

**Oxfordshire History Centre MS Wills Oxon 116/4/49**

## Will of William Brooks, Yeoman, of Churchill, 1721

In the Name of god amen I William Brooks of Churchill in the County of Oxon yeoman Being not well in Body but of perfect memory and understanding (Thanks be given to god for it) Do make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in manner Following (That is to Say) First and principally I Commit my Soul to god that gave hoping and Stedfastly believing to Receive Full pardon and Remission for all my Sins in and Through the merrits and mediation of Jesus Christ my most blessed Lord and Saviour and my body to the earth by a decent Internm<sup>t</sup> at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named: And for such worldly estate as god hath lent me I give and Dispose Thereof as Followeth

Imprimis I give unto my Son Robert Brooks That house in Churchill which I Call halls with That yard land and all other the appurtinances Therunto belonging for Term of the Lease Item I give unto my Son Thomas Brooks That house wherin William Harvy Doth now Dwell with That yard land and all other the appurtinances Therunto belonging for Term of the Lease Chargeable and I hereby Charge the Same with the payment of Fifty pounds to my Son John Brooks For Such uses as I Shall hereinafter Direct (That is to say) The afores<sup>d</sup> Fifty pounds and other Fifty pounds more which is Due into me from my S<sup>d</sup> Son Thomas which Two Sums make the Sum of one hundred pounds all which I give to my son Johns Children and to be Divided among all and every of them by even and equall options at their Severall ages of one and Twenty years: and my will is That the whole hundred pounds Shall be paid into the hands of my Son John and he to pay It to his Children as afores<sup>d</sup> but in Case any or either of his Children Should Dye unmarried before Their Legacy Shall become Due Then and in that Case my will is That the moneys That he Sha[ll] or They Should have had Shall be equally Divided among the Survivors of the S<sup>d</sup> Children: Item I give unto Sarah the Daughter of my Son Robert Brooks the Sum of Twenty pounds and I also give into each other of my son Roberts Children the Sum of Tenn pounds to be paid unto each of Them at their Sevarall ages of one and Twenty years Item all the Rest and Residue of my personall estate goods and Chattells whatsoever I give unto my Son Robert Brooks he paying his own Children Their Legacies and my Debts (of any be) and my Funerall Charges I makeing him whole and Sole Executor of this

my Last will and Testament: And I hereby revoke and make void all other will and wills by me at any time heretofore made or Declared: I<sup>n</sup> witness wherof I the s<sup>d</sup>

William Brooks have put my hand and seale The Twentyeth Day of July

In the year of our Lord god 1721

Signed Sealed published and Declared

by the above named William Brooks

as and For his last will and Testament

The mark

of William Brooks

In the presence of

Priscilla Gardiner

Ann Carr

Robert Smith

*Probate 12 October 1721 at Chipping Norton by Thomas Stafford to Robert Brooks, son and Executor*

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