

CIRENCESTER WILLS 1541 – 1550

1542/8

In the name of God, Amen. The 14th day May 1541 I John Foscotte of Cirencester, being sick in my body but perfect of my mind do make my last will in manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady his mother and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried within the churchyard of Cirencester. Item I bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester 20d. Item I bequeath to Our Lady's chapel 12d. Item I bequeath to St John's chapel 12d. Item I bequeath to every altar in the same church 4d. All the rest of my goods, both moveable and unmoveable, I give to Julian my wife and her I make my sole and full executrix to bestow for my soul as she shall think best. And I will that Roger Farre shall be overseer with her that this my last will be performed and fulfilled.

And that this my last will is of verity and truth are recorded: Sir William Wilsun, curate, Roger Farre, Robert Allryche and John Wyllys

Probate 28 March 1542

Total: £39 3s 4d

1542/19

In the name of God, Amen. The 10th October 1541 I John Wyng, being whole of mind & memory, make my testament in this manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, Our Lady St Mary & to all the company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester. Item I bequeath to either of my children 7s 6d and either of them one silver spoon & it to be delivered to them when they shall be 20 years of age. And if so be that the one of them die before the said age that then the other to have both the parts. I bequeath to John Blisse a coat, a buckskin doublet, a pair of hose & a shirt. The residue of my goods I give to Margaret my wife whom I make my full executrix to dispose for my soul as she shall think most expedient.

Witness hereof: Richard Reve, Henry Aire, John Meryng

Debts off Richard Reve 3s 4d

Probate: 28 March 1542

Total: £7 17s 3d

1545/2

In the name of God, Amen. The 18th December 1545 and in the 36th year of the reign of our sovereign Henry VIII, by the grace of God the king of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the faith and in earth the supreme head of the Church of England and Ireland next immediately under God, I Alice Davys, widow, being sick of body but being whole & of perfect mind, make my last will & testament in this manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to the blessed virgin Mary & to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester. Item to the high altar 8d. Item to Elizabeth Brewar my violet kirtle and the residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable & all manner of my debts as hereafter shall be specified I give to William Weste & his wife whom I may make my full executors to do for my soul as they shall see most expedient.

These being witness: Sir John Hog, priest, William Synegar & John Dobyns with others

Debts due to me

Richard Pawmer 2s

Alice Olyver 6d

Probate: 22 September 1545

1545/47

In the name of God, Amen. The 5th February 1544 and in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord king Henry VIII, by the grace of God king of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith & in earth the supreme head of the Catholic Church of England next immediately under God, I Emmett Ameryk, widow, being sick in body but being of perfect mind & memory, make my last will & testament in this manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to the blessed Virgin Mary & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester. Item to the high altar 4d. Item Harry Parker a feather bed. Item to Marion Suntyme my servant a flock bed, a pair of blankets, a kirtle & a petticoat. Item to my goddaughter at Archers a platter, a pottinger, an apron & a kirtle. And I make Richard Parker & his wife my full executors to do for my soul as they shall see most expedient.

These witnesses: Sir John, Richard Reve & Thomas Crymon & Sir John Hall

Probate: 22 September 1545

1545/85

In the name of God, Amen. The 17th September 1545 in the 37th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God king of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith & in earth under God the supreme head of this Church of England & Ireland I John Heyneys of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body & perfect of memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary and to all the company in heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist in Cirencester. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give and bequeath to St Loye's altar in Cirencester aforesaid 12d. Item I give to John my son a pair of sheets and a platter of the best. Item I give to Ellen my daughter a heifer of 2 years old & I will that Joan my wife to have the keeping thereof till she be of years of discretion. And if it shall please God to do his will by the said Ellen the said heifer to remain to John my son and likewise his legacy to her. Also I give & bequeath to Anne my daughter-in-law a girdle of red cloth & a kerchief of the best and a ring of silver & gilt. The rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give and bequeath to Joan Heynes my wife whom I do ordain and make my full executrix, she to dispose it for the wealth of my soul and all Christian souls as she shall think most expedient.

