

CIRENCESTER WILLS 1551 – 1560

1551/43

In the name of God, Amen. The 7th February 1550 and in the 4th 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 in earth of this church of England & also of Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I John Hamelett of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but having good & perfect remembrance, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament 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. Item I give & bequeath among the poor folks of St Joan's house in Cirencester 6d. Item I bequeath among the poor folk of St Thomas house there 6d. Item I give & bequeath to every of the Fridays poor folk there one penny apiece. Item I give & bequeath to John Hamlett my son 2 kine to be delivered unto him when he comes to the age of 12 years and until such time I will the said 2 kine to be in the governance of his mother with all & singular of the profits of the said 2 kine. The rest of all my goods both moveable & unmoveable, my debts paid, my legacies delivered & my funerals kept, I give and bequeath to Margaret Hamlett my wife whom I do ordain & make my full & sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls. Also I will & desire Richard Hamlett, Thomas Taylor, William Hamlett & John Rogers to be my overseers of this my last will & testament to be fulfilled & I give to every of them for their pains 20d apiece. Witness to this my last will: Sir William Badcocke, curate, Richard Hamlett, William Hamlett, Thomas Taylor, Robert Smarte, Peter Gery and others
Probate: 11 June 1551

1551/51

In the name of God, Amen. The 1st April I John Lewce of the town of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, sick of body and perfect of memory, make my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to God, my body to the earth. Item I bequeath & give Thomas my son 5s, a brass pot, a platter, a pottinger. Item I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth 5s, a brass pot, a platter and a pottinger. Item to my servant Alice Kemmys a pottinger. Item to my servant Agnes Grannger a pottinger. Item all the residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give and bequeath unto Joan my wife who I make my executrix. Bearing witness to this my last will: William Badcocke, curate, John Surmon, William Stone, Nicholas Stone, William Surmon, Thomas Newman, Arthur Clarke with others
Probate: 12 October 1551

1551/70

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th February I John Turner of the town [of] Cirencester make my last will & testament in manner & form following. Item I give & bequeath to my son Henry Turner a malt quern & one brass pan of two great pans, a platter & candlestick. Item to my daughter Joan Turner a cupboard, a platter and a candlestick & a turn. Item to Emmett my daughter a furnace & a brand iron, a platter & a candlestick & a turn. Item to my daughter Isabel Butlere a platter. Item to my daughter Annis Loverged a platter. The residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Joan my lawful wife whom I ordain make my executrix.

Being witness to this: William Batcoke, curate, Mr William Stone, John Sanders, Arthur Clerke, John Wyllis, John Phillips, Thomas Whetherley.

My debts due upon records

William Frye	30s
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My debts to be paid

Alice Blomer	39s
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Mr Blomer	43s
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Harry Swythe	26s
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Mr William Powle	21s
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Pynner	19s 8d
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Muston	28s
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Harry Swyft	26s
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John Sandes	20s
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John Hale	20s
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John Wooller the baker	20s
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Harry Hopkins	10s
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Clarke, keeper of Aylesbury Castle	£10
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Probate: 12 November 1551 (John Turner als Lyverie)

1551/146

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th June 1550 I Walter Dygas of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, being whole of mind, praise be unto God, make and ordain this my present testament herein containing my last will. First I recommend my soul to Almighty God, my maker and Redeemer, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester. Item I give to Thomas Dygas my son one broad loom with the appurtenances called the harness. All the residue of my goods I give to Alice my wife whom I make her only and sole executrix. Also I ordain Thomas Knyght, clerk, and Henry Edmonds, clothier, supervisors of this my last will.

These bearing witness: William Batooke, curate, John Rogers and Thomas Webbe with others

Item I give to Thomas Dyggars my son my best frock.

Item Robert Wood must pay to the said Thomas Dyggars 40s.

