

Oxfordshire History Centre, MS Wills Oxon 44/3/27**Will of Peter Minchen, Husbandman, of Churchill, 1649**

In the Name of God Amen the Five and twentieth day of May Anno dom[ini] 1648 and in the Fourth and

Twentieth yeere of the Raigne of our Sov^{er}aigne Lord Charles by the grace of Grace of God King of England

Scotland Franncce and Ireland defend[er] of the Faith etc I Peter Minchen of Churchill in the County of Oxon

husbandman being weake in bodie but of p[er]fect memorie (thanks be given to God Therefore) doe make and ordaine

this my last will and Testament in manner and Forme following (that is to say) first I comend my soule into

the hands of Almighty God my Creato[r] hoping through the only meritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be made

p[ar]taker of life everlasting And I Com[m]itt my body to the earth whereof it was made nothing doubting

but that at the later day it shall have a joyfull resurrection, And concerneing my worldly goods wherewith

it hath pleased God to blesse, I dispose of them as hereafter followeth, That is I give and bequeathe unto mary

my loving wife the one halfe of all my linnen, the one halfe of all all my woollen, the one halfe of all my brasse the one

halfe of all my pewter and the one halfe of all my bedding, Item I give and bequeathe unto my sonne william

Minchen Forty Shillings of lawfull money of England and two payre of hempen Sheetes the said Forty Shillings to

be paid to him or his assignes at the end of one yeare next after my decease Item I give unto my Daughter

Alice the wife of John Davies of Bourton on the water two paire of sheetes, Item I give unto John her poore

Childe which she had before she married Foure pounds of lawfull money of England to be bestowed for the putting

him apprentice to a trade, Item I give and bequeathe unto my Daughter Mary the wife of John wilkes of Chipping norton Fortie Shillings of Currant money of England to be paid to her at the end of Fifteene

moneths next after my Decease and I give and bequeathe unto William now Sonne of my Sonin law John wilkes and my Daughter Mary three pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto him at the age of

Seaven yeeres and then to be put forth for his best use Item I give and bequeath unto the Fower Children of

my Sonneinlaw Giles Bridge and my daughter Elizabeth to each of them one sheepe ~~worth this vique~~ a sheepe

and I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth one yeerlinge horse

to be deliv^{er}ed to them at the end of Foure yeeres next after my decease ^ Item my will is that of my Sonne

inlaw Giles Bridge doe pay the tenne pounds which I stand engaged with him being belonging to the poore of

Chastleton that then the said Giles shall have his lease of his house and land which he formerly grannted to me

not the cropp of Corne growing there uppon to his owne use and benefitt, Item my will is that whereas there is by Custome of the manno^r an executo^{rs} yeere of my house and lands due to my executo^{rs}, my executo^{rs}

shall out of that yeeres p[ro]fitt mainteyne all the cattell keepe the house with Competent provision and foode

the land and the remainder or over plus of the p[ro]fitt to be employed towards the payment of my Debts

All other my goods and Chattells what soev^{er} not herein before bequeathed I give and bequeath unto John

Minchen my sonne whome I make sole executo^r of this my last will and testament to pay my Debts p[e]rform

My legacis and discharge my Funerall expenses In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and
Seale the Day and yeare first above written

The mark of
Peter Minchen
May 24th 1649

Sealed published and declared by
The said Peter Minchen as his last
Will and Testament in the p[le]seure
Of
Thomas Board
Michael Younger

Executor Thomas Ward surrogate

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