Bearing witness: William Manne. Richard Byver and Peter Gery with others

Probate: 15 February 1545

1545/217

In the name of God, Amen. The 7th March 1542 I John Patchett, being of whole mind & memory, make my testament in this manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to our lady St Mary & to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist of Cirencester. Item I bequeath to the high altar of Baunton 4d. Item to Thomas my son a brown heifer & 2 acres of barley indifferently to be had. Item to Richard my son a bullock of 2 years & half an acre of barley. Item to John my son a calf of a year age. Item to my two daughters either of them 6s 8d within the year to be delivered after my debts. Item to Joan my daughter one acre of barley. Item to Alice my daughter 2 barrels of malt. Also I make

Isabel my wife my whole executrix to dispose for my soul as she shall see most expedient. And I make Harry Kempte my supervisor to see this my will to be fulfilled and he to have for his labours half an acre of barley.

These being witness: Sir John Hog, Thomas Waukar, Thomas Thomsons & others

Probate: 22 September 1545

1545/269

In the name of God, Amen. The 15th November 1545 and in the 37th year of the most noble reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, king of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and in the earth supreme head immediately under God of the church of England and Ireland, I Richard Stoke, dwelling in Cirencester, sick in body & whole in mind, make my testament & last will in manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in Cirencester churchyard & I give to my son John a flock bed & a pair of sheets & a pot & I give to my son Thomas a flock bed & a pair of sheets & a little pan & all my debts 7 legacies paid I give the rest of all my goods to my son-in-law Baldwin Jamys & I make him my whole executor.

Witness bearers to this testament: Baldwin Jamys, John Fowler & Sir Richard Davys with others

Probate: 14 February 1545

1545/302

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th September 1545 and in the 37th year of our most dread sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland king, Defender of the Faith, and in earth of the church of England and Ireland supreme head immediately under God, I Robert Osmande of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, sick in body, perfect in mind, make my will & testament in form & manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the chapel of St Katherine within the parish church of Cirencester within the diocese of Gloucester. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give to the high altar of the parish church of Cirencester 8d. Item I bequeath to my son Christopher Osmande a featherbed, 2 pair of sheets, 1 pair of blankets, 1 coverlet, 1 bolster with 2 pillows & a span of dornick*, 1 pot, 1 pan, 1 candlestick, 1 kettle with a chest & all my apparel as it does appear in my inventory bearing date the 20th day of September in the year of the Lord above said. Item I bequeath to Joan Osmand my daughter a featherbed, 3 pairs of sheets, 2 blankets, 1 coverlet, 1 bolster, 2 pillows with beres, a span of dornick, 3 brass pots, 3 wort pans, 2 hanging cauldrons, a jall, 2 broaches, 1 pair of andirons, 1 kneading treen, 2 ale tubs, 4 platters, 4 pottingers, 3 chafer, 1 latten basin, 1 pewter basin, a laver, 3 candlesticks, 1 ale quart pot, 1 chafing dish, 1 chair, 1 folded board called a spruce board, 1 pair of pothooks, 1 crock, 1 turn, 2 tablecloths, 2 towels & 2 cushions. Item I bequeath to Mary Osmand my daughter a featherbed, 3 pair of sheets, 2 blankets, 1 coverlet, 1 bolster, 2 pillows with beres, a span of linen, 3 brass pots, 3 wort pans, 2 hanging cauldrons, a jall, 2 broaches, 1 pair of andirons, 1 kneading treen, 2 ale tubs, 4 platters, 4 pottingers, 3 chafers, 1 latten basin, 1 pewter basin, a laver, 3 candlesticks, 1 ale quart pot, 1 chafing dish, 1 chair, 1 green board, 1 pair of trestles, 1 pair of pothooks, 1 crock, 1 turn, 2 tablecloths, 2 towels & 2 cushions. The residue of my goods, my debts, legacies paid, I give & bequeath to Marian Osmand my wife whom I make my full & sole executrix of this my present last will & testament.

