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Probate for the will of Thomas Jordan the Elder of Wittney - Written in 1665 proved in 1666

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Summary

Testator: Thomas JORDAN the Elder of Witney, Oxon., Gent

To be buried in the church at Witney

To the poor of Witney, £10

To the feoffees of Witney, £20 as a stock for three tradesmen who employ the poor of Witney (if not employed then to be used in like manner in Burford)

To his eldest son John JORDAN

- £10
- All his interests in messuages, lands and tenements in Ensham [now Eynsham], Oxon., for life, then recursively to the eldest surviving male descendant (for default of which to the testators second son Thomas JORDAN and his male heirs, for default of which to the heirs of testators son John JORDAN)
- The residue of his goods and chattels

To his son John's children, John (eldest son), Thomas (second son), Grivell, William (third son) and Francis (fourth son), £40 each

To his daughter Mary JORDAN, £100

To his second son Thomas JORDAN, £50

To his daughter Esther WARDNER / WARNER, £40

To his daughter Esther's son John WARDNER, £50

To his youngest son Richard JORDAN

- for the term of his life, the Moieties and estate of the messuages, lands and tenements (with their appurtenances) in Burford, Oxon, which were purchased from Robert VEYSEY, after his death to his eldest son, defaulting to male heirs in the traditional order, in default of which to a son of the testator's eldest son John, in the order first John JORDAN jnr, then Thomas JORDAN, then Richard JORDAN's heirs

- lease of two houses in Oxford leased from Christ Church College
- £500
- Testator's dwelling house in Witney, with its barns and outhouses, once his wife has ceased to use it (see below)

To his wife Mrs Elizabeth JORDAN

- £10
- Sundry furnishings
- His dwelling house in Witney, with its barns and outhouses (with the appurtenances), for so long as she remains a widow and resides there

To the children of his brother Richard JORDAN deceased, £5 each

To his household servants, 10/- each

To his overseers, 40/- each to buy a ring

£40 for gloves, rings & ribbons for his burial

For mourning

- £5 to each of his
 - Wife Elizabeth JORDAN
 - Son John JORDAN and Grivell his wife
 - Son Thomas JORDAN and Magdalene his wife
 - Son Richard JORDAN and Dorothy his wife
 - Son-in-law Mr Nicholas WARNER and to testators daughter Esther his wife
- £3 to each of the Children of his sons and daughters

Overseers: His brothers Mr John JORDAN & Mr William JORDAN, his Son-in-law Mr Nicholas WARNER, his 'brother' Mr John HUGHES

Executor: John JORDAN (eldest son of the testator)

Witnessed: Michael BISHOPP a[!]?s MARTIN Thomas PURNIE

Signed - 8 Aug 1665

Proved - 14 May 1666, by John JORDAN

Text

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Jordan the Elder of Wittney in the County of Oxford Gent being in perfect health and memory (blessed be God) Doe make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following threby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made My soule I bequeath unto Almighty God my Creator hoping to be saved by the early merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer My body I desire should be buried in the Church of Witney aforesaid My worldly estate I dispose of as followeth Inperims I give unto the poor people of Witney the sume of ten pounds to be distributed by my Executor at the tyme of my burial pr within one week next after the same one moiety to Fifty of the neediest poore Widdows Two shillings a piece the other moiety to other of the neediest poore of the said town as my Executo's Shall think fitt Item I give the sume of Twenty pounds to be paid to the Feoffees of Witney within one year next after my decease to remanie a Stocke to the said towne for ever And to be put out to three tradesmen that employ the poore in worke Twenty nobles a peece att halfe the interest as money shalbe of not exceeding two yeares together And that interest to be desposed of toward the placing out of a poore child or children And

if it shalbe unsiemployed my will is that it shall goe to the Feoffees of Burford in the said County to be employed as aforesaid Item I give unto my **eldest Sonne John Jordan** the sume of ten pounds And to **his Five Children John Thomas Grivell William and Francis** to each of them Forty pounds a peece of lawfull money of England to be paid by my Executor within two yeares next after my decease And it is my will that if either of them depart this life before the money is due then his or her part to be equally divided amongst the survivors of them Item I give unto my daughter **M's Mary Jordan** the sume of one Hundred pounds of lawfull English money to be paid unto her by my Executor within one year next after my decease if they shalbe then living Item I give to my **Second Sonne Thomas Jordan** the sume of Fifty pounds of lawfull English money to be paid unto him within three years next after my decease by my Executor if he be then living Item I give and bequeath unto my **daughter Mrs Esther Wardner** the sume of Forty pounds Also I give unto **John Wardner her Sonne my Grandchild** the sume of Fifty pounds of lawfull money of England The Forty pounds to be placed unto her within Six months next after my decease And the Fifty pounds to be paid unto her said Sonne **John Wardner** within three yeares next after my decease if he be then living upon his fathers and mothers receipt given for the same Item I give and bequeath unto my **youngest sonne Richard Jordan** All my Moieties and estate of the messuages lands and tenements with their apperten'ces in Burford aforesaid which I purchased off **Robert Veysey** for and during the term of his natural life And after his death or the sooner the determination =====new page===== of his estate then to the eldest sonne of his body lawfully to be begotten And to the heires males of such eldest sonne Lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue then to the Second sonne of his body Lawfully to be begotten And to the heires males of such Second sonne Lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue then to the third Sonne of his body Lawfully to be begotten And to the heires males of such Third sonne Lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue then to the fourth Sonne and all and every other the sonnes of the said **Richard Jordan** such issue by one after another according as they shalbe in seniority of age and priority of birth And the heirs male of their severall and respective bodyes the eldest alwayes and the heires males of his body to be preferred before the youngest And the heires males of his body And for default of such issue Then to **John Jordan the younger Eldest Sonne of my Sonne John Jordan** And to the heires males of his body lawfully to be Begotten And for default of such issue To **Thomas Jordan Second Sonne of my said Sonne John Jordan** and to the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue ~ Then to the right heires of the said **Richard Jordan** for ever ~ Alsoe I give unto my Said **Sonne Richard Jordan** the lease of my two houses in Oxford which I hold of the **Deane and Prebends of Christ Church College** there More I give and bequeath unto

