

Cheltenham: will of Thomas Drynkwater, 1540 (Worcs RO)

[right-hand edge poor throughout. Many crossings out, with insertions in a different hand, but it says 'proved', so presumably not a draft.]

In the name of God, in the year of our lord God 1540 and in the 18th day of ?April, I Thomas Drynkwater dwelling in the parish of Cheltenham being whole in mind and good of remembrance make my last will in manner and form following.

First I bequeath my soul to almighty God, to our blessed lady, and to all the holy company in heaven, my body to be buried within the churchyard of Cheltenham.

Item I give to Thomas Drynkwater my [?brother] of Longdon a feather-bed and all things thereto.

Item I give to Thomas Evenes of ____ in the parish of Badgeworth a flock-bed

I give to my brother Thomas Drynkwater my ____.

I give to Thomas Evenys my second gown, and I will that all my other apparel be disposed [by] mine executors.

My wood that is lest/left be given also among poor people.

I will also that honest priest shall... the church ... my soul and my father and my mother and all Christian folk by the space of one year immediately after my death, and the said priest to have 8 [unit of currency unclear] of good and lawful money ...

I give to Thomas Drynkwater my brother 6s 8d.

I give to Thomas Evenese 6s 8d....[?which]

[Thomas] Drynkwater and Thomas Avenese I constitute and ordain and make my executors of this my last will and testament.

Of all my goods not bequeathed (my body buried and my debts paid), I will that the said Thomas Drynkwater and Thomas Evenese distribute them as they [see] best for my soul and all Christian souls, and I make supervisor of this testament John Hyckes of Tewkesbury, desiring him to see that this my last will and testament be truly performed, and he to have for his labour

These bearing witness: Sir Edward Grove and Richard Eddy? clerk, Walter Pate, John Alysaunder, Thomas Lane, William Reynnoulds.

Proved at Worcester before Master Hughes 'pr', surrogate to Master Colyns 'pr' 8 February 1540/1.