Item his mother must pay the said Thomas Dyggars 20s

Probate: 11 June 1551

1552/63

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st July 1552 and in the sixth 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 in earth of the church of England & also of Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I John Fyfelde of Cirencester within the diocese of Worcester, being sick in body but perfect of mind and memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, the lord & giver of all grace, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to my brother Rober Fyfelde a violet coat & a black pair of hose. Item I give & bequeath to 2 children of Robert Fyfelde to every one of them one lamb. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Parsons' two children to every one of them 2 lambs. Item I give & bequeath to my sister, Richard Parsons' wife, a new smock. Item I give & bequeath to Katherine Rodway, the daughter of Thomas Rodway, one lamb. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Parsons one hose cloth which is at Patrick Tomme's. Item I give & bequeath to John Mason, the son of William Mason, my bow and my arrows. Item I give & bequeath to Lawrence Halydaye my wood knife. Item I give & bequeath to

William Byrte my coat with the half sleeves. Item I give & bequeath to Ellen my wife my purchase lying in the fyrson field called Berefurlong. Also I will & desire my wife to keep my mother if it please her to tarry with her. If not I will that my wife to make my mother as good in substance as she was at her coming unto me. The rest of all my goods not given nor bequeathed & also all my chattels I give & bequeath to Ellen my wife whom I do ordain & make my full & sole executrix to pay my debts & to receive my debts & to see me honestly brought on earth with the oversight of John Father als Reve & John Fowler the elder.

These being witness: Sir William Phelppes, parson of Cirencester, John Father als Reve, John Fowler the elder, William Webbe, Peter Gery & others

Debts the which I do owe

First to William Gybson, grocer of London	£6	8s	5d
To Robert Eastynton, haberdasher of London	£6	5s	11d
To John Saunders of Cirencester for wood		40s	
To Sir Henry Jones, priest		20s	
To Alice Mason of Siddington, widow	£3	11s	

Debts owing to me

Richard Byner	40s
Robert Fyfelde	40s
Thomas Colyns	35s
Andrew Kettylbe, gent	7s 11d
John Wryte	15s 2d

Probate: 31 October 1552

1552/133

In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd November 1551 and in the 5th year of the reign of our most dread sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith and in earth of the church of England & Ireland the supreme head immediately under God, I Thomas Tyttley of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, Being sick in body but perfect of mind & memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, the lord & giver of all goodness & my body to be buried within the parish church of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid in a chapel there called St John's chapel. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Tyttley my son 2 pans of brass after the decease of his mother. Item I give & bequeath to Joan Tyttley my daughter one feather bed, one bolster, one tod of wool and 20d in money. Item I give and bequeath to Joan Wyllys, the late wife of John Wyllys, a violet gown unfurred & 20s in money. The rest of all my goods not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Joan Tyttley my wife whom I do ordain & make my sole & only executrix to dispose my goods to my children hereafter as she shall think most mete & convenient.

These being witness: Sir Edward Fallowes, curate, John Fowler the elder, John Munde, John Weldon, Peter Gery & others

Probate: 11 August 1552

1554/30

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th October 1554 I James Alatham of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole of mind, thanks be unto God, & also of good remembrance, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to the blessed company of heaven and my body to be buried in the church of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid near unto my wife Marian Lewes. Item I give & bequeath to Edward Alatham my kinsman my red livery coat. Item I give & bequeath

to Joan my kinswoman now dwelling with John Cambryge one feather bed, one bolster, 3 pieces of pewter & a brass pot. Item I give & bequeath to Thomas Wetherley & his wife for their painstaking 5s in money to be delivered to them by my executor. Also I give & bequeath to be dealt among the poor people at my burial 20 dozen of bread. Item I give & bequeath to Joan Pynbury one cow. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Partryge the son of William Partryge my best tester of silk and the hangings of the same. Item I give & bequeath to my brother's children 40s in money to be divided amongst them by equal portions. The rest of all my goods, lands & chattels moveable & unmoveable not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath unto Ralph Blackburne my kinsman whom I do ordain & make my full & whole executor to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls and also to pay my debts & receive my debts & to pay my legacies. And also I do make & ordain my overseers to see this my last will & testament to be truly performed & fulfilled & kept Thomas Webbe & Roger Saunders & I give unto every of them for their painstaking 20d apiece.

