

**The National Archives Prob 11/62****Will of Thomas Rickards, gentleman, of Churchill, 1579/80**

In the name of God Amen. The eighte daie of December in the Two and Twentiethe yeare of the Raigne of oure Sov[er]aigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God, Quene of Englande

France and Irelande defender of the faithe etc., Anno d[o]m[ini] 1579 I Thomas Rickardes of Churchill in the

Countie of Oxon gentleman beinge of good and perfect Remembrance and memorie Thankes be to god Doe ordaine constitute and make this my laste Will and Testamente in maner and forme following Vizt Firste

I doe bequeathe my soule into the handes of the everlivinge god my onlie Savioure Creator and redemer by whose mercie in the bloode deathe and passion of Jhesus Criste I doe hoope for the forgivenes of my sinnes And therein doe undoubtedlie beleve to receive my Salvac[i]on and the estate of ev[er]lastinge blessednes

And my bodie to be buried in Christian burial in suche Conveniente place as to my executrix shall seme moste mete and conveniente Item I doe bequeathe to Henrie Medcrafte of Churtchille aforesaid Rough

mason All those five percelles of Arable land situate lieinge and beinge in the feildes of Churtchille aforesaid com[m]onlie called the church lands sometimes beinge in the occupac[i]on of the Churchwardens of the parishe Church of Churtchill aforesaide to those of the same churche. And also <sup>one</sup> swathe of grasse or grasse grounde in the feildes aforesaid given and appoineted for the findinge of a Whippe and a bell for dogges in the saide Churche Together w[i]th one Annuitie or yearelie rente of Eighthene pence isseuinge out of a certaine parcell of lande in Churtchill aforesaid nowe in the manurance and occupac[i]on of one Clemente Tapham ther geven and appointed to the maintenance of a lighte in the said Church called St Nicholas lighte w[i]th all and singular ther appurtn[an]ces comodities and profettes thereunto belonginge To have and to hold the saide five percells of lande and all oth[er][e] the premises w[i]th th[e] appurti[an]ces unto the saide Henry his heires and Assignes <sup>and</sup> to his and their

proper uses for ev[er] Item I doe bequeathe unto Thomas Rychardes Tenne shillings Item I geve unto Fran[n]cis Agustyne Tenne shillings Item I doe bequeathe unto Thomas Paramore Tenne Shillings Item I doe give to Hewghe Hotchkis Tenne shillings Item I doe bequeathe to Richard Shepparde

Tenne Shillings Item I doe bequeathe to Rowlande Crowder five Shillings Item I doe give to Brigitte Winterfall five shillings Item I give to Alice Edwardes four Tegges Item I give to Elizabeth Hedges fives shillings Item I doe bequeathe to Anne Edwardes five shillings. Item I doe bequeathe to Marie Hotchkis Tenne Shillings Item I doe give to Anne Crosse fourtie Shillings Item I doe give and bequeathe to my Lovinge Neighbour John Gostwicke gente my Dutch Cloake and my beste blacke hoose And to my good frend M[aste]r Edwarde Kirkham my newe cloke w[hi]ch he laste made Item the residew of my apparell (my best gowe onelie excepted) I do give and bequeathe to my Brother John Richardes and my Cosen Hewghe Hotchkis to be equallie divided betwixte them my Buffe hoose allwaies allotted to my said Brother Item I doe give to the poore people of Churchill fourtie shillings to be indifferentlie distributed at the discretion of my wife Item I doe give and bequeathe unto mye lovinge Father <sup>and mother</sup> or either of them nowe livinge five and Thirtie poundes to be paide at the Inven[i]on of the holie crosse nexte enswinge the daie of hearof fivetene poundes And the other Twentie poundes residewe w[i]thin one yeare and a half then nexte Followinge Item I doe give and bequeathe to my Cosen Anne Hotchkis Tenne poundes to be paide at the feaste of the Inven[i]on of the holie Crosse w[hi]ch shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god one thousande five hundrede fourscore and one. Item I give and bequeathe unto George watkis Tenne poundes to be paide at the same tyme Item I doe give and bequeathe to Griffith ap rice my Brother in lawe Twentie poundes to be paide Tenne poundes at the Intervenc[i]on of the holie crosse w[hi]ch shalbe in the yeare of our lorde god one thousande five hundred foure score and one and the other Tenne poundes residewe w[i]thin one yeare then nexte followinge Item I doe give and bequeathe unto Hewgh Hotchkis my Cosen Twentie poundes To be paide at the Annuniac[i]on of oure ladie w[hi]ch shalbe in the yeare of oure lorde god one Thousande five hundrede four score and Two Item I doe give and bequeathe to Marie Hotchkys his Sister other Twentie poundes to be paide at the same tyme unles she happ[e]ne to marye in the meane Space the w[hi]ch if she doe so it be w[i]th my wives Consente I doe then will it may be paide at her maryage or verie sone after yf other wise to be paide as <sup>before</sup> ~~afforesaide~~ Item I doe give and bequeathe unto my brother John Richardes five and Thirtie poundes to be paide Thre poundes therof at the Invention of the

