widow of Argentine Smith.
Will proved by Peter Smith
1647 Smith Stephen of Street. Somerset. Will proved by relict Susan.
1647 Smith Mary of Barnstaple. Devon. widow. Will proved by nephew
Lancelot Felix Kirk.
1648 Nil.
1649 Smith John of Wedmore, Somerset. Will proved by daur. Gertrude S.
1650 Smith Thomas of Long Ashton, Somerset. Will proved by son
Hugh Smith.
1650 Smith Richard of Great Farrington, Devon. Will proved by relict
Grace Smith.
1650 Smith George of Exeter, Devon.. Will proved by sister Ann Birdall.
1650 Smith John of Bishops Nympton. Devon. Will proved by relict
Katharine Smith.
1650 Smith John of Newton St. Loe, Somerset. Will proved by relict
Joan Smith.
1651 Smith George the elder of Kilmington, Devon. Will proved by
Thos. Cooke.
1651 Smith Thomas of Staplegrove. Somerset. Will proved by relict
Agnes Smith.
1652 Smith Elizabeth of Taunton, Somerset. spinster. Will proved by
cousin Eleanor Smith.
1652 Smith Robert of Trull, Somerset. Will proved by Robert Smith
son of John Smith.

MM.12. Will of William Snyth now resident in Chard, Somerset, gent.
Quartermaster to the Troop under Captain Joseph Wallington in
Regiment of Colonel John Desborough.
dated 28 Sep. 1659. Proved 25 June 1661 (100 May)

Weak and infirm

Legacies to:- Captain John Tyrry £750 to £800 due and accruing
out of Horton Wood, Gloucester to be
employed for best use of

my son William Smith.

my wife Elizabeth 5/-

legacies of clothing, horses etc. to fellow soldiers
Elizabeth wife of Simon Crossley interest on £60 for
life then capital equally divided between her
children.

Captain John Tyrry of St. Clement Danes, London, woollen
draper to be Exor, and take care of child's
education etc.

witnesses:- H. Plukenett, Richd. Beach, George Webb

MM.13. Will of Anne Atkins of Chard, Somerset, spinster. Not dated
Proved 12 Feb. 1640/1 by brother Walter Atkins. (17 Evelyn)

Legacies to:- John Atkins £60 at 21 yrs. & Geo. Atkins £20 at 21 yrs.
or to longest liver of them.

If both die before 21 yrs, then to

Joan Benett child of Richd. Benett £20 - if she die then
to Tamzin Benett her sister
daur. (unnamed) of Walter Atkins £60 - if she die then to
Walter Atkins my brother
poor of Chard £15
" " Winsham £15.

Ante Webe

George Weeb & Richd. Weeb 20/- each

Ante Sara Selwood £5 during her life, and after her death,

to Add. Trige

godchildren (unnamed) 10/- each

Rebecca Vine £5

wife of Willm. Capen 20/-

Purtington the bedstead in Hall Chamber

George Atkins the table board in Kitchen Chamber at 21yrs.

No Executors appointed.

witnesses:- Wm. Atkins the elder, Richd. Stapell.

*deed before
1640*

Selwood

10. Will of Robert Smith of Chard, Somerset, clothier. dated 27 Sep. 1641
Proved 12 Feb. 1641/2. (11 Cambell)

Legacies to:-*Joan Smith £40 daur.*

daur. Anne Smith £25

son Robt. Smith £5 and my Exix. shall upon demand re-deliver to him or his Exors. Administrators or Attorney all such goods as were made sure to me by his Bill of Bargain & Sale. I release him from all debts to me, and freely give him all moneys I have formerly sent him upon his letters or otherwise.

youngest daur. Jane Smith £20 at 21 yrs.

son Richard Smith £5 at 21 yrs. and various articles to do with the trade of Tucker, on demand.

son John Smith 5/-

wife Elizabeth Exix. & residuary legatee.

witnesses:- John Gibson, Wm. Legg, John Blackmore.

11. Will of William Atkins the elder of Chard, Somerset, Merchant. dated 1 Feb. 1643. Proved 20 Nov. 1645 by Exix. (142 Rivers)
Aged in body

Legacies to:- Poor of Chard 20/-

sister Sara Sellwood the elder, widow, the daur. of my brother Thos. Atkins 40/-

Eliz. wife of Isaac Vyny 50/-

Robt. the son of Robt. Smyth the elder, my godson, £2

Nathan son of my cousin John Sellwood

Jane my now wife, for life, occupation of my now dwelling, & profits of Well Meade and houses built thereon, and all other lands in Chard.

Parnell Atkins my servant daur. of Aron Atkins of Chard, clothier, my now dwelling house after my wife's death.

Wm. Atkins the younger of Chard, merchant, son of my deceased brother John Atkins, Well Meade & houses after my wife's death for his life, and then to his son Wm. Atkins & his issue. failing which to my right heirs.

John son of Peter Samwayes, deced. £5

Hannah Sellwood my apprentice £3

wife Jane Exix. & residuary legatee.

