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Will of John Gostwicke, gent, of Churchill, 1619

In the name of God amen the seaven and twentieth of June
in the yeare of the Raigne of oure sovereign Lord James by the grace of god of England Scotland
Fraunce and Ireland King Defender of the faithe the fourteenth I John Gostwicke of
Churchill in the Countie of Oxford gent beyng in healthe of bodie and of good and
sounde memorye (thankes be given to god for the same) Do make, ordayne and Declare
this my present Testament conteyning therein my last will in manner and forme
fol[l]owing that is to saye First I do commende my soule into the handes of the moste blessed
omnipotent and mercifull god whoe hath created redeemed and sanctified the same in whome
and by whome and by no other meanes I do verilie beleve that my soule shalbe receyved and forgiven
all my sinnes and my bodie restored and blessed with my full resurrection the same beyng wroughte
only by the grace and meere mercye of my blessed god expressed and confirmed by that sweete
Sacrifice and holieablation of the bodie of his deere and onlie begotten sonne my blessed Redemer
Christe Jesus whoe thoroughe the greate love and Desire he had from the beginning to be
the Savyoure of the whole worlde for that cause came downe from heaven at the tyme by godes
Eternall Councell appoynted and is allreadie crucified and is glorified My bodie I committ
to the Earthe from whence yt came to receyve Xp[Chr]istian buryall at tyme and in suche place
as shall best fitt the tyme of my Deathe. Item I do give to the poore Inhabitanes of Churchill
aforesaide fyve poundes to be paied them in fyve yeres, that is to saye On S[ain]t Thomas day
before Christmas twentie shillinges at a tyme till the whole be so paid to be Distributed by
the handes of my executors on suche as they shall appoynte where best need is. Item I Doe
give unto my kynde and loving Neece Ware fiftie pounds to be paied her within three yeres
after my Decease Item I do give to my poore neiphne Edmund Miller Tenne poundes to be
payed within three yeres after my Decease Item I do give to my two god sonnes John
Lydcott and John Ware tenne poundes apeece to be paied within fyve yeres after my Decease
Item I do give to my deerlie beloved god sonne Fraunces Morley twentie poundes to be payed to his
good
Mother Mary Morley within one yere after my decease to be employed by her to his moste profit
Item I do give unto my most loving and faithfull servante John Warricke in consideration of his most
true and faithfull service thirtie poundes to be payed within three yeres after my Decease and

all my apparrill belonging unto my bodie from the best to the worste :- And whereas I Did
 latelie by Indenture give hym a house a backside with certaine hades and Layes and Common
 of pasture for two Beastes in Overnorton towne and fieldes I do by this my last will &
 ratifie and confirme the same and confesse and that besides theise Legaceys I Do owe hyme
 Twentie twoe poundes and tenne shillings the which I Desire he may have payed hym I do
 give to my servannt Thomas Hacker the best unhandled or the unbroken Colt at his choise that
 he shall
 have at my Decease I do give to my servannt William Scrawinan [?] fyve poundes to be payed within
 one
 yere after my Deathe Item I do give to my Shepheard Horseman at Overnorton fortie shillings
 yf he serve me at my deathe to be payed within twoe yeres after my Decease I do give to my serv[an]nt
 Awstyn Williams fortie shillings yf he serve me at my Deathe to be payed twoe yeres after my
 Deathe I doe in token of the reverend love that I have ever borne the right worship[full] Doctor
 Schuchfeild give these bookes viz ***Mr Hookers workes in one volume The Turkishe Historye Guy-
 cherdynes Historye Eusebius ecclesiastical historye Calvines Institutions. The Rest of my
 landes
 goodes and Chattells I do give to my moste Derelie beloved wife Judith Gostwicke and her
 sonne Thomas Gate of the Inner temple gent whome I do ordayne constitute and appoynte
 my Executors Provided allwayes that the sayed Thomas Gate shall have no Interest in any
 of my goodes and Chattells but that they shall remayne whollie to my Wife Judith for the
 payment of my buriall Legaceys and Debtes In wisse whereof I have signed sealed and
 subscribed my name per me John Gostwicke Signed and sealed in the presence of us William
 Barton Sig[num] Phillip Fretter

Probate granted in London by John Beneton 8th March 1618 to Judith relict of said decease & Thomas Gate executors

*** Mr Hookers works in one volume

Richard Hooker 1563 or 4 – 1600 [fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford] Of the lawes of
 ecclesiasticall polite, eyght bookes.

London, printed by John Windet, 1593.

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Only 4 books; book 5 printed in 1597; volumes 1-4, 1604; volumes 1-5, 1611.

Books 6-8 weren't published

He also wrote sermons and similar, published in Oxford in the early 1600s, but all are short items and don't sound as if they would be called works, unless Gostwicke had a collection of them bound together.

The Turkische Historie

Richard Knolles, c1550-1610 [fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford]

The general historie of the Turks: from the first beginning of that nation to the rising of the Ottoman familie: with all the notable expeditions of the Christian princes against them. Together with the luyes and conquests of the Ottoman kings and emperours faithfullie collected out of the best histories, botyh auncient and modern, and digested into one continuant historie vntill this present yeare 1603.

London printed by Adam Islip., ports. (metal cuts)

The title page is engraved and signed: Laurance Iohnson, sculpsit.

Guycherdynes Historie

This could be on of several authors or books, published in Italian, French or English. The most likely is:

Francesco Guicciardini (1483-1540)

The historie of Guicciardin, conteining the vvarres of Italie and other partes, continued for many yeartes vnder sundry kings and princes, together with the variations and accidents of the same, deuided into twenty bookes: and also the arguments, vvith a table at large expressing the principall matters through the vvhole historie. Reduced into English by Geoffray Fenton.

Londomn, printed by Thomas Vautroullier, 1579.

[12], 1184, [16] p. 2°

Eusebius ecclesiasticall historie

Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea c260-340

Numerous editions of his ecclesiastical history published in many places 1479 onwards

English editions:

With varying titles, translated by Meredith Hanmer, London, 1577, 1585, 1607, 1619.

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John Gostwicke was christened at Southill in July 1543. William Hervy, Clarenceux King of Arms, who carried out the visitation of Bedfordshire in 1566, recorded the pedigree of the Southill branch and their arms: argent a bend gules cotised sable between six choughs sable armed gules, on a chief or three mullets vert. **From that moment we lose sight of John Gostwicke until the very end of his long life, when we find him established at CHURCHILL in Oxfordshire. In the meantime he had married a widow named Judith Gate. Two years before he died he made a Will bequeathing sundry gifts to his servants and to the poor of Churchill (transcribed above). As residuary legatees he names his dearly beloved wife Judith and her son Thomas Gate, of the Inner Temple. Evidently he had no children of his own, however, J Skelton, who apparently visited CHURCHILL while the old church (now The Heritage Centre) was being demolished, says that on a brass plate fixed to a plain white stone under the communion-table, was an epitaph to the memory of John Gostwicke, who died on the 10th of February 1618 aged seventy-five.**

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