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## Will of Thomas Beard, the Elder, of Churchill, 1680

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Beard the elder of Churchill [*right side of document is torn*]  
in the County of Oxon Cordwinder being weake in body but of  
perfect mind & memory (Praysee be God) Doe make this my Last Will  
& Testament As Followeth First I committ my Soule into the  
hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping & assuredly trusting to [b]  
saved by the onely Merritts of my onely Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ  
& not for any good that is in me & my body I commit to the  
Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried At the  
Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And my temporall  
goods which Almighty God hath beene pleased of his abundant  
goodnesse & his tenter mercy. To blesse me w[i]th all I dispose  
as Followeth First I give & bequeath unto my two Children Thom[as]  
Beard and John Beard the sume of Six score pounds of good money [T.... *missing*]  
Within one yeare after my Decease paid unto my Brother William  
Beard of Sarsden and to my two friends John Hacker & Edmund Copland  
whose acqittances unto my Executrix shall be a sufficient discha[rge]  
in as fully manner as if my said sonnes were of full age And my  
further Will is That my said Brother William Beard John Hacker  
and Edmund Copland & the Survivor of them Doe either Sett forth the  
affordsaid Legacy by me given unto my two Children To Interest And the  
Interest Soe raised to be paid yearly unto my Executrix towards the  
breeding up of my Children But if they the said William Beard John  
Hacker & Edmund Copland shall have any convenient opportunity to buy  
my Lease w[i]th the Legacy before by me bequeathed to them For the  
Lives of my Two Children And to nominate their Lives in the [*torn*]  
Lease And the ~~money~~ rent that shall yearely be made of that Lease (If *torn*)  
shall be purchased) Shall be paid unto my Executrix towards the  
maintenance of my Children And if it shall happen that both or on[e]  
of my Children shall live untill they or one of them shall accomplish

the age of one & twenty yeares That then the Delivery age of the s[ai]d  
 Lease to one or both of them shall be a sufficient discharge unto my  
 Brother William Beard John Hacker & Edmund Copland & to the  
 Executors & Admin[istration] & of every of them And my will is That if both  
 my Children shall live untill they accomplish the age of one & twenty  
 yeares that the Legacy before by me bequethed or the said Lease  
 shall be equally divided betwixt my two Children And if both m[y]  
 Children shall depart this Life before any Lease be bought tha[t]  
 then their Legacy shall be repaid unto my Executrix All the Rest [of]  
 my goods Cattels & Chattels I Doe give bequeath unto Alice my  
 beloved wife, to breed up my Children And pay my Legacy & [torn]  
 & to Discharge my Funerall Expences whome I Doe make constitute  
 & appoint Sole Executrix of this my Last will & testament in witness

whereof I have here unto sett my hand & seale the Thirtieth

Day of May Anno Domi 1680

Signed Sealed Published & Declared

Thomas Beard

in the presence of

the mark of

John Minchin

Richard Horseman

the marke of

John Wilkes

*Probate granted at Chippingnorton 3<sup>rd</sup> day September 1680 by Nicholas Vilet surrogate for John Baylie granted to Alice Relict & Executor Ben Cooper Reg[istrar]*

**Transcribed by The Churchill and Sarsden Probate Group 2014**