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Will of George Dodford, yeoman, of Churchill, 1639

In the name of God Amen

the eighteenth daie of January In the yeare of our Lord

God one thousand six hundred thirty and Eight. I George dodford

of Churchill in the Countie of Oxon yeoman Doe ordaine make

and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme

following that is to saie First and principally I give my soule into the

handes of Almightye God my onely Savio[ur] and redeemer hopinge and

assuredlie trustinge by the mediation deathe and passion of my Lord &

Saviour Jesus Christ, to have free remission of my sinnes & everlastinge

life. My bodie I commend to the earth to bee buried att the

discretion of my Executors hereafter named; Item I give to the poore

people of Churchill Tenn Pounds to bee distributed among them p[re]sently

after my decease. Item I give to Alice my wife all that my house which

I now Dwell in together with the yeard and halfe of Land thereunto

belonginge; for the terme of thirty yeares if shee shall soe long live a

widdowe sole and unmarried Provided if the said Alice shall marry

after my decease, then the said Ailce shall leave the said house

together with the yeard & halfe of Land and her estate shalbe utterlie

void. Item I give to Alice my wife One Hundred pounds. Item

I give Richard Bridges sonne of John Bridges one hundred pounds

Item I give to Thomas Bridges One Hundred pounds. Item I give &

bequeath unto my Nephew George Dodford all that my lease estate

tearme of yeares of and in the grounds calledSeaven acres together

with the Lords [*space*] lyinge in the Lordship of Churchill. Item

I give unto my Nephew John Dodford one hundred pounds. Item I give

to my Nephew George Dodford all that my lease of the house which I

have in Bledington together with the land thereunto belonging, except

and alwaies reserved the house belowe the entry to the said Richard

Shepherd during his life, I doe alsoe give to Richard Shepherd

threescore Pounds. Item I give & bequeath unto the late wife of

Michaell Young deceased twenty Pounds, And alsoe I give his sonne
Michaell Young the twentie pounds which hee oweth mee. Item I
give and bequeath to my Nephew Hugh Dodford Fower hundred
pounds. Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Dodford
Five Hundred Pounds. Item I give to Richard Roberts wife Fiftie
Pounds. Item I give to Thomas Ingram Twentie Pounds. Item I
give Raph Sowthed Forty Pounds. Item I give to George Dodford the
true som[m]e of one hundred pounds, pounds the sone of Richard dodford
Item I give my sister Mary Keay Tenn pounds. Item I give to
Humfrye Rutter Tenn Pounds. Item I give Hugh Wimbush thirty
pounds. Item I give to Darks two sonnes twenty Pounds. Item I
give to James Brookes tenn pounds. Item I give to Joane ?
Bostick Tenn Pounds I doe alsoe make and ordaine my Nephew
George Dodford and my wifes Kingsman Thomas Bridg Executors
of this my Last will and testament. And I doe alsoe ordaine
Richard Roberts; John Toppan Anthony Ros and Richard Bridge
to bee my Overseers of this my last will and testament. And for
their care and paines therein I give them tenn pounds a peece beinge
Forty Pounds. And I doe desire my said wife and kinsmen to accept &
take thankfully this my will and the legacies to them given and to
continue in love without grudge or discontent one against other and with
mee to thanke my good God who hathe ^{thus} enabled mee to helpe their estate
I give all praise and glory unto God forever and ever Amen. In witnes
of which promises I have hereunto put to my hand & seale the daie & Yeare
above written By me George Dodford. Witnesse hereunto. John
Tappan Richard Norton his marke: Walter Norton his marke
[in margin] being all Writt w[i]th my owne hand as aforesaid

*Probate granted in London by Dr. John Exton surrogate for Henry Marten to George Dodford Thomas
Bridges executors on 7th February 1638*