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## Will of William Bridges, yeoman, of Churchill, 1658

In the name of God Amen this  
eleaventh day of November in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand sixe  
hundred Fiftie and eight I William Bridges of Churchill in the county of  
Oxford yeoman beinge sicke and weake of body but of good and perfect  
minde and memorie (Thanks be given to Almighty God for the same)  
Doe make and ordayne my last will and Testament In manner and forme  
following (That is to say) First and especially I Commend my Soule into the  
hands of Almighty God my maker Not doubtinge but through the merritts  
of Jesus Christ his only sonne and my alone Saviour to bee made pertake of  
life everlastinge And as for my Body I Commend it to the earth whereof it  
was made and to be interred in Christian buriall att the discretion of my Execu  
trix hereinafter named And for such Goods and personall Estate that God  
hath lent mee I give and bestowe as followeth (That is to say) First I give and  
bequeath unto William Bridges my Eldest sonne Five shillings Alsoe I give  
and bequeath to Thomas Bridges my youngest sonne Five shillings Also I give  
and bequeath unto Amy and Elizabeth Bridges Two of my daughters Five  
shillings appeece Also I give and bequeath unto Mary Bridges my daughter  
Forty pounds to bee paid unto her within Two yeares next after my decease Alsoe  
all therest of my goods and Chattels unbequeath[ed] my debts beinge paid and  
Funerall expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto my loveinge wife Amy  
Whom I make constitute and ordayne Executrix of this my last will and Testa  
ment In Witnes whereof I the said William Bridges have hereunto put my  
hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Will[iam] Bridges Read  
sealed and published to bee my last will and Testament in the presence of W[illia]m  
Thomas Thomas Bridges William White

*This will was proved att London the thirtieth day of Dec  
ember in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred and Fiftie and  
eight: Before the Judges for probate of wills and grantinge Administrations*

*lawfully authorized By the oath of Amy Bridges the relict and sole Executrix  
named in the said will To whom Administration of all and singular the goods Chatells  
and Debts of the said Deceased was Committed she being sworn by Commission  
truehe to Administer the same*

**Transcribed by the Churchill and Sarsden Probate Group 2015**