

The Last Will and Testament of  
Benjamin Gyles  
of Chitterne  
Will proved 25 May 1742



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Probate Court of Canterbury  
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<b>Testator:</b>	Gyles	Benjamin	Chitterne
<b>Executors:</b>	Dowling	John	Clerk
	Ludlow[?]	Thomas	Brother-in-Law
	Edgell	James	Warminster <i>until</i>
	Gyles	Dorothea	Daughter be married or age 21 when she shall be sole executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given		
Any	Unnamed	Sons	
Gyles	Dorothea	Daughter	
Any	Unnamed	Daughters	
Gyles	John	Nephew	Son of deceased brother John Gyles
Gyles	Benjamin	Nephew	Son of deceased brother John Gyles
Gyles	Thomas	Nephew	Son of deceased brother John Gyles
Gyles	Robert	Nephew	Son of deceased brother John Gyles
Gyles	Frances	Sister	Of Robert Gyles
Beloved	Unnamed	Mother	
Ludlow	Unnamed	Sister	
Gyles	Widow	Sister-in-law	Widow of brother John
Potticary		Brother-in-Law	
Dowling	John		
Ludlow	Thomas		
Edgell	James		
Poor of Parish			Chitterne All Saints
Poor of Parish			Chitterne St. Mary
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
Le Strange	Roger		
Fripp	Edward		
Greenhill	John		
<b>TRUSTEES</b>			
Crowch	Richard	Trusty Friend	Of Tytherington
Potticary	Michael	Brother-in-Law	
For any estate in Chitterne All Saints, Chitterne St. Mary, Netherhaven, all in Wilts Froome Sellwood, Somerset			

**Codicil One**

Varying payment to nephews and niece

Bequest to daughter Dorothea void if she marry without permission of executors

Dated 12 March 1709

Witnesses:

**Ri[chard] PATER[?]**

**Sarah WHITCHURCH**

**Geo[rge] MEAR[?]**

**Codicil Two**

Further bequests to:

Wife [unnamed]

Mother [unnamed]

Brother [in law] **POTTICARY** [unnamed]

Widow of brother **John GYLES** [unnamed]

Executors have responsibility for education of daughter **Dorothea** [minor]

Dated 24 March 1709

Witnesses:

**Sarah WHITCHURCH**

**Joane REBBECK**

**Geo[rge] MEAR[?]**

On the twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and forty two Administration with the Will and two Codicils annexed of all and singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of **Benjamin Gyles** late of Chitterne in the County of Wilts deceased was granted to **Ann Holder** formerly Gyles wife of **John Holder** Administratrix with the Will annexed of the Goods unadministered of **Dorothea Gyles** Widow deceased whilst living the daughter Executrix and Residuary Legatee named in the said Will being first sworn by Commission duly to Administer **John Dowling Thomas Ludlow** and **James Edgell** Executors in Trust and **Dorothea Gyles** the Daughter Executrix and Residuary Legatee respectively dying before either of them had taken execution of the said Will