These being witnesses: John George, gent, Richard Lapworth, William Kawelly, James Badwyn & Sir John Solas, curate

Probate: 22 September 1545
dornick=coarse sort of damask

1545/314

In the name of God, Amen. The 9th September 1545 I Thomas Gear of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, glover, being sick in body but thanks be to God whole of mind, make my testament & last will as follows. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to the heavenly company, my body to be buried in the parish church of St John Baptist of Cirencester. Item I bequeath to the mother church 4d and unto the high altar in Cirencester church before said for tithes forgotten 3s 4d & to every altar in the same church 12d. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Katherine ten pounds sterling in ready money. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret ten pounds sterling in ready money, the which twenty pounds I will to be in the custody of Robert Strannge till my said daughters come to the age of 16 years. And if it happen any of my said daughters to die before they come to their full age then I will that the other living shall have & receive the full £20. And if it happen them both to die (as God forbid) then I will that my wife shall have & receive the full £20. Item I give to Joan ? my sister 20s & two tods of middle wool. Item I give to my uncle William Smyth my best coat. Item I give to my uncle Richard Smyth my second coat & my buckskin doublet. Item I give to John Apprice my say coat. Item I give to my eldest daughter my best gown & my best doublet. Item I will & bequeath to every one of my prentices a shirt & 12d in money. Item I give to Joan Lame my sister's daughter 13s 4d. Item I give to my aunt Emmett Price two kerchief cloths. Item I give to my mother-in-law & to every one of my sisters-in-law a kerchief cloth of my fine holland. Item I give to my brother Richard Banyster my camlet doublet. Item I give unto Thomas Webb of Gloucester & to my sister-in-law his wife every of them a shirt cloth & a smock cloth. Item I give to Sir Richard Dawnser, my ghostly father, for his pains 2s. Item I will that there be bestowed at my burial & month's mind six pounds to poor people & other things necessary. All the residue of my goods unbequeathed I give & bestow to Margaret my wife whom I make my whole executrix to bestow for my soul as she shall think good. And I will & desire Robert Strannge to be overseer of this my testament according to my last mind & intent.

These being present: Sir Richard Daunser, my ghostly father, Sir John Strannge, priest, John Appenington with others

1545/384

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th May 1545 and the 37th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland king, Defender of the Faith & in earth of the church of England and also of Ireland the supreme head, I Thomas Hall of Cirencester, being sick of body but whole of mind & remembrance, make my testament in manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to his blessed mother Mary & to all the company of heaven & my body to be buried within the church of Cirencester. First I give to the high altar of Stretton 12d. Item I give to Robert my son a silver salt, 6 silver spoons, a cow & 6 ewes to be delivered to the said Robert by Joan my wife, her executors or assigns, at the time of his marriage & if it fortune the said Robert to depart this present life before he be of age lawful to enjoy my bequest I will his part to remain to Alice his sister. Item I give to Alice my daughter a salt of silver, 6 silver spoons, a cow, 6 ewes & a harness girdle of needlework, the which I will shall be delivered to her at the time of her marriage by Joan my wife, her executors & assigns so that she be ordered & ruled after the will & mind of her mother & other of her friends & if it fortune the said Alice

to depart fro this present world or she be able to enjoy my bequest I will her part to remain to Robert her brother & if it so fortune them both to depart I will that both their parts shall remain to Joan my wife. Item I give to the poor people of St John's house 12d. Item to the poor people of Mr Notynggans house 8d. Item I will that my wife shall cause to be doled to poor people at my burying & at my month's mind in bread 10s. Item I give to Thomas Bye my tawny gown faced with sarsenet. Item to Thomas Kyrton my best tawny coat. Item to my shepherd my other tawny coat. Item to George my green coat. Item to Thomas Hynder my coat without sleeves and a fustian doublet. All the residue of my goods both moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Joan my wife & her I make my sole executrix, to pay my debts & to see me honestly brought into the earth and to bestow for my soul as she shall think best. And I do ordain my brother Sir William Felpes & Mr John George to be my overseers of this my last will to see it fulfilled and I give to every one of them for their labours 6s 8d.

Witness: Sir William Wilson, James Atchettyll, Ralph Pers & many others

1545/385

In Latin – approximate translation

In the name of God, Amen. The 5th July 1524 I William Dee of Cirencester in the diocese of Worcester, of sound memory, make my testament in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary and all saints and my body to be buried in the church of St John the Baptist. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Worcester 6d. Item I bequeath to the high altar for forgotten tithes 12d. The residue of all my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Lewis Dee whom I constitute my executor and he to dispose for the health of my soul and his own profit.

