

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Harris
of Martin
Will Proved
17th February 1672*



Probate Court of Salisbury
Original reference
Will Dated 13 June 1665

Testator:	Harris	John (Johis)	Yeoman of Martin
Executors:			
Harris	Dorothy	Wife	Sole Executrix
Overseers:			
Harwood	John	Overseer	
Prince	Bernard	Overseer	
Read	George, Jnr.	Overseer	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Harris		Unborn child	
Harris	Alice	Daughter	
Harris	Anne	Daughter	
Harris	Dorothy	Wife	
Harris	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Harris	Harry	Son	
Harris	Joane	Daughter	
Harris	John	Son	
Harris	Thomas	Son	
Witnesses			
Watson	Edward		
Read	George, Snr.		
Other Names			

IN THE MAME OF GOD AMEN I John Harris of the parish of Martin in the County of Wilts yeoman being sick and weake in body but of perfect & sound memory thanks be unto Almighty God for the same Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following

Imprimis: I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator trusting in the merits & satisfaction of Jesus Christ my Saviour alone for Salvation, & my Body to be buried in the Churchyard of the parish Church of Martin aforesaid hoping & believing that God will raise it up, to be joyned with my Soul in joy & Glory. And as touching my worldly Goods I give & bestow them as followeth

Item: I give unto my son John Harris the sum of Fifty Pounds of Good English Money to be paid unto him when he shall come to the Age of Two & Twenty Years

Item: I give unto Elizabeth Harris my Daughter the like sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid unto her at her day of marriage or when she shall accomplish the Age of One & Twenty Years which shall first happen

Item: I give unto my Daughter Anne Harris the like sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid unto her at her day of marriage or when she shall come to the Age of Twenty & One Years which shall first happen

Item: I give unto Joane and Alice Harris my two Daughters the sum of Fifty Pounds a Piece to be paid them at the days of their marriages or when they shall come to the Ages of One & Twenty Years each of them which shall first happen

Item: I give unto Harry Harris and Thomas Harris my Sons the sum of Fifty Pounds a Piece to be paid unto them when they shall come to the Age of Two & Twenty Years a piece

Item: I give unto my child (which as yet is unborne) if it shall be borne alive, the sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid when it shall come to Twenty Years of Age

And my farther Will is that if it shall happen that any of my Children shall dy before they shall come to the Age or Ages, or daies of marriage or payment as aforesaid that the Survivor or Survivors of my said Children shall have the Portions of such deceased Children equally distributed amongst them (my eldest son John Harris to have noe right or benefit of the said Portions) of the said decd children

Provided alwaies & it is my Will that if my now wife Dorothy Harris shall marry with any person whatsoever, all the Legacies & Portions above given & bequeathed shall be paid within three months after she shall be soe married to any man to my well beloved friends John Harwood of Stratford & George Read the younger of Martin in the County of Wilts yeoman which are desired to dispose of those Portions to the benefit of such of my Children as shall not have recd their Portions

Lastly All the rest of my Goods and Chattles Credits & Debts whatsoever & not before given & bequeathed I do give & bequeath unto Dorothy Harris my wife whom I doe make my Whole & Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament, And I renounce all other former Wills & doe make this my last Will & Testament of which I doe desire my said loving friends John Harwood & George Read Junior with my brother in law Bernard Prince of Martin aforesaid yeoman to be overseers of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the Thirtieth day of June in the Seaventeenth Yeare of his majeties Reign that now is Ano Dom 1665

Signed, Sealed & dd

Johis Harris (by mark)

In the presence of
Edward Watson
George Read, Snr.