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Will of John Cowles, of Churchill, 1570

Testamentu[m] Joh[an]is Cowles de Churchill

In the name of god Amen the xvjth daye of Januarie in the yere of o[ur]  
lorde 1569 I John Cowles of Churchill beinge in good healthe and p[er]fett  
memorye thankes be unto allmyghtye god doothe ordeyne and make  
this my testament and last wyll in maner and forme Followinge Firste  
I bequeathe my sowle unto allmyghtye god my maker and redemer  
and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Churchill It[e]m I geve  
to the Mother churche of Oxfordre iij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I geve and bequeathe to  
Thomas Cowles my sonne twenty six Shillinges eightpence and  
tymber to make him a lome It[e]m I bequeathe to Will[ia]m Cooles my  
sonne ten Shillings It[e]m I bequeathe to Nicholas Cooles my sonne  
thre poundes in moneye or moneye worth a payre of shettes A twillye  
clothe and a boulster It[e]m I bequeathe to Annes Cooles my  
daughter ten Shillinges It[e]m I bequeathe to Margarett Colles my  
My daughter foure pounds in moneye or moneye worth a flockbed  
or a mattres two payre of shettes a boulster a twillye clothe  
and a Cover lett a table clothe a towell a table napkynne  
two pewter platters a potenger and a saurser a brasse pott  
It[e]m I bequeathe to everye one of my god children ij<sup>d</sup> apece  
It[e]m I bequeathe to Will[ia]m Colles thre children Jane Alice &  
Raffe everye of theme one ewe shepe niether of the best  
nor of the worste It[e]m I bequeathe to Anne Brige my sister a  
strike of wheate and a strike of malte It[e]m to Marye  
Kene the daughter of Raphaell Kene one ewe shepe It[e]m my wyll  
is that my daughter Margarett Coolles shall have her legacie  
delivered unto her at the daye of her marriage if she marye at  
the age of xxiiij yeres or before and if that she do not marie at  
that tyme then I will that two of her brethren Will[ia]m and  
Matewe shall receive and keape her legacie and so do sett it to

her use [a]comoditye and p[ro]fett It[e]m I bequeathe to Katherine Jeves  
one shepe Allso I will if yt shall please god to take anye of these  
my children awaye before they be married or cum to lawfull  
age then I will that that p[ar]te or [pa]rtes of them so deceased shallbe  
Equally devided amonge theme that be alive All the rest  
of my goodes not given nor bequeathed I geve and bequeathe  
to Alice Coles my Wyffe and to Mathewe Coles my sonne  
Whome I doo ordeyne and make my full and Holle executors  
to paye my dettes and my Legacies as my truste is in them &  
I desire Will[ia]m Beard and Richard box to be my overseers  
and I geve theme for theire paynes xij<sup>d</sup> apece these being  
Wyt[t]nes S[ir] Humfrey Bowyer vicar Will[ia]m beard Ric[hard]  
Box and Will[ia]m Busby the apparitor w[it]h other

*Probate granted in Oxford on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1570 by John Kennall to the executors mentioned in the will  
represented by William Busby*

Inventory £46. 10. 4.

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