the Said **Richard Jordan** the sume of Five hundred pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be paid by my Executor~ within Six months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my deare and welbeloved wife **Mrs Elizabeth Jordan** the Sume of Tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid her by my Executor within one month next after my decease Alsoe I give unto her my best Bedstedd Our Featherbed Our flockbedd Two~ Bolsters One pair of Blanketts a Coverlidd Curtaines and bal[tes or cus?] More I give unto my said wife The Dwelling house barnes and outhouses with the Apperten'cs in Wittney wherein I now dwell during all such tyme as shee shall continue my widow Provided that shee shall therein reside and dwell And not to lett or lett (sic) any part thereof to any person or persons whtsoever And that she shall from tyme to tyme as of t as [m?]ide shall require maintenance and Kepe the Saif house and al the outhouses in good and sufficient Repaire soe long as shee shall continue therein And afterwards I give unto my **Sonne Richard Jordan** the said house Ouehouses barnes Stable Close orchard and gardens with the apurtenan'es and all my estate therein To him and his heires forever Item I give and bequeath unto my **Eldest sonne John Jordan** All my [?]arton and estate in possession of all the messuages lands and tenements with their appurtennce' in Ensham and the liberties ~ thereof in the county aforesaid for and during the term of his natural life and after his death or sooner the determination of his Estate Then to **John Jordan his Eldest Sonne** And to the heires males of such eldest Sonne of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of Such issue Then to **Thomas Jordan Second ~ Sonne of my said Sonne John Jordan** And to the heires males of his body Lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue To **William Jordan the Third Sonne of my Said Sonne John**

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Jordan and to the heires males of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue Then to **Francis Jordan Fourth Sonne of my Said Sonne John Jordan** And to all and every other the Said Sonnes of my said **Sonne John Jordan** Successively one after another according as they shalbe in seniority of age and priority of birth And the heires males of their severall and respective bodyes The eldest alwayes and his heires males To be preferred before the heires males of the youngest And for default of such issue Then to my **Second Sonne Thomas Jordan** And to the heires males of the body of the Said Thomas Jordan lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue to the right heires of my said **Sonne John Jordan** for ever And it is my will~ that my Executor shall within Two months next after my decease give unto my Sonnes and Daughters Security for the ~ payment of their and their Children's Legacies such as they and my overseers or the major part of them shall think to be good and sufficient which if he refuse or neglect to doe he shall have no benefit of this my will Item I give unto all the **Sonnes**

and Daughters of my brother Richard Jordan deceased the sume of Five pounds a peece to be paid unto them within Three ~ years next after my decease or to such of them as shalbe then living And to such as are my household servants att my decease I give to each of them tenn shillings a peece And to my **brothers Mr John Jordan Mr William Jordan my Sonne in Law Mr Nicholas Warner** And to my **brother Mr John Hughes** whom I doe hereby constitute and appoint Overseers of this my last will And I give to each of them Forty shillings a peece to buy them a ring Item my will and desire is that my Executor shall see me decently~ buried And I give Fortie pounds to buy gloves Ribbons or Rings To be disposed of at the tyme of my burial att the discretion of my Executor Moreover I give unto my dear **wife Elizabeth ~ Jordan** To my **Sonne John Jordan and Grivell his wife** To my **Sonne Thomas Jordan and Magdalene his wife** To my **Sonne Richard Jordan and Dorothy his wife** To my **Sonne in Law Mr Nicholas Warner and to my daughter Esther his wife** I give to each of them Five pounds a peece And to all and every of the Children of my Said Sonnes and daughters I give to them Three pounds a peece to buy them mournings And to be paid unto them by my Executor before th etyme of my burial Provided nevertheless and my will is That my wife and others to whom I have herin given Legacies shall quietly receive their portions that I have given them in this my will without any strife fraud or Cares or any trouble or vexation one with another Or else I will that he or shee that shall make any trouble or vexation therein~ shall loose his portion that I have given to him or them in my will And the Same portion To be disposed of to my Children that are peaceable at the discretion of my overseers All the rest of my goods and Chattells not herin bequeathed Provide that all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses be fully paid and secured I give unto my eldest **Sonne John Jordan** Whom I do hereby make the sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto
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Put my hand and seale And publish this to be my last will and Testament the Eighteenth day of August in the Seventeenth yeare of the reigne of our Soverigne Lord Charles the Second King of ~ England etc Anno Dommini one Thousand Six hundred Sixty and Five **Thomas Jordan** Signed Sealed and Published in the presence of **Michaell Bishopp a[!]?s Martin Thomas Purnie**

Proved by 'Johannis Jordan'

Notes

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