

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/479/364; also, Consistory Court of Gloucester, PCC Wills

*Abstract of the Will of John Bennett of the Parish of Rodborow in the County of Gloucester, written 2 Sep 1704, proved 5 Dec 1704.*

Gives, devises and bequeaths his mills house and outhouses called Lightpill with its lands, tenements, meadows, pastures and arable land in Rodborow and Kings Stanley in co. Gloucester to **his wife Christian** during the term of her natural life. After her decease he gives and devises the same to **his daughter Joane Bennett** and to her heirs. And if Joane has no heirs he gives the same to **John the son of John Bennett** in the parish of Stroud in co. Gloucester.

Gives & bequeaths £500 to **his daughter Joane Bennett**, to be paid to her when she reaches the age of twenty-one years.

Gives £10 each to **Giles and John the sons of his brother Richard Bennett**.

Gives £10 to Elizabeth the wife of Gyles Horrell of Rodborow.

Gives one guinea to **Peter Clissold** to buy him a ring.

Gives £5 each to **the three daughters of his brother-in-law John Clissold**, namely to **Anne, Hester and Mary**.

Gives £5 to **Gyles Bennett the son of James Bennett** of Stroud.

Gives £5 to Elizabeth the wife of Samuel Harding or to her children of the parish of Kings Stanley.

Gives £5 each to **Richard Higgins** and **Gyles Higgins** of the parish of Arr.

Gives one guinea to **William son of his brother Gyles Bennett** to buy him a ring.

Gives 50 shillings each to Hester and Elizabeth Gardner.

Gives £5 to the poor of the parish of Rodborow.

Gives a guinea to **his brother Gyles Bennett** to buy him a ring.

Gives a guinea to the minister who performs his funeral sermon.

Gives £50 to **John the son of John Bennett**, to be paid to him on completion of his apprenticeship.

All the rest of his personal estate, debts and legacies, he gives and bequeaths to **his wife Christian** whom he makes sole executrix of his last will and testament.

Appoints his kinsmen **William Bennett** and **Peter Clissold** as overseers of his last will.