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**Will of Thomas Baker 1625** (Consistory Court of Gloucester, Will 1625/178)

## Summary

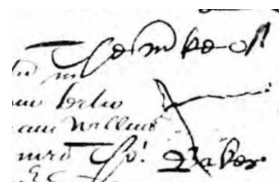
Testator: Thomas Baker of Stow-on-the-Wold, Glocs., glover  
Executrix: wife Christian  
Overseers: brothers Richard and William  
Date: 15 January 1624, proved 3 May 1625  
Witnesses: William Oliver, Tho M?, Robert Harbage the elder, Richard Baker, William Baker, Barnard Wright  
Will:  
- 10d to repair of parish church of Bledington  
- House to sons John and Thomas equally, after wife Christian's death  
- £6 13s 8d to son Richard  
- £4 to daughter Joane  
- rest to wife Christian  
Total fortune: - ca. £11, 1 house, + rest

In the name of God Amen

1. The fifteenth day of January in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred twenty and four and in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the Faith etc. and of Scotland the eight and fiftieth I Thomas Baker of Stowe on the Wold in the County and diocese of Gloucester glover being sick in body but of perfect memory (praised be God) do herein make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following
2. First I commend my soul unto almighty God who gave it And to Jesus Christ his dear son my lord and only saviour And my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Stowe in the Wold aforesaid in hope that the said body at the latter day shall rise again and being united to my soul shall dwell with Christ in eternal glory And next for my worldly substance wherewith God of his goodness has blessed me I give and bequeath them in manner & form following
3. First I give to the repair of the same parish church 10d
4. Item I will that all such debts as I owe of right or of conscience to any person or persons be well and truly contented and paid by my executrix hereafter named or else ordain so for to be paid without any delay or contradiction And after my debts paid and my funeral expenses performed I give and bequeath unto my two sons namely John Baker and Thomas Baker my house wherein I now dwell with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging now in my possession situate in Stowe on the Wold aforesaid to them and their heirs forever equally divided between them And if it happen that if either of them do decease without issue then my will is that the survivor of them shall have and enjoy the said premises wholly to him and his heirs forever
5. Item my will is that my wife Christian Baker whom I do here make my executrix shall have & enjoy all my said house herein before by me given unto my said sons John Baker and Tho: Baker with the appurtenances during her natural life (if she do keep her self widow and unmarried) but if she do marry then they to have presently two parts thereof with the appurtenances and she the third part thereof

6. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Baker and my daughter Joane Bake the sum of ten pounds thirteen shillings & eight pence of good and lawful money of England that is to say six pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence thereof unto my said son Richard Baker and other four pounds unto my said daughter Joane Baker to be paid them by my said sons John Baker and Thomas Baker in manner and form following that is to say to Richard Baker the said son before mentioned within two years next after they or the survivor or them are possessed of the said premises before mentioned And in like manner to pay the said sum before mentioned unto the said Joane Baker within four years next after they or the survivor of them are so possessed of the said premises aforesaid
7. Item my will is that if my son Richard Baker do decease before the time come for the payment of the said sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence unto him then the same to be and remain unto Thomas Baker his son And if it do happen that my said sons John Baker and Thomas Baker or either of them shall refuse to make payment of the said sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence so given unto my son Richard Baker and his said son Thomas Baker and the survivor of them or of the said sum of four pounds so given unto my said daughter Joane Baker in the manner and form as is here set down and declared That then my will intent and meaning is that my said son Richard Baker or his son Tho: Baker or the survivor of them and my daughter Joane Baker shall have first the benefit use and possession of the premises so given unto them the said John Baker and Thomas Baker until they and either of them the said sons and only part thereof are fully contented and paid
8. Item all the rest of my goods chattels whatsoever I have or of right ought to have not herein by me given and bequeathed I give and bequeath them to my well beloved wife Christian Baker whom I do here make and ordain to be my executrix to see this my last Will and Testament duly performed desiring my two loving brother Richard Baker and William Baker to be my overseers of this my last Will and Testament and to be aiding and assisting to my executrix in the premises
9. And I do hereby utterly revoke and annul all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequests executors and overseers by me in any wise before this time made named willed & bequeathed
10. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Baker have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year first above written

These persons whose names are hereunto subscribed being witnesses William Oliver, Tho M?, Robert Harbage the elder, the mark of Ric. Baker, The mark of Wm Baker, Barnard Wright

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas Baker', with a large, decorative flourish extending from the end of the name.

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Probate 3 May 1625 executrix