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Will of John Wilkes, Cordwainer, of Churchill, 1695

In the name of God Amen I John Wilkes of Churchill in the County of Oxon Cordwayner being weake and infirme in Body but of perfect and sound mind and memory [Thanks be given to god] doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testam't. And first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father hoping and stedfastly beleiveing to receive full pardon and remission for all my Sins through the alone merritt and mediation of Jesus Christ my most blessed Lord and Saviour And my Body to the Earth by a decent Inter'm't at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named And as for such wordly Estate as God in his infinite mercy hath lent me I give and dispose Of the same in manner and forme following [that is to say] Imprimis I give and bequeath unto each and every of the Six Children (now living) of my Brother in Law Justinian Bolton of Stonesfeild in the said County of Oxon the sume of fifteene pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid unto each of them as they shall severally attaine the full age of One and Twenty yeares And my will and meaning is that in case either or any of the said Six Children shall happen to dye before the said age of One & Twenty yeares That then the said sume of Fifteene pounds before appointed to be paid to such Child or Children soe dyeing shall be due & payable to the Survivor & Survivors of them equally to be divided when they shall all attaine the said age of one and twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath unto my said Brother in Law Justinian Bolton the sume of Ten Shillings Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Sister Mary Wife of the said Justinian Bolton the sume of Forty Shillings Item I give and bequeath unto my Brothers in law Joseph and William Wilks and alsoe to my Sisters in Law Elizabeth and Ann Wilks and to each of them the sume of Two Shillings and Sixpence Item all the rest & residue of my goods Che[t]lls I doe give and bequeath unto my loveing Brother Thomas Wilks of Chadlington in the said County of Oxon yeoman the better to enable him to paye the legacyes aforesaid and all such debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease And I doe make and constitute and appoint my said Brother Thomas Wilks sole Executor of this my last Will and Testam[en]t thereby revoakeing annulling and making void all former and other will or Wills

in writing or otherwise by me at any time made or declared In witness whereof
I the said John Wilks have hereunto sett my hands and Seale the ninth day of
February Anno Dm 1694

John Wilks

Signed sealed published and
John Wilks to be his last Will
And Testam[ent]
[after the alterations and
Interlinations in the Fifteenth
Sixteenth & Seventeenth lines]
In the presence of
James Butterworth
Abram Tulley
Sarah Sage

*Probate at Chipping Norton 4th October Ao Dn in the presence Tho Stafford Archdeacon Oxon
Thomas Wilks brother and executor
Geo. Cooper public notary*

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