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Will of John Sessions, gent, of Woodstock and Churchill, 1654

In the Name of God Amen

The three and twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundredd Fiftie and three I John Sessions of New Woodstocke in the County of Oxford gent being sick of bodie but sound and perfect memory thanks be to god doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme Following (that is to say) First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightye god my maker and redeemer for by the death of Jesus Christ I trust to be saved and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in the Church or Church yard of Church hill in the County of Oxon in fitt and decent manner as shall seeme fitt to my executrix hereafter named Imprimis I give unto my mother

Item I give unto my sister Anne Four score pounds to be paid her within one yeare and next after my decease if she marry with my mothers consent or else to have but three score pounds Item I give unto my brother William Sessions three score pounds to be paid him at the age of one and twentie yeares if he marry or setle himselfe to his calling or Follows a vocation to be liked by my executrix and overseers hereafter named or else upon anie misbehavior to have but Fortie pounds Item I give unto my brother Thomas Fortie pounds to be set forth for him to the best use till he come forth of his Apprenticeship and then to be and redeemed to him with the increase thereof Item I given unto my sister Mary one hundredd pounds And to my brother Charles one hundredd pounds both which portions of the twoo hundredd pounds my Will is shall be paid to them by the executors or Administrators of my mother within six months next after the decease of my mother, And moreover my Will is that there be twentie pounds laid out and expended by my executrix for my funerall expenses And for and towards the payment of the severall persons and expenses aforesaid, my Will is that my land called the Sheepe leasowe in Churchill be sould with my mothers consent by my said mother, my uncle John Draper of Brewerne grainge gent and my uncle John Basse of Brookhampton withe countie of Warwicke gent and my Mother to have the ownership of the money that the land shalle be sould for Giving and grannting to my said mother my uncle Draper and my said uncle John Bass and full power and authoritie to sell convey assume and make over my said estate in Churchill aforesaid called the Sheepe leased to anie p[er]son or persons whatsoever with all deeds wrightings and obidences concerning the said land as Fully

freely and absolutely as if I my selfe were there in personne personally to doe assume convey and performe the same, Furthermore I doe nominate ordaine and make my loving mother my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And alsoe I doe nominate and define my said uncle Mr John Draper and Mr John Basse to be overseers of this my last Will and to be aideing and assisting to my said Executrix in anie thing hereunto belonging And for their names herein I give unto them tenn shillings a peece to weare in a ring for my sake and to their wives Tenn shillings a peece in like manner to weare in a ring for my sake In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale over the day and yeare first before written, lastly I give unto my Aunt Danbey and to my Aunt Joane Winchester tenn shillings a peece to weare in a rings alsoe and to my brother Coton tenn shillings to weare in a ring for my sake; John Sessions signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Henry Medway Anne Sessions her marke Dorothy Wilkinson her marke.

This will was proved at Westminster

the seaven and tweinties day of November in the yeare of our Lord god according to the Compensation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred ffiftie foure Before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations lawfully authorized By the Oath of Emme Sessions the mother and Executrix named in the said Will To whom was comitted Admon of all and singular the goods chattels and debts of the said deceased she being first sworne surely to Administer the same

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