

The Last Will and Testament of  
John Oram  
of Worton in Parish of Potterne  
Will dated 1711



*Transcribed from the original Will held by WSHC*

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<b>Testator:</b>	John	Oram	Potterne
<b>Sole Executor:</b>	Mary	Oram	
<b>Overseer:</b>	Gilbert	Hoxkins	Of Elson

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Given Name	Surname		
John	Oram	Son	Under 21 years of age
Mary	Oram	Wife	
Robert	Oram	Son	Under 21 years of age
John	Baily	Nephew	Child of sister Mary Baily
William	Baily	Nephew	Child of sister Mary Baily
Mary	Baily	Niece	Child of sister Mary Baily
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
John	Moore		
Mary	Hoxkins		
Edward	Powell		
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>			
John	Pynsent		Tenant
Christopher	Pynsent		Tenant
William	Bundy		
Anne	Strawbridge		Tenant
Thomas	Strawbridge		Tenant

In the name of God I **John Oram** of Worton in the parish of Potters in the County of Wilts Cordwayner being Weak in body but in good Alert memory thanks be to God for it, Doe make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner & forme following that is to Say ffirst I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merrits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to pardon and forgivenefse for all my Sins and my Body to the Earth from where it came to be Decently interred at the Discretion of my Extrix hereafter named And as for the temporall Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath as followeth. Item I give & bequeath unto **John Oram** my Son the House that I now live in with the Garden and Orchard and all that belongeth thereof that is now in my pofsefsion living I give unto my Son **John Oram** my other two Tenements joyning to my now dwelling house with all the appurtenances belonging thereto and at this time inhabited by **John Pynsent** and **Christopher Pynsent** for the terme of years yet to come And my Will is my loving **Wife** as long as she continues a Widdow shall enjoy that Tenement that is now inhabited by **Christopher Pynsent** aforesaid Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Robert Oram the house & last I [???]shared of **Wm Bundy** now inhabited by **Anne Strawbridge** and **Thomas Strawbridge** with all the appurtenances belonging thereto for the terme of years to come Item I give the Sum of ffifty pounds that there is upon Bond to be equally divided between my Son **John** and **Robert Oram** aforesaid and to be paid them by my Extrix when they shall attain the years of One & Twenty And my Will is that the Interest of that money shall removed to my Extrix till that time is expired towards the breeding of them [xxx] and the income of all the £pounds aforesaid to remaine to my Extrix for the same use till they come to the age of Twenty One years My further Will is that if either of my two Children should dye before they should come to the Age of One and Twenty Years that the said portion shall remaine to him that shall then be living And my Will is if both my Children aforesaid should dye before they come to the Age of One and Twenty years That both those portions should remaine to my Extrix only giving Twenty pounds within Six months after their decease to the Children that shall then be living of my [???] Sister **Mary Baily** viz: John William and Mary to be equally divided between them And my Will is that when my Children shall come to the Age of One and Twenty years that [???] £pounds [???] [???] [???]equally divided between them and my Extrix Item all the rest of my goods and Chattles All Debts owing to me *upon* Book And all other Creditt I give to my Wife **Mary Oram** whom I do make my full and whole Extrix of this my last Will and Testament And I devise my [???] **Gilbert Hoxkins** of Elson to be my Overseer in Trust of this my last Will and Testament: In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the ffirst day of June in the tenth year of her Majestyes reign Anno Din 1711. John Oram, Signed Sealed and Declared to be my Last Will and Testament in the presence of **John Moore** x The mark of **Mary Hoxkins Edward Powell**

## Notes

The queries are shown within square brackets [??] has been added by the transcriber

Small parts at the bottom of this Will are damaged and creased

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John Oram was buried at St Mary Potterne 22 March 1712/13