

Cheltenham: will of Andrew Grenyll, 1535 (Worcs RO)

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In the name of God amen, in the year of our lord God 1535, the 12th day of September, I Andrew Grenyll, sick and diseased in body, nevertheless in whole mind and perfect remembrance, make my testament and last will:

I bequeath my soul to almighty God, the ... the Holy Ghost and to our blessed lady the mother of Christ, and to all the holy celestial company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cheltenham.

Item I give to the high altar of Cheltenham 8d.

Item I give to the 5 principal lights in Cheltenham, to each light ... 3s 4d.

Item I give to my son John Grenyll £5 of money and my best horse and all my raiment except my coats.

Item I give to [him] 2 feather beds, 2 bolsters, 2 pillows, a pair of fustians, a pair blankets, 2 coverlets, 5 pair of sheets.

Item I give to Anne my daughter 100 marks in ready money and half my household goods in Redmarley, except my plate and cattle? I give to her one silver piece??

Item I give to Anne my daughter 12 beast of 3 years of age.

Item I will that if my daughter Anne do die afore she be married, then that the said money? and goods do remain to my wife.

Item I give to Elizabeth Alen 33s 4d.

I give to my mother 40s and my tawny gown lined with furs.

Item I give to William French my second best coat 'fane' one and one yearling calf.

Item I give to Alice Aldes a yearling calf and Elinor Bishop a yearling calf.

Item to Thomas Milner of the malt mill one of my coats.

Item I give to Sir Edward Grove my 'gostly father'¹ 5s.

Item the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give them to Anne my wife whom I make my whole and full executrix in the condition that she do bring me safely upon the earth, and my month's mind to be kept solemnly in Cheltenham the whole year.

Item I will ... Mr Harry Pole to be my overseer that this my last will and testament to be truly done and fulfilled. And I give him for his pains for his reward 26s. 8d.

These bearing witness: Sir Edward Grove curate?, Walter Pate, Richard Alen, William Drewe, ... Mylner with others..., given the year and the day above written.

¹ i.e, father confessor. Grove was one of the last chantry priests in Cheltenham.