These being witness: Sir John Barne, curate there, Thomas Webbe, Roger Saunders, John Wryte, Thomas Penley, Peter Gery, Thomas Wetherley, Baldwin Hadmattson and others

Probate: 14 December 1554

1554/38

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd May the first year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Mary, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, and of the church of England and Ireland supreme head, I John Hylle of the town of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, yeoman, sick of body but whole of mind and of good & perfect remembrance, make my last will and testament after this form & manner. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to the blessed Virgin Mary and to all the blessed company of heaven and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Cirencester. Item I bequeath to my 3 daughters Julian, Joan & Margaret to every one of them 3 platters, 3 pottingers, 1 pot, 1 pair of sheets and if any of them depart this to remain to the other 2 remaining. If 2 of the daughters depart my bequest to remain to the longest liver. Item I give to the poor in St John's house 4d. The rest of my goods not bequeathed I give to Joan Hyll my wife whom I make my whole & full executrix to receive all my debts & to pay all my debts.

These bearing witness: Sir William Phelps, parson there, Mr John George, gentleman, Mr Thomas Tayler, William Man, yeoman with others

Probate: 4 December 1554

1554/67

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd June 1554 the first year of our most noble & gracious sovereign lady Queen Mary, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith and in earth of the church of England & also of Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I John Manbye of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but perfect of mind & of good remembrance, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to every of my 3 children 5 marks apiece and I will my wife to have the keeping thereof until they be of a lawful age. Also I will that Joan my wife shall have the guiding & profit of all my lands in Birdlip or elsewhere, doing no spoil until such time my son John be of a lawful age & if he do decease before he come to age then I will it to remain to the next heir. Also I give & bequeath unto John Manby my son all my shop gear upon this condition, that he will be a smith. If not then I will the same to be divided betwixt

my two daughters by equal portions and if the child that my wife do go withal be a boy then I will him to have it. Item I give & bequeath to William Manby my son 20s in money to be delivered unto him when he comes to the age of 24 years. Also I will that my mother shall have yearly out of my lands according to our promise during her life, 33s 4d to be paid quarterly. And if my wife do marry then I will my wife to have out of my lands 40s a year, my mother paid, & the rest to the behalf of my children. Also I will Thomas Webbe, John Surman, John Walker & William Selwyn my overseers to take a bond of her husband whom she shall marry withal for the residue of the rents of my land to be paid to the use of my children and also to be bound that he shall not make no impeachment of waste upon the woods. Also I give & bequeath to be dealt among poor people at my burial 13s 4d. The rest of all my goods & chattels not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid, I give & bequeath to Joan Manby my wife whom I do ordain & make my full & sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul and all Christians.

These being witness: Sir Richard Aston, curate there, Thomas Webbe, John Surman, John Walker, William Selwyn, John Weldon, Henry Mason, Peter Gery and others
Probate: 10 July 1554

1554/95

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th February 1553 and in the first year of the reign of our most noble, gracious and virtuous lady Mary, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland queen, defender of the faith and in earth of the church of England and also of Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I Richard Reve of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but thanks be unto God of perfect mind and of good remembrance, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to all the blessed company of heaven and my body to be buried within the chapel of St John Baptist in the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I bequeath to Henry Reve my son in goods & chattels £6 13s 4d and I will that Humphrey Haywarde my kinsman shall have the keeping thereof until the time the said Henry be of lawful years of discretion. And if the said Henry do decease before he comes to the years of discretion then I will the said legacy to remain to John Reve my son and if the said John Reve do decease before he comes to the years of discretion then I will the said legacy to remain to Joan Chaunntler my servant. Item I give & bequeath to John Reve my son in goods & chattels £6 13s 4d and I will the said legacy to be in the custody & keeping of John Fowler the elder & Thomas Solas until such time the said John Reve do come to years of discretion. And if the said John do decease before he comes to years of discretion then I will the said legacy to remain to Joan Chaunntler his mother. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Solas my godson my best bell candlestick and a sheep. Item I give & bequeath to Isolda Grenewey, the daughter of John Grenewey, a platter & a latten basin. Item I give & bequeath to be dealt among the poor people at my burial 5 dozen of bread. Also I will that Humphrey Heywarde my kinsman shall maintain the summering & wintering of one cow for Joan Chaunntler my servant at his proper costs and charges during their two natural lives. The rest of all my goods & chattels both moveable & unmoveable, my debts paid & legacies delivered & my funeral kept, I give & bequeath to Joan Chaunntler my servant whom I do ordain & make my full & sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christians with the oversight of John Fowler the elder and Thomas Solas whom I do desire to be the overseers of this my last will & testament to be truly performed, fulfilled & kept & I will my executrix to please them for their pains as they shall require with reason.

