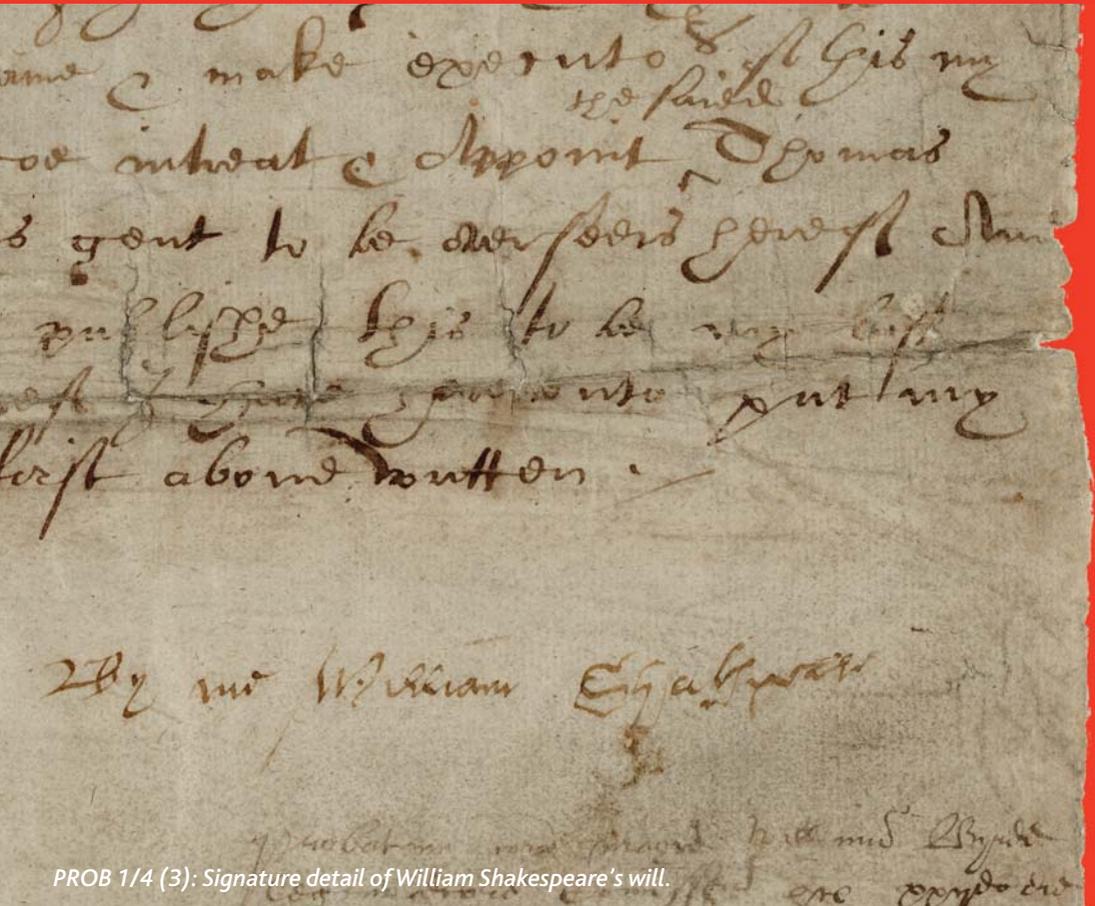


# Legacy

*Think of us in your final document*



PROB 1/4 (3): Signature detail of William Shakespeare's will.

Help us to preserve the nation's documentary heritage and make it more accessible

*SP 108/4: Infringement of the treaty with Great Britain, October 1664.*



*E 42/3: Privy Seal with the arms of Castile and Leon on the left juxtaposed with John of Gaunt's arms on the right of the seal. (circa 1370s)*

## What we do

The Friends is a registered charity established in 1988. Our charitable objects are to support the work of The National Archives and to educate the public in the knowledge of the public record. The National Archives is the official UK government archive for England and Wales. It holds over 11 million records, covering a period of over one-thousand years of documented history.

Since 1988, the Friends' funding and practical support has helped to make many record series more accessible for research. These have included Admiralty, War Office, Chancery, Stationer's Hall, Home Office and other record series. Assistance has also been provided for conservation work and the safekeeping of the collections. The Friends fund and support various education and outreach projects to assist in promoting a wider engagement with new and diverse audiences. Funds have also been provided to enable the collections at Kew to be utilised as the basis for inspiring award-winning film-making, art, drama and literary work by a wide-range of students.

