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## Will of George Morecroft, gent, of Churchill, 1662

In the name of God Amen I George Morecroft of Churchill in the Count of Oxon  
gent being firm in Body and of perfect Memory (Thanks be given to almighty god  
doe ordaine & make this my last Will and Testament in manner and Forme following First  
I commend my soule into the hands of my Saviour Jesus Christ, hoping and stedfastly assuring  
my selfe through Faith in him to obtaine remission of all my sinnes and everlasting  
Life And I comitt my Body to be privately buried in the Isle of the Church of Churchill  
by mine Ancestors there And as touching my temporall Estate reall and personall wherewith  
God hath endowed mee. I doe bequeath and Devise the same manner and forme following  
First I give and devise unto my three Daughters Margrett Anne and Joice All  
my dwelling house with the Orchards gardens and Homestall my Mills and all other  
my Lands Tenements meadows pastures and Hereditam[ent]s with th[e] app[er]ten[a]nes there unto  
belonging in Churchill aforesaid To hold to them and their heires for ever And if it  
happen that either or any of my said Daughters shall die unmarried or without Issue  
of their Bodies lawfully begotten That then my House Mills Lands and p[r]emisses  
aforesaid shalbe and remaine to the use and behoofe of the Surviv[o]rs or Surviv[o]r of my said  
Daughters and their heires for ever; (except and reserved unto Elizabeth  
my now wife during her life All such parte and parcells of the premisses as are already  
setled in Jointure unto her the said Elizabeth) And as to the parcells of ground called  
the Hoggs Leasow the Dovehouse close the Paddockes near the house and what else  
is not so setled upon my wife; My Will is that the same and the Profitts thereof shall  
immediatly after my Decease remaine and come to my said three Daughters the Survivo[r]s and

Survivo[r] of them <sup>and their heires</sup> equally to be divided amongst them; Item my will is and I desire Executrix is performe[d] the same during her Life; that my Brother Hercules Morecraft may have and receive meate Drinke lodging and washing and a Lodging Roome in my dwelling house (if not disposed of during his natural Life, Also I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife during her widowhood , all my stocke of Cattle pigs Horses Beasts Sheepe and other Cattle and all my household goods and Chattles of what kind soever; Provided that if my said Wife shall marry Then my will is That my Three Daughters Margrett Anne and Joyce the Survivo[r]s and Survivo[r] of them shall have all my goods Cattle and Chattels of what kind soever to their owne uses immediately after such marriage to be equally divided amongst them and I doe make constitute ordaine and appoint the said Elizabeth my wellbeloved wife my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and my said Brother Hercules Morecroft and sonne in Law James Thompson gent Overseers thereof, And I give to each of them Twenty shillings in Lieu of their paines and Care to be had and bestowed Upon confidence and Trust that they or the Survivo[r] of them see the Execution of this my Will and the same performed Also my Will is that my Executrix doe buy two? Stones and lay them one over my Father and mother and the other over my selfe with some inscription upon them And I doe hereby renonnce all former and other Wills whatsoever by mee heretofore made; In Witness whereof I the said George Morecroft have hereunto putt my hand and seale the eighth Day of June in the Thirteenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereaign Lord Charles the second by the Grace of god King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith Annog[ue] D[omi]ni 1661

George Morecroft

Sealed subscribed and published by the above named George Morecroft those words  
(and their heir) being first interlined

in p[re]sence of

Edward Powis

J[ame]s Thompson

*28<sup>th</sup> May 1662 Elizabeth Morecroft Executrix was sworn before Benjamin Glyn and Hercules  
Morecroft gent commissioners substitute for Henry Alworth at Oxford*

**Transcribed by the Churchill and Sarsden Probate Group 2015**