Witness: Sir John Solas, curate and Richard Browne with others

Probate: 21 November 1524

1546/3

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th May 1546 in the 38th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith & in earth immediately under God the supreme head of the Church of England & also of Ireland I Alice Tommes of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body & perfect of memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester 4d. Item I bequeath to my mother a red kirtle, my best cap, one of my best kerchiefs, a pair of red sleeves, my best apron and my best smock. Item I give to my brother's daughter Elizabeth Sparowe a pair of small amber beads, a violet kirtle & a kerchief. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid and my funeral kept, I give & bequeath to Patrick & Robert my sons but I will that my son Patrick shall have the first choice of all manner things save only my best towel, they to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls as they shall think most mete and expedient with the oversight of John Fowler & John Weldon.

These being record to my last will & testament: Sir Richard Dauncer, curate there, John Weldon, Peter Gery & others

Probate: 13 September 1546

1546/9

In the name of God, Amen. The 10th August 1546 in the 38th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith & in earth of the Church of England & also of Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I Anne Pers of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body and of whole mind & in good remembrance, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our Saviour, & my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St John the Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of Cirencester for tithes forgotten 4d. Item I bequeath to Edward Pers my son his father's best gown & his best doublet & the bed that he has at Farrington. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid & my funeral kept, I give & bequeath to Alice & Joan my daughters to be divided in equal portions, they to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls & do make & ordain them my full & sole executrixes.

These bearing record: Sir Arthur Dyx, curate there, John Sadler

1546/23

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd July 1546 in the 38th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith and in earth immediately under God the supreme head of the church of England & also of Ireland, I Edith Nycholas of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body & perfect of memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God our Saviour, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the company of heaven and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church of St John the Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid before the high altar. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 8d. Item I bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester for tithes forgotten 8d. Item I bequeath to Thomas Nycholas my son 40s in money, a featherbed with all things belonging thereto, a folding table board, a cupboard & of all manner of household part of everything. Item I bequeath to Hugh Nycholas my son 40s in money, a featherbed with all things belonging thereto, a table board being in my house at South Cerney, a cupboard & all manner of household stuff part of everything. And I will this, that John Munde my son-in-law shall have the keeping of their legacies till they be of lawful years of discretion. Also I bequeath to Richard Nycholas 2 wort pans which he laid to me to pledge for 8s & do forgive him the said 8s, 10 bushels of malt & 3 loads of wood. Item I bequeath to Thomas Nycholas, Hugh Nycholas my sons and Joan Nycholas my daughter my right being in Chelworth, the which is now in the tenure of one Thomas Russley, to be delivered in equal portions. And if it shall please God to do his will by 2 of them I will that it shall remain to the third. Also I bequeath to John Munde my son-in-law my years of my house the which I now dwell in Chipping Street. The rest of my goods both moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to John Munde my son-in-law & to Joan his wife whom I make my full & sole executors & overseers, they to dispose it for the wealth of my soul and all Christian souls as they shall think most mete and expedient.

These being witness: Sir William Phellppe, parson there, Peter Gery with others

1546/201

In the name of God, Amen. The 1st October 1546 the 38th year in the reign of King Henry VIII, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland king, defender of the faith and of the church of England & Ireland the supreme head under God, I Thomas

Wythyng of Cirencester, being sick in my body but perfect of my mind & remembrance, make my testament in manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, his blessed mother Mary and to all the company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item to the high altar of Cirencester 12d. Item to the high altar of our Siddington 4d. Item I give to Elizabeth my daughter 40s. Item to Barbara my daughter 40s and if it fortune either of them to depart before they be able to enjoy my bequest then the part of the deceased shall remain to the other and if it fortune them both to depart then my bequest shall remain to Alice my wife. All the residue of my goods both moveable and unmoveable I give to Alice my wife and I make her my sole executrix to pay my debts and bestow for my soul as she shall think best. And I will that Master John George and Thomas Syngylhorste shall be overseers that this my testament may be performed.

That this my testament is of verity and truth are witness bearers: Sir William Wilson, curate, Master John George, Thomas Syngylhorste and John Brenell
Probate: 9 May 1547

1546/202

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd June 1546 in the 37th year in the reign of King Henry VIII, king of England, of France & of Ireland, defender of the faith & of the church of England supreme head immediately under God, I Thomas Chandler of Cirencester, being sick of my body but whole of my mind & remembrance, make my will in manner following. I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to his mother St Mary and to all the company of heaven, my body to be buried within the churchyard of Cirencester. Item I give to Alice my daughter 20s. All the residue of my goods both moveable and unmoveable I give to John Vaghan my son-in-law to keep my wife during her life, to see me honestly brought on earth & to bestow for my soul as he shall think best.

