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Will of Robert Castell, Yeoman, of Churchill, 1695

In the name of God Amen I Robert Castel of Church-hill in the county of Oxford yeoman being weake in body, but in sound and perfect minde And memmory, praise be therfore Given to Almighty God, doe make and ordaine this my present Last will and Testament, In manner and form following, (that is to say) First And principally, I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits Death and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour, to have full and free Pardon and forgiveness of All my Sins, and Inherit Everlasting Life, and my body I commit to the Earth, to be Decently buried At the discretion of my Executors hereafter named; And As touching All such temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon mee, I give and dispose thereof As followeth.

Imp[ri]mis First I will that my debts and funerall Charges ^{shall} be paide and discharged
 Item I give unto my sister Ann Castell the sum of fiveteene pounds, Item I give unto my brother Edmund Castell the sum of tenn pounds, my will is that my ^{Father} shall have tenn Shillings yearly aded farther to his Anneuity, And for the rest and remainder of my Estate ^{parsonall} my will is that the same shall be Eaqualie divided Amongst All my ^{other} brothers And Sisters by even and eaquall portions; Item my will is that my Estate in Land shall be let that A yearly Rent during the termme of the Lease; And as the saide Rent shall become due and payable the same shall be eaqualie divided Amongst All my brothers ad sisters As Afores[ai]d ; If Aney or either of my brothers or sisters doth die before the Expieracions of the saide Lease; their yearely Legacie shall remaine unto their Childe or Children I doe nomminate and Appoint my brother Nicholas Smith of Rinsinton and my brother Edmund Saunders to be Executors of this my present will And testament Revoking all other Wills and Testaments

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this third day of July in the yeare of our Lord 1695

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*Probate granted at Oxford 1st August 1695 by Nicholas Vilett surrogate for Thomas Stafford Nicholas Smith and Edmund Saunders, executors
signed by Benjamin Cooper, registrar*

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