

Consistory Court of Gloucester, PCC Wills.

Abstract of the Will of Christian Bennett of Light Pill in the Parish of Rodborough in the County of Gloucester, widow, written 2 Apr 1710, proved 24 Oct 1724.

Gives & devises to **her kinsmen Mr. Oliffe Richmond of Ashton Keynes** in the county of Wilts, and **Mr. Thomas Hulbert of Easton** in the parish of Corsham in co. Wilts, in trust, her close of meadow or pasture ground in Kings Stanley in co. Gloucester called Heavens Close, along with her moiety of a house, garden and an acre of arable land in Wootton Bassett in co. Wilts, for the use and benefit of **her daughter Joan Bennett** and her heirs.

Wills & bequeaths to the said **Oliffe Richmond** and **Thomas Hulbert** all her monies, goods, chattels and personal estate, upon trust, to pay her debts and funeral expenses, and for the benefit of **her daughter Joan Bennett**. And if Joan should die unmarried before she reaches the age of twenty-one years, then she wills that £50 be paid to each of the **four children of her niece Joane Richmond**, namely **Oliffe, John, Bridget and Joanna**, another £50 to **her sister Joan Gallimore** for her own separate use, and £50 each to **her nieces Joan Richmond and Catharine Hulbert**.

Gives £5 to **her kinswoman Sarah Hobbs** of Gainswick.

Gives £10 to the children of **her kinsman Samuel Harding** of Kings Stanley, share and share alike.

Gives £10 to **Giles Bennet** of the parish of Stroud, clothworker, who now works for her.

Bequeaths £10 to her servant Elizabeth Gardner.

All the rest of her goods, chattels and personal estate she gives and bequeaths to her said trustees for the benefit of **her daughter Joan**. If Joan should die unmarried after she has turned twenty-one, then she direct her trustees to divide the same between the following persons: £10 each to her **kinswomen Anne Verender, Hester Burrows, Mary Clissold and Elizabeth Horrell** ; £10 each to **her kinsmen Giles Bennet** of Caigh's Green in the parish of Stroud and **Richard Higgins** of Awre ; £50 each to the said four children of her niece Joan Richmond ; £50 to her said **sister Joane Gallimore**, for her separate use ; £5 to the said Sarah Hobbs ; £10 to the said **Giles Bennet**, clothworker, her servant ; £10 to her said servant Elizabeth Gardner ; £10 to the children of Samuel Harding, to be equally divided between them.

Appoints her trustees **Oliffe Richmond** and **Thomas Hulbert** co-executors of her last will and testament, placing **her daughter Joan** in their care until she marries.

(signed)

Witnesses: **John Gallimore**, William Shermur, Edm: Browne