That this is my last will as witnesses: Sir William Wilson, curate, William Frenche, John Vaghan & Robert Maior

1546/233

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd April 1546 and in the 38th year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Henry VIII, by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth immediately under God the supreme head of the church of England & Ireland, I William Hayle of the parish & town of Cirencester, being sick in my body but perfect of mind & memory, make my last will & testament in this manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our lady St Mary & to all the holy company in heaven & my body to be buried within the churchyard of the same parish. Item I give & bequeath to my brothers in St John's House a coat, a jerkin & a pair of hose. Item to Richard Webbe a coat. The residue of my goods, my debts paid, I give to William my son & to Marion my daughter & to the long liver of them both whom, that is to say my son William & my daughter Marion, I make my whole & sole executors & I desire & also make my friend Roger Saunders to be overseer of them & if they both die ere they come to a perfect age the said Roger to do with my goods as he shall think most best & expedient both for my soul & theirs.

These bearing witness: Sir John Hogge, parish priest, Rogers Saunders, Peter Kery & Richard Webbe with others

These be my debts that I do owe

First to Master William Partryge 7s. To Roger Saunders 8s & for that the said Roger has 2 old pans to gauge. To John Hummerstone 13s 4d & for that he has to gauge

a pan, 2 pair of beds, a pair of silver hooks gilded the which I would the said Roger should have paying the money again. Item I have 3 kine of the which I would 2 of them were sold to pay my debts.
Probate: 13 September 1546

1546/235

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd April 1546 and in the 37th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth under God the supreme head, I William Whytynge of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, butcher, being sick of body & of good & whole remembrance, do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our blessed lady St Mary & all the company in heaven and my body to be buried within the Trinity chapel within the parish church of St John Baptist in Cirencester. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 12d. Item I bequeath to the high altar in Cirencester's church for tithes forgotten 3s 4d. Item I bequeath to Elizabeth my wife my house I dwell in in Gosditch, 2 houses on the way in Gosditch & the house that John Poyshe now dwells in in Gosditch to have to her during her life natural and after that to remain to Thomas Whytynge my son. Item I bequeath to Thomas Whytynge my son 20 marks and I give to William Whytynge my son £20 to be paid to unto either of them at their age of 21 years. Item I bequeath to my three daughters to every of them 20 marks apiece to be paid unto them at the day of their marriage. And if it so happen that any of my sons and daughters die before the time appointed to receive my legacy that then shall the portions of them so departed be equally divided among my children living from time to time and if it so happen that all depart this present life as God forbid then I will that all my legacies abovesaid do remain back again to my wife Elizabeth. And all the residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed after my funerals be done, my debts & legacies fulfilled & paid, I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I make & ordain my sole executrix that she dispose my said goods for the wealth of my soul & hers after her discretion as she thinks best. And I make my brother Thomas Whytynge & William Partrige of Cirencester my overseers of this my last will & testament to see it performed & fulfilled and I do give them for their painstaking therein every of them 3s 4d. Also all the residue of my lands not given to my wife, my will is that Elizabeth my wife receive the profits of it & to keep the reparations of the same & to keep all the overplus coming of the same lands to the use, profit & behalf of Thomas Whytynge my son at his full age then he to receive it.

These witnesses: John George, gentleman, Henry Edmonds, Thomas Whytynge & many others

Debts due unto William Whytynge 2 April 1546

John Goldsmythe owes me 19s & 18s	37s
Robert Ingrame owes me for flesh	10s
Robert Cuttler owes me	10s
John Cole, weaver, owes me	£45
Master Fabyan owes me	£10

