

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS,

**John COLLINS, Gent, of Henley on Thames**

**Will 1669**

**The National Archives, PROB 11/330**

*See also the inventory Prob4/20402*

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

**1 In the name of God Amen**

2 I John Collins of Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxon gent  
3 being not well in body but of good and perfect memory (All praise be  
4 given unto Almighty God) And calling to remembrance the incertaine  
5 Estate of this Transitory life And that all Flesh is naturally borne to dye  
6 Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme  
7 following And First being heartily sorry for all my sinnes past most  
8 humbly desireing of God forgivenes for the same I Com[m]end my soule  
9 unto Almighty God my Creator Trusting assuredly through the mercyes  
10 and meritt[e]s of Jesus Christ my Saviour To be made partaker of Everlasting  
11 life And my body unto the Earth whereof it was made And as for my  
12 Temporall Estate which it hath pleased God farre above my desert[e]s to be-  
13 stow upon me I give and bequeath in manner and forme following Inpri-  
14 mis my will and desire is And I give devise and bequeath unto Elizabeth  
15 Flight daughter of Thomas Flight All that my best bedstedd and Feather-  
16 bedd with all the materialls and furniture Thereunto belonging one Silver  
17 Bole Six Silver Spooones One Court Cupboard To be delivered unto the said  
18 Elizabeth Flight imediately after my decease. Item I give unto my Ser-  
19 vant Joane Owen All that my bedd and bedstedd with all the materialls and  
20 furniture Thereunto belonging now standing and being in the Parlour in  
21 my now dwelling house Item I give unto my said servant Joane Owen  
22 Five pounds of lawfull money of England To be paid and delivered unto her  
23 imediately after my decease Item I give unto every one of the Children of  
24 Thomas Flight being Seaven of them Five pounds a peece Item I give

25 unto my wife [*in margin* loving] Elizabeth Collins Tenn pounds a yeare to be paid unto  
her  
26 Quarterly by my Executor hereafter named during her natural life Item  
27 I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Flight wife of Thomas Flight my  
28 long Table and Frame standing in the Hall of my dwelling house with  
29 Two Carpett[e]s belonging to him and halfe a dozen of Cushions Item I give  
30 more unto her the Middle Kittle standing in the Kitchen and the biggest  
31 Brasse pott and half dozen of Pewter dishes Item I give unto my said  
32 daughter Elizabeth Flight all my Brewing vessel (except the Furnace) with  
33 Two leather Chaires Item I give more unto her the Trunke Two paire  
34 of Sheetes one Coffe standing in Joanes Chamber And halfe the Napkins  
35 and Pillowbears in the house To be delived unto her imediatly after  
36 my decease And my will is That the Five pounds a peece by me given  
37 unto my sonne Thomas Flights Seaven Children shalbe paid by my Exe-  
38 cutor unto my sonne Thomas Flight for the use of his Seaven Children  
39 imediatly after my decease Item I give unto the Five Children of my  
40 Sonne John Collins Five pounds a peece Item I give unto Frances  
41 Collins daughter of my sonne Mathew Collins deceased Five pounds  
42 of lawfull money of England To be paid unto Thomas Gibbens of  
43 High Wickham imediatly after my decease To be put out and imployed  
44 by him To the best advantage for the said Frances untill she shall ac-  
45 complish the age of Nyneteene years But if she shall happen to dye  
46 before she attaine to the age of Nyneteene yeares Then the said Five  
47 pounds and the benefitt thereof shall returne to my said Executor  
48 Item I give unto my wifes sister Faith Grove Widdow Twenty shillings  
49 a yeare To be paid unto her quarterly And as for all my other goods  
50 Cattells and Chattells whatsoever unbequeathed my debt[e]s and Legacies  
51 being paid my Funerall expences disbursed I give unto my sonne John  
52 Collins whom I make and ordaine sole Executor of this my last will  
53 and Testament And In Witnes that this writing is and contayneth  
54 my last will and Testament I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale  
55 the Thirtieth day of July Anno Domini One Thousand Six Hundred  
56 Sixty Nyne // John Collins./ Signed Sealed Published and declared  
57 To be the last will and testament of the said John Collins In the p[re]sence

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1669

Place of Probate: le Strand, Midd[lese]x [*The Strand, London ?*]

Executor: John Collins (son of the deceased)

Court official: Richard Loyd, Leo Jenkins

Inventory value: Not given here, but £305 11s 0d in the inventory.

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