

## WILL OF JOHN CHAPPELL Merchant and Alderman 1612

In the name of God Amen the sixteenth day of August in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred and eleven and in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England France and Ireland King the syxth and of Scotland the five and fortieth Defender of the faith. I **John Chappell the elder** of the Cittie of Exeter Merchant and one of the Aldermen of the said Cittie being right and sound of mynd and in my perforce remembrance thanks be unto God make and ordayne this my present testament declaring \_ my last Will in manner and form following. First I comend my soule in the most mercifull handes of God and my bodie to Christian buriall. Item I give and bequeath unto the poore people of the parish of Chittlehampton in the Countie of Devon fortie shillings of lawfull money of England. And to the poore peopell of the parish of Alphington in the said Countie other fortie shillings of like money to be dytributed amongst the said poore people of the said parish by the discretion of the wardens and side men of the said parish. Item I give and bequeath to the Mayor Bayliffes and Comonaltie of the Cittie of Exeter five poundes thirteen shillings and four pence of lawfull English money according to their discretion to be distributed amongst the poore people of \_ the parish within the said Cittie and Countie of the said Cittie. Item I give and bequeath to **my sonne Henry Chappell** my best salte of silver gilted two silver spoones and one of my tankards of silver gilted. To **my sonne Arthur Chappell** my nexte beste silver salte gilted with two silver spoones and a silver Bole gilted. To **my daughter Willmote** \_ my best broad Bole of silver gilt. To **my youngest sonne Richard Chappell** my round silver salte and two silver spoones. But nevertheless I will that Elynor my wife and executrix of this my testament shall have the use and occupation of all the said plate bequeathed to my said children as aforesaid during her life and not to be distributed untill after her death or before at her will and pleasure. Item I give and bequeath to my said **youngest sonne Richard Chappell** the some of one hundred and fiftie poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid hym at the age of 20 (something) years, and untill his age of 20 (something) years my Executrix to pay the said **Richard Chappell** tenne poundes yearly quarterly by even portions. To my said **sonne Arthur Chappell** one hundred poundes of lyke money. And to **my sonne Henry** one hundred poundes of lawfull English money. To be paid them the said **Arthur and Henry** by my Executrix within one year next after my death. And unto everie of my God Children \_ apece. Item I devise will and bequeath unto my said sonnes **Henry Chappell and Arthur Chappell** an annual rent of sixteen poundes of lawfull money of England to be yssuing and going out of all those messuages landes and tenements within their apportionments lying and being in Alphington aforesaid in the said Countie of Devon which I the said **John Chappell** there have and hold by severall devyses and leases by deedes indented thereof to me made and granted by Sir William Courtney Knight for diverse severall termes of years next and owing and in the said deedes indented it doth and may appear. To have levie and \_ the said annuall rent of sixteen poundes unto the said **Henry and Arthur** and their assignes for and during the terme of fortie yeares next ensuing after my death fully to be complete and ended if **John Chappell the younger my oldest sonne** so long shall live and after if **Elynor my wife** so long after my death shall live sole and be unmarried to any man att the Feast of St Michaell the Archangell the birth of our lord God the Annuntiation of the blessed virgyne Marie and the Natyvitie of St John Baptist by equall portions to be paid uppon confidence and trust to and for the use benefitt and mayntenance of the said **John Chappell the younger his wyfe and children** according to the good discretion of the said **Henry**