holie Crosse nexte ensewing the date hearof and Twelve poundes therof at the feaste of St Mychaell The Archangell then nexte Followinge and the Twentie poundes residewe at the feaste of the Invenc[i]on of the holie Cross w[hi]ch shalbe the yeare of oure lorde god one Thousande five hundred foure score and one Item I give to Thomas Richardes my man five poundes to be paide at the feaste of the Invenc of the holie Crosse w[hi]ch shalbe in the yeare of oure lorde one Thousande five hundred and foure Score and one Item I give to my Cosen Hengh Corne fourtie Shillings Item I doe give and bequeathe unto Richarde Ryckardes somtymes my man five Markes to be paide at the feaste of the Invenc[i]on of the holie Crosse w[hi]ch shalbe in the yeare of oure lorde one Thousande five hundrede foure score and Twoe Item I doe bequeathe unto my Cosen John Rickardes his Brother Fourtie shillings to be paide at the same tyme Item I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Rickardes of Clombrie Twentie Shillings to be paide at the aforesaide feaste and tyme Item I give to my verie good frend on[e] Will[ia]m James Doctor of Divinitie Twentie shillings Item I doe give and bequeathe to my said Brother John his children Fourtie poundes more to be paid w[i]thin one yeare after the decease of my saide wyfe Item I give and bequeathe unto George Watkis his children Twentie poundes to be paide w[i]thin one yeare after <sup>[th]e</sup> decease of my wife Item I do give unto my sister Margaretts Children Twentie poundes to be paide w[i]thin one yeare after the decease of my saide wife Item I doe give unto Hewghe Hotchkis and Marie his sister Fourtie poundes to be equallie Devided betwixte them and to be paide w[i]thin one whole yeare nexte after the decease of my wife Item I do give and bequeathe unto my sister Elizabeathes children (Hewgh and marie excepted) Thirtie poundes to be paid w[i]thin one yeare after the decease of my saide wyfe desiring my Father and mother to have regard of them at suche tyme as it shall please god to call me oute of this worlde And they will bestowe some what on them for my sake in respecte that I have not better remembred them in this my Will Item I doe will ordaine and devise That all and ev[er]y person or persons to whom I have devised given or bequeathed aine some or somes of money by this my presente laste Will and Testament shall & may lawfullie for his or ther sev[er]all somes of money to them or anie of them devised bequeathed or given from tyme to tyme entre into all that my Intereste Terme of yeares Lease and possession menc[i]ioned in one Indenture of Lease bearing date the seconde daie of December in the neintenthe yeare of the Raigne of oure sov[er]eigne lady Quenes maj[es]tie that nowe <sup>is</sup> had and made Betwene Symon Parrette of Churt

chill in the Countie of Oxon gent and Marie his wyfe on th[ei]r on[e] partie and me the saide Thomas Rickardes on the other partie In w[hi]ch Indenture the saide Symon hathe demysed unto me all that Farme or Grange and Tenne yarde lande w[i]th th[e] appurtances in Churtchill The w[hi]ch nowe in the righte of my wife in my manuance and occupac[i]on And after her decease to discend unto me and my Assignes for the Terme of threscore and Tenne yeares by force of the Indenture above expressed as by the same demise more at large appeareth And therupon and ev[er]ie parte and parcell therof to distraine and the destresse to detaine and kiepe until they shalbe from tyme to tyme satisfied and paide of the saide Sev[er]all somes and ev[er]ie parte and parcell therof All the Residewe of my goodes and Cattolls Plate Jewelles and houshold Stuffe leases and Chattelles unbequeathed what soev[er] I doe give and bequeathe to Elizabeth the my wife to the intente That she shall therw[i]th paie my debtes discharge my legacies and performe my funeralles whome I do ordaine and make my whole entire and sole executrix by theis presente Signed w[i]th my Sealle and Subscribed w[i]th my hande the daie and yeare firste above Written And in the presence of them Whose names are under written per me Thomas Rickardes made Sealed Subscribed acknowledged and deliv[er]ed by the above named Thomas Rickardes in the presence of us Will[ia]m James Roger Brasse-girdle James Polexsen [?] notary publicke John Frose

*Probate granted in London by magistrate William Drewrie to Elizabeth Rickardes relic and executrix 13<sup>th</sup> February 1579*

**Transcribed by The Churchill and Sarsden Probate Group 2017**