

*The Last Will and Testament of  
Christian Norris  
of Great Bedwyn  
proved 1748*



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Probate Court of Peculiar of the Lord Warden of Savernake Forest  
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<b>Testator:</b>	<b>Christian NORRIS</b>	Widow
<b>Executors:</b>	<b>Edmund NORRIS</b>	son
	<b>Francis NORRIS</b>	son

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
WATTES	Mary	daughter	wife of John WATTES
NORRIS	Mary	daughter in law	wife of Edmund NORRIS
WATTES	Mary	grand daughter	
WATTES	Ann	grand daughter	
SHERWOOD	Elizabeth	grand daughter	
SHERWOOD	Ann	grand daughter	
NORRIS	Sarah	daughter	
NORRIS	Francis	son	
NORRIS	Margaret	daughter	
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
PETTER	Thomas		
DISMORE	Edward		

In the name of God Amen I Christian Norris of Great Bedwin in the County of Wilts  
Widow being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect Disposing mind and memory praise be  
Given to the almighty God for the same Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in  
Manner and Form Following (that is to say) First I will that all such Debts as I shall owe at the  
time of my Decease be first paid Discharged by me Executors hereafter named.

Imprimus I give and bequeath unto my Dear beloved Daughter **Mary Wattes** the wife of **John Wattes** the sum  
of one Pound and one Shilling to be Paid to her within Two Monthes after my Decease by my Executors  
hereafter named

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter in Law **Mary Norris** the wife of **Edmund Norris** the sum  
of one Pound and one Shilling to be paid within Two months after my Decease by my Executors  
hereafter Named (Item) I Give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter **Mary Wattes Ann Wattes**  
**Elizabeth Sherwood** and **Ann Sherwood** Five Shillings apiece to be Paid to them Respectively  
Within Two Months after my Decease by my Executors hereafter Named

Item My Will is that all and singular the Bed and Bedstead and all as Doth belong to it as stands  
In the now Chamber over the Parlour I Give and bequeath to my Daughter **Sarah Norris** And the Bed  
and Bed Stead and Beding and all as doth belong to it that stands in the new house I Give to my son  
**Francis Norris** and all the Money that is Due and owing to me upon my book from any Person or  
Persons

Item my Will is Further that all and singular the Rest and Residue of my household Goods as Doth belong to me  
at the time of my Decease Next after what is before Given and bequeathed I Give and bequeath unto  
my son **Francis** and my Daughter **Margaret** and **Sarah Norris** to be equally Divided between them  
Shear and Sh\_\_r aLike And if Either of them should happen to die unmarried for his or her shear  
to Remain to them as be then Living All the rest and Residue of my Estate Goods and Chattels  
whatsoever I Give and bequeath unto my son **Edmund Norris** and my son **Francis Norris** to be equally  
Divided between them Also I do make and ordain my son **Edmund Norris** and my son  
**Francis Norris** to be Joynt Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and  
Disannulling all other written wills by me heretofore Made Ratifying and Confirming this to be  
My Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have Set to this my Last Will and  
Testament my hand and seal this Fourth Day of May in the Twenty first Year of the Reign  
our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith And so Forth) And in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven  
hundred Fourty Eight

Signed and Sealed by the Said Christain [sic]  
Norris has her last Will and Testament  
In the Presence of us  
[signed] **Thomas Petter**  
[signed] **Edward Dismore**

The Marke of (LS)  
Christain [sic] X Norris

At Great Bedwin July 12 1748  
Francis Norris on of the Ex<sup>ors</sup> (the power of  
Edmund Norris the other Ex<sup>or</sup> Reserved) was  
duly Sworn before me [signed] Hen Howard

## Notes

Includes inventory, value £60 15s 9d and account of Francis Norris, executor

Capitalisation and spelling are as in the original. Text in square brackets [] has been added by the transcriber, Colin Moretti, and is not in the original.

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