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**Will of Elizabeth Wilson 1683** (Cheshire Archives, WS 1682)

## Summary

Testator: Elizabeth Wilson of Minshull Vernon spinster  
Executor: nephew William Culcheth  
Date: 10 October 1681, proved 16 February 1683  
Witnesses: Samuel Lowe, Thomas Wrench, Thomas Hachus? & John Warrell  
Will:  
- 12d to Elizabeth and all other children of brother Thomas  
- 12d to Jane, Margaret & John children of nephew Christopher Rylance  
- 40s, pillow & clothes to Elizabeth daughter of nephew Christopher Rylance  
- shift & waistcoat to Jane daughter of nephew Christopher Rylance  
- 11s piece of gold to nephew William Culcheth  
- 5s piece of gold to his wife Elizabeth  
- gold ring to John Warrell of Middlewich gent.  
- gold ring to sister-in-law Dorothy Wilson  
- looking glass to Margaret Dotty of Church Minshull widow  
- £12 to Elizabeth daughter of nephew William Culcheth  
- £20 due from Samuel Davenport of Calverley esq. to the same Elizabeth  
- £16 due from brother John Wilson deceased to the same Elizabeth  
- 10s for rings to Thomas Daniell of Yabley esq. and his wife out of £7 due from Thomas Minshull of Eardswicke esq.  
- £15 for burial due from Randle Bayly  
- rest of possessions to Elizabeth daughter of nephew William Culcheth  
Total fortune: - ca. £65, clothes, dishes, bedding, + rest  
Inventory: - £35 10s 6d

In the name of God Amen

1. I Elizabeth Wilson of Minshull Vernon in the County of Chester spinster being in good health of body and sound and perfect memory and mind & praised be to God for the same do make and ordain this my present last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)
2. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God hoping through the merits and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins And to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows
3. First I will and desire that my debts and funeral charges be all first paid and discharged
4. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Wilson my brother Thomas Wilson's daughter twelve pence And to all the rest of his sons and daughter twelve pence apiece
5. Item I give and bequeath unto Jane, Margaret and John Rylance son and daughters of my nephew Christopher Rylance twelve pence apiece And to Elizabeth Rylance forty shillings

6. Item I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Elizabeth Rylance my pillow and pillow cloth my riding suit one flaxen shift and my stuff gown body And to the aforesaid Jane her sister one flaxen shift and one silk waistcoat
7. Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew William Culcheth one eleven shillings piece of gold And to Elizabeth his wife one five shillings piece of gold
8. Item I give and bequeath unto John Warrell of Middlewich gentleman one gold ring, the poesie whereof is (a small remembrance) And unto my sister-in-law Dorothy Wilson widow one gold ring, the poesie whereof is (none can prevent the Lords intent) Also I leave her my bible
9. Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Dotty of Church Minshull widow my looking glass
10. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Culcheth my nephew William Culcheth's daughter eight pounds And twenty pounds more due to my by bond from Samuel Davenport of Calverley esq. And sixteen pounds more due to me from my brother John Wilson deceased by a note under his hand And four pounds more
11. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Daniell of Yabley esq. and his wife ten shillings apiece to buy them a ring with which they are to receive out of seven pounds due to me from Thomas Minshull of Eardswicke esq. by a note under his hand
12. Item I have fifteen pounds to bury me with due to me from Randle Bayly by bond
13. Item I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Elizabeth Culcheth my nephew William Culcheth's daughter aforesaid the bed whereon I lie with all the furniture thereto belonging And also my brass, pewter, plate, woollen, linen And all other necessities belonging to that room wherein I lie And also my pewter and whiteplate in the next room thereunto adjoining Together with all the rest and residue of my personal estate, goods, cattles & chattels whatsoever
14. Item I do nominate and appoint my loving nephew William Culcheth aforesaid my full and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament
15. And I desire that my body may be buried in Minshull church
16. And I hereby revoke disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made
17. In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Wilson have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of October I the three and thirtieth year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles the second by the grace of God over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King defender of the faith etc. Anno Domini one thousand six hundred eighty one

Elizabeth Wilson

Sealed signed published and declared in the presence of Sam: Lowe Thomas Wrench Tho: Hachus? John Warrell

Probate 16 February 1682