These being witness: Sir William Phelppes, parson of Cirencester, John Fowler, Thomas Solas, Walter Jefferys, Peter Gery, William Barrowe with others
Probate: 10 July 1554

1555/29

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th October 1552 and in the sixth 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 in earth of the church of England and also of Ireland immediately under God the supreme head, I John Hawle of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester within the diocese of Worcester being sick in body but perfect of mind and memory and of good remembrance, do make, institute and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, the Lord and giver of all goodness, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to the poor people to be bestowed on them at the time of my burial 40s in money and competent meat and drink. Item I give and bequeath to every of my godchildren bearing my name 12d and to every other of my godchildren 4d. Item I will and grant that Alice my wife after my decease shall have all my houses and tenements in Cirencester which are now in the tenure and occupation of John Toggwell, Bernard Burder, John Lypppyatt, John Hardyng, Isolda Kydwellye during her life and after the decease of me and my wife I give and bequeath to Maud Phelppes, the daughter of Thomas Phelppes, the house the which is in the tenure and occupation of John Toggwell to her and to her children lawfully begotten for ever and if she shall die without issue then I will the said house to remain to the next of my kin. Also I give and bequeath unto the said Maud Phelppes a bed with the whole apparel thereto belonging, a brass pot and a brass pan. Item I give and bequeath to Joan Phelppes a bed with the whole apparel thereto belonging, a brass pot and a brass pan and after my decease and of my wife I give and bequeath to her my house the which is now in the tenure and occupation of Bernard Burder, to her and to her children lawfully begotten and if she shall happen to die without issue then I will the said house to remain to my next of my kin. Item I give and bequeath to Edward Hawle my base son a bed with the whole apparel thereto belonging and 40s in money and after the decease of me and my wife I give and bequeath unto the said Edward my house which is now in the tenure and occupation of John Lypppyatt, to him and to his children lawfully begotten for ever and if he die without issue then I will the said house to remain to the next of my kin. Item I give and bequeath unto Joan Hastings my servant after the decease of me and my wife my little house which is now in the tenure and occupation of John Hardyng, to her and to her children lawfully begotten for ever and if she die without issue then I will the said house to remain to the next of my kin. Item I give and bequeath to Alice Taylor, the daughter of Hugh Taylor, after the decease of me and my wife, one house which is now in the tenure and occupancy of one Isolda Kydwellye, widow, to her and to her children lawfully begotten and if she die without issue then I will the said house to remain to the next of my kin. The rest of all my goods and chattels both moveable and unmoveable not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Alice Hawle my wife whom I do ordain and make my full and sole executrix to pay my debts and legacies and to see me brought on earth with the oversight of John Surman and Philip Maryner whom I do ordain to be my supervisors of this my last will and testament to be truly performed, fulfilled and kept and I give to every of them in so doing one sheep apiece. These being witness: Sir William Phelppes, parson of Cirencester, Philip Maryner, Richard Stevyns and Peter Gery and others
Probate: 28 February 1555

1555/86

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th October 1554 I Thomas Sysemore of Cirencester, being sick of body but having perfect mind & memory, make this my last will or testament. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Also I bequeath to my son John Sysemore five pounds of current money of England. Item I bequeath to my daughter Katherine five pounds of current money of England and the which ten pounds I order to be delivered to them at the day of their marriage. Also I bequeath to my son John 2 pairs of shearmen's sheers & if it fortune that one of my said children die before they be married then I will the other that lives to have the whole sum of ten pounds. Also I give to me daughter Katherine a whole bed furnished. The rest of my goods unbequeathed I give to my wife who I make my executrix.

