

**Will of John Wilson 1669** (Cheshire Archives, WS 1669)

## Summary

Testator:	John Wilson the elder of Minshull Vernon gent.
Executor:	son John, clerk of Minshull Vernon, Hugh Wade & Thomas Tittieboy of Church Minshull, yeomen
Date:	27 May 1652, proved 9 November 1669
Witnesses:	Richard Harding, Hannah Frogge
Will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- buried in church of Minshull near where wife Jane was buried</li><li>- 12d to son Thomas</li><li>- all land &amp; property to son John, he to pay £6 yearly to son Thomas, and after 17 years pay £100 to son Thomas</li><li>- working tools to son John</li><li>- 10s to daughter Elizabeth</li><li>- maintenance in old age, when she can no longer work, to daughter Elizabeth, to be paid by son John</li><li>- table, musket, etc. to son John</li><li>- rest of possessions to children of son John equally</li><li>- 5s to the priest at his funeral</li><li>- 10 groats to the church of Minshull</li></ul>
Total fortune:	- ca. £1, property & working tools, + rest
Inventory:	- £37 5s

In the name of God Amen

1. the twenty seventh day of May in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred and fifty two I John Wilson the elder of Minshull Vernon in the County of Chester gentleman being of good & perfect health & memory yet knowing the uncertainty of this present life do constitute ordain & make this my present last Will and Testament in writing in manner and form following
2. First I commend my soul to almighty God my creator trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ his son he will receive it into his heavenly kingdom and place it amongst the company of his holy angels and blessed saints Secondly I commit my body to the earth to be interred in the church of Minshull near unto the place where Jane Wilson gentlewoman my late wife was buried And thirdly for my goods temporal I commit & commend them to the world to be distributed
3. First I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Wilson twelve pence of lawful money of England for all his children part & portion
4. [...] title claims right & interest of all my lands goods tenements & rents in any wise whatsoever entreating my son John Wilson during his natural life to give unto my son Thomas Wilson, if the said Thomas do or shall so longer live, the sum of six pounds per annum of lawful money of England for his better maintenance, at two several payments in the year (that is to say) at Michaelmas & on Lady Day by equal & even portions And it is my will that the said several payments aforesaid shall begin to be in force after the span of two whole years next after my decease fully to be complete and ended, & not before; And it is my will also that if my son John have or shall have any issue male lawfully begotten or to be begotten and survive his father for the space of seventeen years And inherit all my

lands peaceably, then the said John his issue male shall after the full end & expiration of the seventeen years aforesaid pay unto my son Thomas Wilson his child or children then alive lawfully to be begotten or to be begotten the sum of one hundred pounds equally to be divided amongst them And it is my will that if my son Thomas Wilson his child or children & any of them or any other person or persons for them or in their or any of their names right title claims or use do or shall trouble interrupt sue or molest by suit my son John his heirs or assigns so touching or concerning all or any part of my lands or any thing belonging to the same Then it is my will that the two legacies viz. six pounds per annum & one hundred pounds shall both of them be merely void & of no effect in law

5. Item I give unto my son John Wilson all the working tools I have
6. Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Wilson ten shillings for all her child's part & portion of all my goods lands & livings
7. Item it is my will that my son John Wilson he inheriting my lands shall give my daughter Elizabeth fit maintenance to maintain her when she is old & cannot work if it shall be needful, she keeping herself undefiled
8. Item I give all my timber slats & tiles with one long ladder to be bestowed upon the buildings where I now dwell
9. Item I give to my son John Wilson one table of Yew with the frame belonging to it, one little forest bill and a musket & all the furniture belonging to it to him and his heirs for ever to remain in the house where I now dwell
10. Item I give unto my grandchildren Jane Wilson & Elizabeth Wilson daughters of my son John & to the child within the womb of my son John his wife All the rest of my movable goods, money, cattle & chattels equally to be divided amongst them or the survivor of them
11. Item I give five shillings to him that preaches my funeral sermon
12. Item I give ten groats to be bestowed upon Minshull church after that my legacies & funeral expenses be discharged
13. And I make executor of this my Will & Testament my well beloved son & friend John Wilson of Minshull Vernon in the County of Chester Clarke, Hugh Wade & Thomas Tittieboy of Church Minshull in the County of Chester yeomen entreating them that they will perform the same in all pains according to my true meaning herein, having one whole year after my decease for the performance hereof
14. And I do hereby renounce, make void & revoke all former wills whatsoever by me heretofore made And publish this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal the day and year first above written

John Wilson the elder his mark

Read, sealed, published and declared for his last Will & Testament [corrections to text] in presence of Richard Harding Hannah Frogge

Probate 9 November 1669 John Wilson jun son & executor