Probate: 8 June 1546

1547/23

In the name of God, Amen. The year of the reign of our sovereign lord Henry VIII the 38th, king of England, France and Ireland etc, in the earth supreme head next under God, I John Rodewheye, whole in mind & sick in body, make my testament & last will in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Stratton. Also I bequeath to Annis my daughter 1 cow. To the high altar in Stratton 4 groats. The residue of my goods unbequeathed I will that Joan my wife

whom I make my whole executrix bestow them for the health of my soul as she shall think most best. Also I knowledge myself that I do owe to my brother Thomas 40s, to John Rodewheye 6 bushels barley, to Harry Kempe 8 groats, to the same Harry 5s 4d for a horse, to Master Bruton 6s 8d, to the church of Daglingworth 10s, to Thomas Roberts 1 bushel wheat. Also Richard Hangcox does owe me 13s for his oxen leased in my pasture in Daglingworth of the which I forgive him 5s. Also John Helys, Nicholas Freman, Thomas Redeler, Richard Acox do owe 8 bushels barley for the harms they did me in my corn. Also John Syman must have all my mead in dole me for 6s, close 6s, 3s 4d for my sheep's pasture which is paid for this year. Also I desire John Syrman to be my overseer that that this my last will be fulfilled. To this bear witness Sir Roger Grene, John Hall, Thomas Byrre

1547/38

In the name of God, Amen. The 14th May 1547 and in the 1st year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith & in earth immediately under God the supreme head of the church of England & also of Ireland, I John Hawle of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick of my body but whole and perfect of my mind and remembrance, make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to the high altar of Cirencester 4d. Item I give to Henry my son my best gown, my best horse & 40s in money, the one half to be paid at my month's mind & the other 20s to be paid that same day twelve month next ensuing upon this condition, that he shall not disquiet nor disturb my wife being his mother-in-law. Item I give to Alice my daughter 20s in money. Item I bequeath to Thomas my son a furred gown of murry cloth. All the residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, I give and bequeath both moveable and unmoveable unto Joan my wife & also I give unto her my shop in the Butcher Row during her natural life and I make her my sole executrix to pay my debts and to bestow for my soul as she shall think most mete & convenient.

& that this my last will & testament is of truth are witness: Sir William Wylson, curate there, William Aman and John Walkar & diverse others
Probate: 4 November 1547

1547/148

In the name of God, Amen. The 31st April 1547 & in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland king, defender of the faith and in earth immediately under God the supreme head of this church of England & also of Ireland etc, I Thomas Lyrcome of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick of body & perfect of memory, do make this my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I bequeath and give to Margery my wife & Robert my son all the goods that was mine before I married with the said Margery to be divided in equal portions betwixt them. The rest of my goods I give to Margery my wife, my debts paid & my funeral kept..

These bearing witness: John Dawbney, William Hill & Henry Weste

1547/174

In the name of God, Amen. In 1547 in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith & in earth immediately under God the supreme head of the church of England & Ireland, I William Pyrton of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but perfect of mind & memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary and to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried within the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I bequeath to the King's coffer there for the relief of poor people 2d. The rest of my goods both moveable and unmoveable I give & bequeath to Joan Pyrton my wife whom I do ordain & make my full & sole executrix, she to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls as she shall think most mete & convenient.

These bearing record to this my last will & testament: Sir William Badcocke, curate there, John Hawle and Peter Gery & others more

1548/39

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th June 1548 in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith & in earth of the church of England & also of Ireland supreme head, I John Solas, priest, of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body and in good & perfect remembrance, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our saviour & redeemer, our Blessed Lady virgin & to all the holy company in heaven, my body to be buried in the chapel of St Katherine's in the middle pane there in the foresaid church. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Twynche's wife for her painstaking with me in my sickness the sum 10s in money. The residue of all my goods not given nor bequest, my debts paid, my legacies delivered & funerals done I give & bequeath to Thomas Solas dwelling in Cirencester whom I make & ordain my soul executor to the intent that he do fulfil & perform my legacies & follow the counsel of my overseer to dispose my goods for the wealth of my soul, his & all Christian souls. And I make Mr John George of Cirencester, gentleman, overseer of this my last will to see it performed & I give & bequeath him for his painstaking the sum of 10s.