Kinsmen Edward Atkins & Aron Atkins Overseers.

Witnesses:- Nicholas Atkins, Wm. Greenfield, John Legg, John Lumbard.

Joan

*decd ca 1645
Sellwood
Aron Atkins*

SMITH. ATKINS & ~~SHENKING~~

(Smith & Atkins of Devon & Somerset only)

PREROGATIVE PROBATE COURT OF CANTERBURY 1640-1690

13. 1641 Atkins Anne of Chard, Somerset, spinster. Admon with Will proved 12 Feb. 1640/1 by brother Walter Atkins (17 Evelyn)
- 1641 Smith James of Bishops Lydeard, Somerset. Will proved 3 June by brother Peter S. & Wm. son of brother Wm. S. (68 Evelyn)
- 1641 Smith Thomas of Dunkerton, Somerset. Will proved 26 November by relict Edith (144 Evelyn)
10. 1642 Smith Robert of Chard, Somerset. Will proved 12 Feb. 1641/2 by relict Elizabeth (11 Campbell)
- 1642 Smith John of Hamwood in psh. of Trull, Somerset. Admon with Will proved 26 Feb. 1641/2 by John Jullians, John Gatchell, Wm. Buncombe, John Wescombe & John Thomas. (17 Campbell)
- 1642 Smith William of Worriton, Devon. Will proved 18 May by John Hodge. (67 Campbell)
11. 1645 Atkins William the elder of Chard, Somerset, Merchant. Will proved 20 Nov. by relict Jane (142 Rivers)
- 1645 Smith John of Honiton, Devon. Will proved 26 Sept. by son John Smith. (116 Rivers)
- 1646 Smith Joan of Puckington, Som. widow of Argentine Smith. Will proved 10 Mch. by Peter Smith. (30 Twisse)
- 1647 Smith Stephen of Street, Som. Admon with Will proved 27 Mch. by relict Susan Smith (53 Fines)
- 1647 Smith Mary of Barnstaple, Devon. widow. Will proved 14 Sept. by nephew Lancelot Felix Kirk (184 Fines)
- 1649 Smith John of Blackford in psh. of Wedmore, Somerset. Will proved 23 Aug. by daur. Gertrude Smith (126 Fairfax)
- 1650 Smith Thomas of Long Ashton, Som. Esq. Will proved 21 Mch. by son & heir Hugh Smith. (44 Pembroke)
- 1650 Smith Richard of Great Farrington, Devon. Will proved 2 Apl. by relict Grace Smith. (58 Pembroke)
- 1650 Smith George of Exeter, Devon. Gent. Will proved 12 Apl. with Admon by sister Ann Birdall? (58 Pembroke)
- 1650 Smith John of Bishops Nympton, Devon. Will proved 29 May by relict Katharine Smith (81 Pembroke)
- 1650 Smith John of Newton St. Loe, Somerset. Will proved 29 Nov. by relict Joan Smith (189 Pembroke)
- 1651 Smith George the elder of Kilmington, Devon. Will proved 17 Nov. with Admon by Thos. Cooke, Joan Mitchell alias Faringdon principal surviving legatee. (226 Grey)

Smith, Atkins, Shenkling contd.

P.C.C. contd.

1651 Smith Thomas of Staplegrave, Somt. yeoman. Will proved
16 Dec. by relict Agnes Smith (248 Grey)

1652 Smith Elizabeth of Taunton, Somt. spinster. Will proved
16 Mch. by cousin Eleanor Smith (65 Bowyer)

1652 Smith Robert of Trull, Somt. Will proved 25 June
by Robert son of John Smith. (143 Bowyer)

1653-1690

	Ambrose	Smyth	Powderham, Devon.	1653	Brent	182
	Bernard, clerk		Uplyme "	1656	Berkeley	440
	Eliz. widow		Taunton Somt.	1654	Alchin	247
	John		Culborne "	1654	Alchin	383
	" gent.		Combe St. Nich. "	1654	Alchin	453
	" Tanner		Tavistock Devon	1656	Berkeley	14
	Mary SM widow	Smyth	Greenham Somt.	1655	Aylett	97
	Richard		Hartland Devon	1653	Brent	349
	Robt. senr. clothier		Ilminster Somt.	1656	Berkeley	415
	Thos. gent.		Long Ashton Somt.	1656	"	47
	Walter merchant		Totnes Devon	1655	Aylett	278
	Wm. husbdn. Smyth		N. Molton Devon	1653	Brent	181
	Alice		Marwood Devon	1659	Pell	347
	Anthony, mariner		Farway Devon.	1657	Ruthen	505
	Eliz. widow		Combe St. Nich. Somt.	1659	Pell	27
	Geo. senr. gent.		Ivelchester Somt.	1660	Nabbs	255
	John		Cullompton Devon.	1657	Ruthen	332
	"		Dunster Somt.	1659	Pell	38
	Katherine spinster		Plymouth Devon.	"	"	150
	" widow		Long Ashton Somt.	"	"	201.
	Mary		Aylesbeare Devon	1658	Wootton	710
	Samuel yeoman		Long Ashton Somt.	1659	Pell	201
	Thos. fuller		Frome Somt.	1657	Ruthen	403 & 463
	" weaver		Hennock Devon	1658	Wootton	420
	" Smith alias Bayley, mason		E. Budleigh Devon	1659	Pell	400
	"		Kingsbridge Devon	1659	"	511
	Walter Smith alias Singer, fuller		Elm. Somt.	1658	Wootton	24
	Wm. barber		Honiton Devon	1657	Ruthen	275
	John yeoman		N. Petherton Somt.	1664	Bruce	34
6.	" elder		<u>Chard</u> Somt.	1668	Hene	25
	Mary		Long Ashton Somt.	1662	Laud	42
12.	Wm. gent. resident in <u>Chard</u>		Somt.	1661	May	100
	(Quartermaster of the Troop of Capt. Jos. Wallington in Colonel Desborough's Regiment)					
	John mercer		Wells Somt.	1663	Juxon	73
	Wm. husbdn.		Membury Devon	1664	Bruce	63
	Christr. clothier		Frome Somt.	1671	Duke	137