Witness to the same: John Surman, Harry Edmunds with others.

Further be it provided by this my last will that if my wife marry again that then I make & ordain my daughter Joan Dyllyng co-executrix with my wife, anything before said notwithstanding.

Probate: 25 May 1555

1555/94

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd December 1554 I Thomas Raynoldes being in Cirencester, sick in body & whole & perfect in mind, thanks be to God, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to be associate with the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester aforesaid. Also all such goods as I have in Cirencester or elsewhere, whether it be timber, towels and my raiment with all other household stuff & all other my goods that I have or ought to have in what place soever it be found I do give & bequeath to my daughter Jane Raynoldes whom I do make my sole & whole executrix & that she do follow & fulfil this my last will & testament and further do pay & discharge all my debts & my funerals. In witness whereof I have caused this my last will & testament to be written the day & year above said.

These persons bearing witness: Sir John Baron, curate there, Richard Wylliams, Thomas Kyrton, Walter Jefferies with others

Probate: 25 May 1555

1556/67

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th October in the (*torn*) reign of our sovereign lord & lady Philip & Mary, by the (*torn*) and Ireland, defenders of the faith, archdukes of (*torn*) I John George of Cirencester in the county & diocese of Gloucester, gentleman, by the mercy (*torn*) whole in body, in perfect mind & in good remembrance, do ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our redeemer & saviour, to his blessed mother our lady St Mary the Virgin and to all the holy and blessed company of saints in heaven and my body to be buried in the chapel of St Katherine within the parish church of St John Baptist in Cirencester by my good father or elsewhere as Our Lord has appointed me. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 20d. Item I bequeath to the parson of Cirencester for tithes forgotten ten shillings. Item I bequeath to every poor man in St John's house 2d apiece, to the 4 men in St Thomas's house in Cirencester 2d apiece, to every of the Friday's folk 2d apiece. Item I bequeath five pounds in money to be given amongst poor people in the day of my burying before noon of the same day. Item I give & bequeath to every of those churches as follows to the reparations of the body of the same church, that is to say, Baunton, the chapels of Ampney Peter, Ampney St Mary, Ampney Crucis & to

Our Lady's church in Cricklade, to every of them 3s 4d apiece in money to be paid within twelve months next after my departing. Item I bequeath to Christopher George my eldest son a great pot of brass called Sere which has gone from heir to heir by my ancestors' wills before me, to him & to his heirs for ever. Item I give the said Christopher after my wife's decease a great cup partial gilt with a cover and a crown about him & a knap on the top enamelled, to him & to his heirs for ever, only to go with the pot from heir to heir. Item I give & bequeath to the said Christopher my flock of sheep at Baunton as they go with the indenture of the Burys of Baunton with my farm of Baunton with all the arable land, land meadows, leasows & pastures with fishing thereunto belonging with the pasture of 600 sheep. Item I give & bequeath in dower and jointure to my daughter Anne George, the wife of my son Christopher George, of the rent out of the land of Baunton £10 after my decease. Item I give & bequeath to Giles George my second son after my wife's decease my indenture of Badgeworth in the county of Gloucester and my indenture of Marten Abbey with all the years & profits thereof to come. Item I give & bequeath to the said Giles George a certain deed of land, to him & to his heirs male, containing certain houses & tenements lying in Cirencester & Stow bearing date the 24th May in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, late king of England, as in the same deed more plainly does appear, after me & my wife's decease & after my time I give the rents thereof to Alice my wife during her life natural & after her life to remain to my son Giles. Item I give & to John George my youngest son part of my purchase land after me & my wife's decease for ever by the year £10 16s 8d more or less to him & to his heirs male for ever according to my deed thereof to him made dated the 24th May in the fifth year of the reign of King Edward VI. Item I give & bequeath to the said John George my youngest son the church hey in Cirencester, to him & to his heirs male after me & my wife's decease for ever, the lease & indenture of the tithes of all manner of grain in Baunton and Wiggold after me & my wife's decease, the lease of my 2 closes at Beeches & by Ridler's house, the lease also of William Baker's house after my time but my wife shall enjoy all the premises bequeathed to Giles & John aforesaid during her natural life and after that all these to John George bequeathed to be John George's. And he shall set his corn in the barn in the sheep hey at Baunton & make a rick without when time shall serve as I was wont to do. And my son Christopher to have all the hey at Baunton & at Kingsmead as I was wont to have. Item I give & bequeath to every of my daughters' children 6s 8d, to every of my godchildren 4d apiece. Item I bequeath to Richard Vyner, Rhys Davye, William Walker & Nicholas Phyllyppes, butcher, my tenants, to every of them 12d apiece to bear my body to the church. Item I give to every of my servants 20d apiece. Item I give to my sister Elizabeth Gye a cow, a pair of sheets & 10s in money. And all the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable not given nor bequeathed, after my funerals & debts paid & done & my legacies fulfilled I give & bequeath to my well-beloved wife Alice George whom I make & ordain my true & faithful executrix that she may dispose the same goods to the health of my soul & hers as she shall think best. Probate: 3 November 1556

