

Oxfordshire History Centre, MS Wills Oxon 184.216**Will of John Castell, Husbandman, of Churchill, 1556**

Testament[um] John Castell de churchill

In the name of god amen I John castell of churchill in the contie of oxon husbandman do make this my last will and testament in man[ner] & forme followinge fyrst I bequ[e]th my soule to allmytie god & my bodie to buried in the churchyard of churchill aforesayd Item I geve to the mother churche of oxford iiij^d Item I geve to my brother Ric[hard] castells sonne named will[ia]m the third part of my goods moveable and un[m]moveable both in the feyld and towne allso I give to agnes my wyffe all the rest of my goods unbequethed allso I geve unto my good children ev[e]ry one of them a shepe allso I geve to ev[e]ry of the poore folkes in the towne iiij^d and to certen of the poorest there thre stiekes of bread corne & malte amo[n]gest them Item I give to Christian labie a hecfor and ij shepe Item I geve to christian gyves one shepe and to joane Lyrrye one shepe allso I geve to Ric[har]de Castell my brother & to the oldest sonne of hys bodie lawflly begotten unles I the sayd John have one of my owne law[f]ully begotten to leave it w[i]thall my lande in certon hen[?]she intentions allso I geve to agnes my wyffe owt of the sayd land iij^s iiij^d by the yere duringe her wydowed estate allso I wyll res[er]ve thre of the best ewes belogyn beloginge to the sayd lande unto my owne use and I do [m]ake agnes my wyffe my whole executrix to se thys my last wyll and testa[m]ente performed my detts payd my funerel discharged and I do [m]ake John stet and [m]oruys myllyngton my overseers of thys my sayd wyll & testament thes beyng wytnes John Beer morrys myllyngton Ric[hard] Castell & the p[ar]son of Sarsden wit[h] other mene

Probate granted by John Kenall 17th July 1556 to the executrix

Inventory sum illegible

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