Smith, Atkins, Shenkling contd.

P.C.C. contd.

George	gent	Ilchester	Somt.	1671	Duke	82
Thos.	clothier	Frome	Somt.	1674	Bunce	135
(another Probate Feb. following)						
Thos.	clothier	Frome	Somt.	1675	Dycer	p. 20
"	gent.	L.Ashton	Somt.	"	"	117
Anne	widow	Frome	Somt.	1685		142
Christr.		"	Somt.	1682	Will regd.	137 Duke p.132
Dorothy	widow	"	Somt.	1681	North	174
Edw.	mercht.	Minehead	Somt.	1677	Hale	54
Eliz.	widow	Frome	Somt.	1681	North	78
Griffin	clerk	Kelston	Somt.	"	"	113
Henry t.	chandler	Frome	Somt.	1676	Bence	105
(Admon/Will d.b.n. June 1684 p.92; June 1686)						
Sir Hugh, Bart.		L.Ashton	Somt.	1681	North	12
James	senr.	Honiton	Devon	1678	Reeve	69
John	woollen spinner	Frome	Somt.	1685	Cann	28
Joseph		Mells	Somt.	1679	King	91
Margt.		L.Ashton	Somt.	1684	Hare	153
Edith	widow	Kelveston	Somt.	1688	Exton	155
Henry		Frome	Somt.	(Will 105	Bence 1676)	1686 Lloyd82
Joan	widow	Membury	Devon	1687	Foot	13
" S. alias Singer, wid.		B. Denham	Somt.	1691	Vere	198
John		Islebrewers	Somt.	1688	Exton	84
Robt.	sedgmaker	Taunton	Somt.	1687	Foot	119
Robt.	gent.	Combe St. N.	Somt.	1691	Vere	177
Thos.	mariner	Dartmouth	Devon	1690	Dyke	31
Wm.	gent.	Crewkerne	Somt.	1692	Coker	15
Administrations 1649-1654						
Edw.		Membury	Devon	1653/4	II	105
Wm.		Hemyock	Devon	"	II	106
1655-60 NIL.						
1660-1668						
Robt.			Somt.	1662	Jan. fo.	12
John			"	1664	Oct.	34
Wm.			Devon	1666	Apl.	
1668	John		Somt.	1668	Apl.	

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7.	Arthur	Membury	Devon	1654	Alchin	13
	John	senr.	Chard	Somt.	1656	Berkeley 443
	Mary	widow	"	Somt.	1656 (Will lost)	Probate Act Bk. p. 182
2.	Symon	yeoman	Cullompton	Devon	1653	Brent 352
	Thos.		Chard	Somt.	1653	" 166
	Thos.	gent.	Cullompton	Devon	1655	Aylett 203
3.	Mary	widow	Chard	Somt.	1657	Ruthen 244

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Atkins contd.

	Michael yeoman	Castle Cary	Somt. 1657	Ruthen	145
8.	Nicholas	<u>Chard</u>	" "	"	230
	Peter gent	<u>Tiverton</u>	Devon "	"	421
	Thomazine widow	<u>Cullompton</u>	" "	"	430
9.	Francis clerk	<u>Chard</u>	Somt. 1673	Pye	14
5.	Eliz. widow	<u>"</u>	" 1685	Cann	1
4.	John clothier	<u>"</u>	" 1681	North	39
	Michael "	<u>Brewton</u>	" 1686	Lloyd	11

Administrations 1655-60

	Thomas Adkins	Ashburton	Devon 1658	242
	James Atkins	Axminster	" 1655	143
	Mary "	Bradninch	" 1659	327
	Thomas "	Plymouth	" 1655	90

Administrations 1649-54

1.	Edward Atkins	<u>Chard</u>	Somt. 1653	
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Administrations 1660-68 MSS Calendars Nil

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