

Oxfordshire History Centre, MS Wills Oxon 33/3/31**Will of George Horsman, husbandman, of Churchill, 1671**

In the name of God Amen I George Horsman of Churchill in the County of Oxon husbandman being sicke in body but of p[er]fect memorie thanks be given to God for the same Doe make & ordeyne this my last will and testament the eight & twentieth day of September An[no] d[o]m[ini] one thousand sixe hundere[d] seaventy & one and in the three and twentieth yeare of the reigne of o[u]r sov[erign] lord Charles the second now kinge of England etc in manner and forme a[s] followeth First I Comitt my soule into the hands of Almightye God hopinge to be saved by the passon of Jesus [chr]iste & my bodie to be buried in the Churchyard of the Parish Church of Churchill afores[ai]d and of my worldlie Goodes I despose of them as followeth Inprimis I give and bequeath unto my son Jeremiah [Horsman] all that messuage and tenement I now inhabit in w[i]th the yard land and all and every thappurtenances to the same belongeth to have and to hold the said messuage and yard land unto the said Jeremiah p[re]sently after my decease for and duri[ng] the life of William Horsman my son and the said Jeremiah his life But if the said Jere[miah] Horsman my son shall decease & depart this life before hee shall be married and have noe childe then my mind & will is that my son William Horsman shall hold the said messuage & yard land during his life And if the said Jeremiah shall have wife and childe then to remayne to them Item I give unto my son Jeremiah Horsman one Close called The Townsend Close in Churchill during his life and for all the ter[m]e and estate I have in the said Close Item I give & bequeath unto my wife Margerie all that yard land I have in Churchill w[i]th is they yard land I tooke of Thomas Shurley & the said Margarie to hold the said yard land w[ith] all and [?] thappurtenances to the same belongeth duringe the terme of her life And also my minde & will is that Margerie my wife shall inhabite as longe as shee liveth in the messuage & house I now inhabit in and to have ingresse egressse regresse to the backside and to come to the fireplace or Chimney when neede shall require to doe any thinge for herselfe And also to have the lower chamber as longe as shee liveth to her owne use Item my mind & will is that my son William Horsman shall have and hold the said yard land I tooke of Thomas Shirley after my wife Margerie

has deceased during all the terme and estate I have in the yardland Item I give and bequeath to my son William Horsman that little Close called the Hopyyard in Churchill duringe the terme and estate I have in it Item I give unto my grandchild John Horsman the son of my son George Horsman All that q[uar]ter of a yard land in Churchill that I purchased of William Beaman to him and his heirs for ever Item I give to my son George Horsman one grayner the least I have in the barne & twelve pence of lawfull money of England Item I giv[e] unto my son William Horsman all the sheepe I have Item I give my daughter Elizabeth Bridges the wife of William Bridges twelve pence of lawful money of England Item I give to my kinswoman Jane Horsman my brother Arthur Horsman his daughter tenn shillings of lawful money of England Ite[m]

I give to Alice Horsman my kinswoman of Barton Le heath in the County of warrwick tenn shillings of lawfu[l]

money of England Item I give & bequeath unto Mary Smith the wife of Robert Smith the said Marie being my daughter the sume of Five pounds of lawful money of England to be paid w[i]thin three month after mye decease Item I give my son William Horsman the broadhorned Cow Item I doe appoint and ordeyne my wife Margarie & Jeremiah my son to be my joynt & Co: Executors of all [th]e rest of my Goods & Chattles & Cattell & to see mee decently buried & my funeral expences discharged with whereof I have sett my hand and seale the day & yeare first above written

[re] ad Signed & Sealed

The mark of

The presence of

George Horsman

[Ar]thur Hiett

Thomas Glynn

[Side panel] Item I doe give my son Christopher Horsman

twelve pence of lawful money of England

Item I give & beqeath to my son William Horsman

three the best trees in the Townesend close & to have

liberty to cut and Carry away the same

Probate granted at Chipping Norton 17th October 1671 to Jeremiah Horsman Executors