The Friends help to fund conferences and family events, purchase specialist equipment and also promote postgraduate research through a fellowship scheme. The Friends are always looking to extend their activities to fulfil their charitable objects in supporting The National Archives.

*WORK 25/64/25: Festival of Britain aerial view, 1951.*





CO 956/690: Empire Marketing Board 1927-1933 poster.

## How you can help us

Leaving a legacy will help to strengthen the Friends' capability to do more in supporting The National Archives through a wide-range of activities. These include making the collections more accessible, purchasing specialist equipment to assist with conservation, supporting and developing education and outreach projects and events, and sponsoring and promoting postgraduate research.

There are several options in which you can support the Friends through a legacy:

- Make a residuary gift as a share of your estate once your beneficiaries have received their inheritance
- Make a pecuniary gift which is a specific sum of money
- Make a reversionary gift that leaves your estate to your beneficiaries in their lifetime but reverts to the Friends, in whole or in part as you specify, after their death

It would be helpful, and avoid complications, if your legacy is made in general terms rather than stating a specific project or purpose. This is because the Friends' priorities and plans will change over time in response to the changing needs and priorities of The National Archives. It is difficult to accurately predict what these may be in the future. However, if you have a particular general purpose in mind such as, for example, education, research, conservation or increasing document access, then we would be pleased to discuss further with you.

## What to do next

If you have not made a will this can cause delay and uncertainty for loved-ones when you die. The laws on intestacy will then determine how your estate is distributed. However, by making a will you can ensure that your exact wishes will be carried out in distributing your estate.

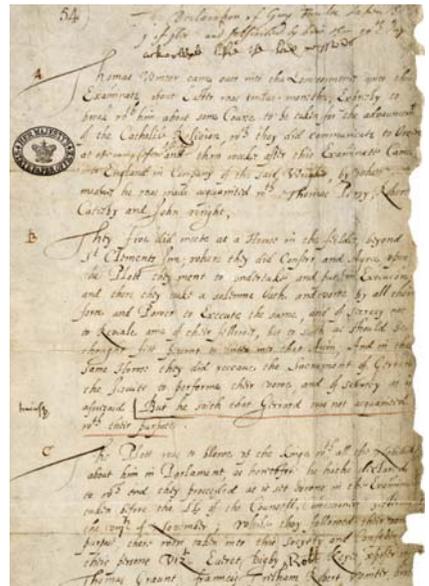
You should seek professional legal advice to determine the best options for your circumstances. The following information will be required if you wish to include us in your will:

Charity name:

**The Friends of The National Archives**

Address: CEE, The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU

Registered charity number: 328630



SP 14/216 pt. 1 (90): Declaration of Guido Fawkes, 9 November, 1605.



HCA 30/240 no. 188: Correspondence from 1745.

## How we can help you

Before making a decision if you would like to know more about the work of the Friends or to discuss options and possibilities, then please contact us. We will treat all discussions in the strictest confidence. We cannot offer legal advice but we can clarify and explain how our financial resources are currently being used for the benefit of The National Archives. A discussion would be particularly helpful if you have a purpose in mind for a legacy.

Support for the Friends is greatly valued and legacies form an important part of that. Monies disbursed from legacies will always be attributed and acknowledged.

Please contact us:

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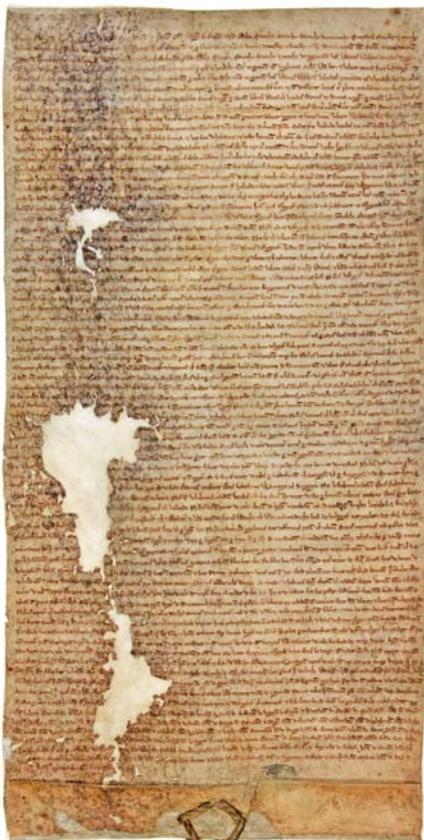
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