

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Godwin
of Cowich, Bremilham
Will proved 26th November 1761*



Probate Court of Malmesbury
Original reference WSHC P3/G/669 1761

Testator:	Godwin	John	Gentleman of Bremilham
Executors:	Godwin	Edith	Wife

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Godwin	Edith	Wife	
Godwin	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Godwin	Jeremiah	Brother	
Godwin	John	Son	
Godwin	Mary	Daughter	
Godwin	Mary	Kinswoman	
Godwin	Sarah	Daughter	
Godwin	William	Kinsman	
Witnesses			
Kerby	Ann		Made her mark
Oseland	Richard Grismond		
Watts	John		
Other Names			

In the Name of God Amen I John Godwin of Cowich otherwise Brimellham in the County of Wilts Gentleman being weak in Body but of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding praised be to God therefore Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following (that is to say) First I give & devise unto my son John Godwin All that my Freehold Estate situate at Milborne in the said Parish of Malmesbury in the said County To Have and to Hold the said Freehold Estate lands & premises with their & every of their appurts [sic] unto my said Son John his heirs & Assigns forever, Also I give & bequeath to my said Son John All that my Leasehold Estate situate at Rodbourne in the said Parish of Malmesbury and also all my Leasehold Estate situate at Corston in the same Parish To Hold the said Leasehold lands & premises with their appurtenances unto my said son John his heirs Exe: Adm: shall & will permit & suffer my Dear Wife Edith to receive & take the rents issues & profits of the said Freehold & leasehold premises until my said Son John shall attain his age of Twenty One years in order to enable her to Maintain Educate & cloth my said Son and three Daughters And my Will is that when & so soon as my said Son shall attain his age of Twenty one year & become intitled to my said

Freehold & Leasehold premes [sic] that he pay or cause to be paid unto my said wife Edith the sum of Thirty pounds of good & lawfull money of Great Britain yearly & every year during the term of her natural life at that yearly payments the first payment to begin within six months after my decease and upon nonpayment these or any part thereof of it shall be lawful for my said Wife to enter into the said premes [sic] or any part thereof & have receive & take the rents issues & profits thereof & thereout pay her said annuity & all charges that she shall be at in recovering the same returning the over plus to my said son John And in Case my son John shall not live to attain his age of Twenty One years or dye without Issue Then my Will is & I do hereby give devise & bequeath All my said Freehold & Leasehold premises unto my said three Daughters Sarah Elizabeth & Mary to be equally divived between themselves & share alike And in Case my said Daughters or either of them shall dye without issue Then the share of her or them dyeing shall go to & be divided between the Survivors and if but one living to that Survive & her Heirs forever \subject nevertheless to permist my wife to receive the rents of such estates as aforesaid & to the payment of the said Annuity & Legacy herein after charged/ Also I give to my Daughter Sarah the sum of Five Hundred Pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid her by my Executrix within six months after my decease Also I give to my Daughter Elizabeth the sum of Five Hundred Pounds to be paid her by my Executrix in like lawful money when she attains the age of Twenty one years & if of age at the time of my decease then to be paid within six months after my death Also I give unto my Daughter Mary the sum of Five Hundred Pounds of like lawfull money of England to be paid her by my said Son John or such other person or persons that shall enjoy my Freehold & Leasehold Estates when she shall attain the age of Twenty one years and on default of payment thereof or any part thereof to take possession of any part of the said Estate & detain & keep the same in her hands until the same be paid Also I give to my Daughter Sarah a Silver Tankard & the furniture of one Room which was her Mothers Also I give my Daughter Elizabeth my Diamond Ring & the furniture of a Room which was her Mothers to be delivered to them when they are of age or day of Marriage Also I Will & I do hereby direct that my Executrix shall within three months after my decease make up all such wages that I shall owe Kinsman William Godwin the sum of Fifty Pounds & pay such sum to him in case he lives with my Wife all that time Also my Will is that my Wife as long as she lives & after her decease my said Son or such person that shall be entitled to my Estate shall maintain & Cloth my Kinswoman Mary Godwin or allow her Two Shillings per week for & during the term of her naturall life Also I give unto my Brother Jeremiah Godwin my Watch & all my wearing Apparell of what nature or kind soever And Lastly all the rest residue & remainder of Freehold & Leasehold Estates Goods Chattles stock utensils in Husbandry & personall Estate \ after all my debts Legacys & funerall expenses are paid & satisfied/ I give & bequeath to my Dear Wife And do hereby constitute & appoint her Sole Executrix of this my Will hereby revoke all former Wills by me made In Witness where I have to this my last Will & Testament put my hand & Seal this fifteenth day of September, One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty

Signed *John Godwin*

Signed Sealed Publish & declared by the above named John Godwin (the Testator) as & for his last Will and testament (the Interlination of these words Unto my said Wife Edith between the Twelfth & Thirteenth lines being first made) in the presence of us at his request in his sight & presence & in the sight & presence of oath other subscribed our names as Witnesses

John Watts the X of Ann Kerby & *Richard Grismond Oseland*

Bremilham

The Will of John Godwin deceased

This Will was proved at Malmesbury on the 26th day of November 1761 before the Revd' John Capson Clerk

Probate was granted to Edith Godwin, widow the Relict of the deceased & Sole Executrix & within named.