

The only documented facts of the life of William Shakspere of Stratford-upon-Avon

1564, Apr 26	Baptism of Gulielmus filius Johannes Shakspere.
1582, Nov 27	Entry of license - Item eodem die similis emanavit licencia inter Willelmum Shaxpere et Annam Whateley de Temple Grafton.
1582, Nov 28	Bond of Sureties, Bishop of Worcester's registry: William Shagspere on thone partie, and Anne Hathwey of Stratford . . . may lawfully solemnize matrimony together.
1583, May 26	Christening of Susanna daughter to William Shakspere
1585, Feb 2	Christening of Hamnet and Judeth sonne and daughter to William Shakspere
1585 – 1596	"The Lost Years"
1588	Law suit involving Arden inheritance - refers to Willielmo Shackespere filo suo - son of Johannes Shackespere and Maria.
1596, Aug 11	Burial of Hamnet filius William Shakspere.
1596, Oct 20	Grant of arms to John Shakspeare. [Two drafts exist, both with ensures and interlineations.]
1596	A writ of attachment addressed to the Sheriff of Surrey, bringing charges against Shakespeare and others.
1597, May 4	Willielmum Shakespeare negotiates for purchase of New Place in Stratford.
1598, Jan 24	Letter of Abraham Sturley to Richard Quiney re Mr. Shaksper.
1598, Oct 25	Letter of Richard Quiney to Mr. Wm. Shackespere re help with debts.
1598, c. Oct 30	Letter of Adrian Quiney to Richard Quiney, mentions bargain "with Mr. Sha."
1598, Nov 4	Letter of Abraham Sturley to Richard Quiney, that "our countriman Mr. Wm. Shak. would procure us monej."
1598, Nov 24	Letter of Daniel Baker to Richard Quiney re money.
1598, Feb 4	Wm. Shackespere is listed among persons in Stratforde, Burrowghe, Warricke, hoarding corn or malte. Shackespere charged with x quarters.
1601, Mar 25	Thomas Whittington's will: "I geve and bequeth unto the poore people of Stratford 40s that is in the hand of Anne Shaxspere, wyf unto Mr Wyllyam Shaxspere, and is due debt unto me, beyng payd to myne Executor by the sayd Wyllyam Shaxspere or his assigns."
1602, May 1	William Shakespeare purchases property from William and John Combe in Stratford.
1602, Sep 28	Willielmus Shackespere (also Shakespeare) concerned with Chapel Lane Cottage.
1604, Oct 24	William Shakespeare holdeth one cottage, Rowington Manor.
1604	Willielmus Shexpere and Willielmum Tetherton sue Phillipum Rogers over a small debt, in Stratford.
1605, Jul 24	William Shakespear of Stratforde leases some Stratford tithes.
1606, Aug 1	Willielmus Shakespeare, tenet of Rowington Manor.
1608, Dec 17 – June 7, 1609	Williemo Shackespeare of Stratford secures the arrest of Jonannem Addenbrooke for debt, the suit proceeding through many steps in Stratford.
1610	Willielum Shakespeare buys freehold in Old Stratford.
1611, Sep 11	Contributions are made "towards charge of prosecutyng" Highway bill in Parliament. List of 71 names; <i>in margin</i> is added, "Mr William Shackespere."
1611	Richard Lane, Thomas Greyne and William Shackespeare are involved in a lawsuit over tithes, Shackespeare's interest extending "tythes of corne and grayne arising within the townes, villages and fields of Old Stratford, Bishopton and Welcombe."
1612, May 11 – June 19	Deposition of William Shakespeare (signed "Willm Shakp") in suit of Belott-Mountjoy concerning marital problems of third parties. He identifies himself as being from Stratford-on-Avon.
1613, Jan 28	John Combe leaves Mr William Shackespere five pounds.
1613, Mar 10	William Shakespeare purchases with William Johnson, John Jackson, and John Hemmyng of London a dwelling house or tenement with appurtenaunces situated and being within the precinct circuit and compasse of the late black fryers. London. (Signature – "William Shakspere").
1613, Mar 11	Indenture and mortgage between William Shakespeare and others - re above. (Signature "Wm Shakspe").
1613, Mar 31	Account of steward to Frances Manners, Earl of Rutland citing payment to "Mr Shakspeare in gold about Lorde's impreso." [It is possible that this does not refer to Shakspere of Stratford.]
1614, Sep 5	Mr Shakspeare attempts to enclose common pastures.
1614, Oct 28	Indenture between William Shackespeare and Replingham.
1614, Nov 17 - to 1615, Sep 5	Series of documents mention "My cosen Shakspear," regarding pasture enclosure.
1614	The host of New Place was reimbursed for wine served to a visiting preacher.
1616, Mar 25	Shakespeare's will was executed. It disposes of household trivia in detail but does not mention a single manuscript or literary property. The will has three signatures: "William Shakspere", "Willm Shakspere", William Shakspear(e)".