

# *Will of William Winchester, Yeoman, of Etchilhampton,*

*2 May 1701*



[This is my transcription of images of a will written 2 May 1701 by William Winchester of Etchilhampton, Wiltshire. The originals are available as scanned images on the website:

<http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/index.php>

Reference No: [P1/4Reg/48] ~See also the will of his mother-in-law Mary Longcaster, widow, of All Cannings, proved 1698 [P1/3Reg/190] --Barbara J. Beake]

## **Testamentum**

**WILLIAM WINCHESTER**<sup>1</sup> de Echilhampton in Coun Wilts Yeomann

In the name of God Amen the second day of May in the thirteenth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord William by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, Defender of the Faith Anno Dei 1701 I **WILLIAM WINCHESTER** of Echilhampton in the County of Wilts Yeoman being weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say. First I bequeath my Soule into the hand of Almighty God my maker and to the hands of Jesus Christ my Redeemer through whose meritts I hope to obtain everlasting Salvation and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried. And as for that portion of Worldly Goods, which Almighty God of his goodness hath bestowed upon me I give and bequeath them in manner and form following. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY HAKINS**<sup>2</sup> of Kevill three Pounds to be paid unto her at one Years end next after my Decease. Item I give unto my son **THOMAS**<sup>3</sup> three Pounds to be paid him at the age of one and twenty yeares next after my Decease. Item I give unto my three daughters **ELIZABETH**<sup>4</sup> & **SUSANNA**<sup>5</sup> and **REBECKA**<sup>6</sup> three Pounds apiece to be paid unto them at the age of one and twenty Yeares next after my decease. Item I give unto my sister **AVIS MARTIN** of North Newnton twenty Shillings to be paid unto her at six months after my Decease. Item All the rest of my Goods, Chattels of what kind soever I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife **ELIZABETH WINCHESTER**<sup>7</sup> whom I do hearby make my whole Executrix of the my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I the said **WILLIAM WINCHESTER** have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written. **WILLIAM WINCHESTER** his mark. Signed, sealed, published and declared in the prsence of **ABRAM HARDING, THOMAS POULTON, JANE CHAMBERLIN** her mark.

*Probate in Latin follows, which I have not attempted to transcribe, but the date of probate is 16 Sep 1701, at Devizes.*

### *Notes:*

<sup>1</sup> William Winchester was buried 6 May 1701 at Etchilhampton.

<sup>2</sup> Possibly a daughter from a first marriage, as she is not named in the will of his wife Elizabeth's mother dated 1698

[See note for Elizabeth].

<sup>3</sup> I haven't found a baptism for him but he is underage, so born after 1680.

<sup>4</sup> Baptized 24 Nov 1680 at Patney.

<sup>5</sup> Baptized 14 Sep 1684 at Patney.

<sup>6</sup> Baptized 25 April 1688 at Patney.

<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth Lancaster, born probably around 1652 at All Cannings [during a gap in the parish records].  
Identified in the

will of her mother Mary Longcaster, widow, of All Cannings, proved 1698 [P1/3Reg/190] as daughter  
Elizabeth

Winchester. Mary also names her three granddaughters, and mentions two grandsons, apparently Thomas  
Winchester

and Samuel Hyatt, son of her daughter Joan.

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