

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers,
PROB 11/297/505.

*Will of Christopher Barriball of the Parish of Altarnum in the County of Cornwall,
written 25th July 1657, proved 19 Apr 1660.*

[slightly abridged, paragraphed].

I Christopher Barriball of Alternon in the County of Cornwall, yeoman, being of perfect mind and memory etc... doe hereby make and ordayne this to be my last will and testament in manner and forme following....

ffirst I...give and bequeath my soule to Almighty God my Creator and my body to the Earth from whence it was formed of and made.

As to...my personal estate I give and bequeath in manner and forme as followeth.

Item: I give and bequeath towards the repaying of the Parish Church of Alternom aforesaid the sume of ten shillings;

Item: I give and bequeath towards the releife of the poore of the parish aforesaid the sume of three shillings and ffoure pence;

Item: I give and bequeath to **Alice Barriball my wife** ffoure of my best kyne and twelve ewes three heifers of two yeares of age and my best ridinge beast And the very best of every sort that I shall owne at the tyme of my death And then forthwith to be delivered upon demand And halfe of the Corne in my Mowhay barne or growing or blades of corne;

Item: I give and bequeath to **Alice my wife** the sume of ffive pounds of good and lawfull money of England And to be paid her within one yeare after my death being by her lawfully demanded And not otherwise.

Item: I doe also give and bequeath unto **Alice my wife** the use of all my household goods within the dores of my dwelling house for and during the tyme and [.....] of her natural life without any [...]lling [...]ring or any extraordinary wast or spoyle. And after her death [...] [...] and come to **Nevill Barraball my Sonne** (if he be then alive), upon the same terms. And after the death of both my wife and sonne, then I do hereby give and bequeath the said goods unto **Christopher Barraball my grandsonne** ffreely forever.

Item: I doe also give and bequeath unto the said **Christopher Barraball my Grandsonne** the sume of tenn pounds of good and lawfull money of England; And to be paid him when hee shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares.

Item: I give and bequeath to **Ezechias Barraball my Grandsonne** the full sume of

fforty pounds of good and lawfull money of England And to be paid him when he shall accomplish the age of three and twenty yeares, And in the meane tyme to be maintayned by my Executor in meat drink apparell and other necessaties fitt for [...] of his degree? And my Grandsonne to labour [...] as hee can doe for my Executor but my will is that if hee goe from my Executor then my Executor be free of his maintenance in every concern onely his portion to be paid as beforesaid according to the true intent hereof;

Item: I doe likewise give and bequeath to **Richard Barraball, another grandsonne** of myne, the sume of twenty pounds of like lawfull money of England And to be paid him when he shall accomplish the age of three and twenty yeares and not before and, upon the like termes? for maintenance as before is expressed concerning his brother Ezechias Barraball.

Item: I give to **Margrett Merill the elder, my sister in law**, the sume of twenty pounds and 6 shillings of like lawfull money And to be paid her within one yeare of my death.

Item: I give and bequeath to **Margrett Merill the younger** the sume of twenty shillings of like lawfull money to be paid likewise within one yeare after my death;

Item: I give and bequeath to **Edward Merill** of Northill the sume of tenn shillings of like lawfull money and to be paid him within one year of my death;

Item: I give and bequeath to **Mary Williams the daughter of Richard Williams and my grandaughter** the sume of ffour pounds of good and lawfull money of England And to be paid her when she she shall accomplish age of ffifteene years;

Item: I give and bequeath to every one of them that are my Godchildren twelve pence to each of them;

Item: lastly I doe give and bequeath hereby all the rest of my Goods and Chattells, both quick and dead, moveable and immoveable, not yet given nor yet bequeathed unto **Nevill Barriball my sonne** whome I doe hereby make and ordaine to be my whole and sole Executor, to see my funerall expenses debts and legacyes paid and performed according to the true intent and meaning of this last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the abovesaid Christopher Barriball have hereunto sett my hand and seale proper? the day and year ffirst above written One Thousand Six Hundred ffifty Seven.

Signed Sealed and Delivered, The Signe of the abovesaid Christopher Barriball, in the presence of Ezechias Foll, John Clarke, the Signe of John Barnard the Elder.

This Bill was proved att London 19th April 1660 before the judges for Probat of Wills and granting Administrations, by the oath of Nevill Barraball the sole Executor, named in the said will, to whom was countted Administration of all the goods chattells and debts of the said deceased....