**and Arthur** and of either of them longest living and of them and of everie of their assigne and assignes. And if it happen the said annual rent of sixteen poundes to be behind and unpaid in part or in all by the space of one month after any Feast of the Feasts aforesaid which in the same as aforesaid is lymited to be paid that then it shall and maye be lawfull to and for the said **Henry and Arthur** and their assignes into the said messuage landes and tenements in Alphington aforesaid to enter and dis\_ and the distress (?) and distresses (?) there found lawfully to take drive carrie away and ympound and then to detayne and keepe the same untill the said annuall rent so being behind together with the \_ thereof if any shall happen to be shalbe fullie contented and paid upon the said confidence and trust and to and for the use and benefitt before mentioned. Item I devise and bequeath unto **Richard Chappell the elder my sonne** an annuall rent of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England to be issuing and going forth out of the said messuages landes and tenements within their apportionments in Alphington aforesaid, to have enjoy leave and receive the said annuall rent of tenne poundes unto the said **Richard Chappell the elder** for and during the terme of fortie yeares next after my death fully to be compleat and ended if the said **Elynor my wife** so long after my death shall live sole a widdow and unmarried to any man and also if the said **Richard the elder** so long shall lyve, att the Feastes aforesaid by equall portions to be paid and if it happen the said annuall rent of tenne poundes to be behind and unpaid in part or in all by the space of one month after any Feast of the Feasts aforesaid which in the same as aforesaid is lymited to be paid that then it shall and maye be lawfull to and for the said **Richard Chappell the elder** and his assignes into the said messuages landes and tenements to enter and \_ and the \_ and \_ there found lawfully to take drive carrie \_ and impound and therein to deteyn and keep the same untill the said annual rent so being behind together with the \_ thereof if any shall happen to be shalbe \_ \_ and paid. Item I devise will and bequeath unto the said **Elynor my wife** all the said messuages landes tenements reversions and rent with their appertenances in Alphington aforesaid and all those my messuages landes tenements and rents and reversions with their appertenances lying and being in the Cittie of Exeter aforesaid and in the parish of St Sidwells in the Countie of the Cittie of Exeter which I the said **John Chappell the elder** have and hold diverse severall termes of years yet enduring by virtue and force of diverse leases and \_ thereof to me made, to have and to hold the said messuages lands and tenements except the messuages within I now inhabit and dwell in the Cittie of Exeter aforesaid unto the said **Elynor** for and during the term of fortie years next ensuing after my death fully to be ended if the said **Elynor** so long shall live sole a widdow and unmarried to any man, and to have and hold the said message wherein I now dwell in the said Cittie of Exeter with the appertenance for and during the term of fortie years if the said **Elynor** so long shall live, the said messuages landes and tenements in Alphington aforesaid and also the said **Elynor** charged and chargeable with the payment of the said severall annual rents by me devised and bequeathed to my said sonnes as aforesaid. And I the said **John Chappell the elder** do further devise and will by this my testament that after the determination and expiration of the said estate and term devised and bequeathed to the said **Elynor** of and in the premises as aforesaid that all that messuage and tenement and the lands belonging to the same with the appertenances lying and being in Alphington aforesaid with the said Sir William Courtney Knight by his deed indented bearing date the third day of November in the two and twentieth year of the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth and \_ and \_ to me the said **John Chappell the elder** for and during the term of \_ \_ and nineteen years from the Feast of St Michael the Archangel then last past if I the said **John Chappell the elder**, the

said **Elynor my wife**, and **John Chappell the younger my sonne** did lyve, shall remayne and come to the said **Henry Chappell** and **Arthur Chappell** during all the said term of years that shall then to come and enduring of and in the term uppon confidence and trust to and for the use benefitt and better mayntenance of the said **John Chappell the younger his wife and children** as aforesaid and by them and the \_ of them to be from tyme to tyme sett and letten to the best profitt and benefitt for the said **John Chappell my sonne his wyfe and children**. Item I devyse will and bequeath unto the said **Richard Chappell the elder** an other annual rent of twentie poundes of lawfull money of England to be issuing and going forth out of the foresaid messuages landes and tenements in Alphington aforesaid other than the said message and tenement and the land belonging to the same with the \_ \_ the said Sir William Courtney by his deed indented \_ date the said third day of November in the two and twentie year of the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth did donate and grant to me the said **John Chappell the elder** as aforesaid ...  
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[There follows a great deal of further repetition.]