Bearing witness to this: William Batcok, curate, Walter Jefferes with more
Probate: 3 July 1548

1549/117

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th April 1549 in the third year of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth next and immediately under Christ supreme head of the spirituality and temporality of the church of England and also of Ireland, I Agnes Chestur, widow, dwelling within the parish of Preston in the county of Gloucester and in the deanery of Cirencester, make my last will and testament in this manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and my body to be buried within the churchyard of Preston. Also I bequeath to my daughter Jeyes 1 coffer, 1 ambry, 1 chair being in my guest chamber, a pan of 8 gallons, a pair of hempen sheets and a flaxen sheet, a flock bed, a bolster, a coverlet, a canvas, 2 pewter dishes, a saucer, a candlestick, a cow, a gown, a pot of 2 gallons, a quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to Margaret my daughter 1 flock bed, 1 bolster, 1 pair of sheets, 2 pewter dishes, 1 candlestick, 1 saucer, 1 salt, 1 quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to Alice Overbery and Elizabeth Overbery dwelling in the house with me 2 yearling

calves, 2 hempen sheets, 2 platters. Also I bequeath to William Overbury my son 1 sheep and to his children 1 quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to Ellis Overbury and to his children 1 curnock of barley. Also I bequeath to the children of William Lepat 1 quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to the church of Preston 16d, that is to the box of the poor people 8d and to the reparation of the church 8d. Also I bequeath to Richard Badger 4d. Also I bequeath to Yernborow Gybyng 4d. The residue of my goods I give to Richard Overbury my son whom I make my executor, paying my debts & bringing my body to the earth. Also I make Richard Hamlet and William Hamlet overseers that this my will be fulfilled.

These bearing witness: Sir Guy Hylle, vicar, Sir William Compton, curate, Richard Hamlet, William Hamlet with others

Probate: 27 September 1549

1550/8

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd May 1550 & in the reign of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith & in earth next under God the supreme head of the same church of England & Ireland the 4th year, I Christopher Hewit, tailor, of the parish of Cirencester, sick in my body but good in my mind & remembrance, make my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & Redeemer, my body to be buried in the churchyard aforesaid. Item I give to the poor men's box 2d. The residue of all my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Joan my lawful wife whom I make & ordain my lawful executrix to dispose it after her good mind & devotion?

To this bearing witness: William Phelps, parson, William Baccoke, curate, John Fauler with more

Probate: 11 August 1550

1550/54

In the name of God, Amen. The 19th April 1550 and in the fourth year of the reign of our most dread sovereign lord sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland king, defender of the faith and in earth of the church of England & Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I Richard Lappworthe of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to the Christian burial within the churchyard of St John Baptist aforesaid. Item I bequeath to William Lapworthe my son £3 in money, a cow and a calf. Item I bequeath to John Item I bequeath to Katherine Lapworthe and to Robert my son to every of them £6 13s 4d apiece so that they will be ruled & governed by their mother or else to have nothing. Item I bequeath to Alice Lapworthe my daughter £6 13s 4d in money. Item I bequeath to John Lapworthe my brother my best gown. Item I bequeath to Thomas Cherynton my brother-in-law my best jacket & my best doublet. The rest of all my goods both moveable & unmoveable I give and bequeath to Alice Lapworthe my wife whom I ordain & make my full and sole executrix, paying my debts & legacies and to bring me honestly on earth with the oversight of Mr John George, gent, John Lappworthe, my brother, and William Manne whom I make my overseers.

These being witness to this my last will & testament: Sir William Phelppes, parson there, Mr John George, William Manne, John Hawle, John Mumforde and others

The debts that I Richard Lappworthe do owe

First to Thomas Channeler of Shipton Solar

£3 6s 8d

To Mr Goddard of Eaton

Probate: 11 August 1550

1550/61

In the name of God, Amen. The 1st February in the third year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith and of the church of England and Ireland in earth the supreme head, witness that I Thomas Archard of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, tailor, being sick in body and whole in mind, do ordain and make this my testament herein concluding my last will in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Also I give to Thomas Archard my son all my raiment to maintain him in raiment unto such time as he come to age and also a furnace and my best feather bed with all things belonging to the same bed & a little bright pan. All these things which I have given to my son I will to be delivered to him when he is married, provided also that if Laura my wife do marry after my decease and her husband do chance to decay that then I will that my well-beloved friends John Benet & John Barbar shall take my child's portions and set it where they like to the behalf of my child that my child may have his portions aforesaid in manner aforesaid. As for all other my goods moveable and unmoveable I give them to Laura my wife, she to see my body brought to the earth and my debts paid, whom I make my whole executrix to see this my last will fulfilled. Also I make John Benet and John Barbar overseers of this my last will as witness my said overseers.

Probate: 11 August 1550