

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/172/268.

The Will of John Chesterman of Cleeve Peper, Wiltshire, written 30 Aug 1636, proved 28 Nov 1636

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In the name of God Amen The Thirty day of August in the second yeere of the Raigne of king Charles, I John Chesterman of Cleeve Pepper in the County of Wiltes yeoman do Constitute & ordeyne this my last will & Testament in maner & forme followeing.

First I doe bequeath unto Almighty God my Soule to be saved by the meritte & passions of Jesus Christ And my body to be buried in the Churchyard of Cleeve aforesaid.

Item I geve unto **my brother Michaell Chesterman** his Children Forty shillings apeece

Item I geve unto **John Chesterman my godsonne the sonne of John Chesterman of Bushton** forty shillings which money my will is shalbe payde six monthes after my decease

Item I geve unto **Francis Chesterman of the parish of Linname my kinsman*** Tenn pounds which he oweth unto mee by him And tenn pound more to be payd within three monthes after my decease

Item I geve six shillings eight pence to the Church of Cleeve Peper to be employed towards the buying of a Pulpett Cloth.

Item I geve unto the poore of Cleeve Peper six shillings eight pence.

All other my Debts goodes howsehold stuffe, bills bandes I doe bestowe and geve unto **my welbeloved wife** shee satisfyeing and dischargeing my Legacyes geven aforesaid whome I doe make & ordeyne the sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament

In wittnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the & yeere abovewritten. John Chesterman.

Sealed in the presence of Henry Burford, Henry White

Probate follows in Latin, in which John's wife is identified as **Matilda Chesterman**, sole executrix.

* John's kinsman Francis Chesterman of Linname can be identified as his nephew, born in 1606 in Lyneham, son of Francis Chesterman of Clack Lyneham (d. 1634) and Alice his wife.