1556/90

In the name of God, Amen. The 14th September 1558 I Richard Heynes of Stratton within the diocese of Gloucester, being of whole mind & perfect memory, do constitute & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God, our lady St Mary & to all the elect company of heaven & my body to be buried in Christian burial. I do give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give 4d to buy a taper to burn upon the high altar of the parish church of Stratton aforesaid. Item I give to Agnes my youngest daughter 6 sheep ewes, my brown heifer & 4 bushels of barley. Item I give to Joan my wife's

daughter 2 ewes & 4 bushels of barley & to Alice my wife's daughter 2 ewes & 4 bushels of barley. And if any of my said children do die & depart this present life that then I will her part to remain to the longest liver of them. The residue of my goods not given neither bequeathed I do fully give & bequeath them to Joan my wife whom I do make my full & sole executrix of this my last will & testament to see my body honestly buried, my debts paid & to dispose the residue to the pleasure of Almighty God & her own commodity. And further I do make & ordain my well-beloved master Richard Stevens & Thomas Arnold overseers of this my present testament & I give every of them for his pains one sheep.

Witness to this: Richard Stevens, John Adams & Thomas Arnold with others

Probate: 20 February year *unclear*

1557/6

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th July 1556 in the second & third years of the reigns of our sovereign lord & lady Philip & Mary, by the grace of God King & Queen of England, Spain, both Sicily, France, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith, I Agnes Spencer of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but thanks be to God of perfect mind & of good remembrance, do make & ordain this to be 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 & bequeath to Cicely Brangweyne of Coln St Aldwyn the worst of my white petticoats & my waist petticoat. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Weste, the son of William Weste, my great brass pot with the broken brim. Item I give & bequeath to William Sellwood the son of Christopher Selwood one new brass pot but I will that William Weste my son-in-law to have the occupying of the same pot the full term of 20 years & then I will the said pot to be [given] to the said William Selwood & if the said William do depart this present life before the said years be expired then I will the said pot to remain to Barbara Weste, the daughter of William Weste. Item I will & give to Elizabeth Weste, the daughter of William Weste, one brass pot. The rest of all my goods & debts both moveable & unmoveable not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to William Weste my son whom I do ordain & make my full and whole executor, to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls & this to be my last will & testament.

I call to witness: Sir James Parlyabyn, curate, John Gurney the elder, Jeffrey Brodshawe, Patrick Tommes, Richard Meryng, William Saunders, Peter Gery & others

Probate: 7 May 1557

1557/47

the last will & testament of Ellen Woode of Cirencester, widow, made the 24th July 1557 & in the 4th & 5th years of our sovereign lord & lady Philip & Mary, by the grace of God King & Queen of England, France, Spain, both Sicily, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith etc. In the name of God, Amen. I Ellen Woode of the parish of St John the Baptist in Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I do bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to his mother Our Blessed Lady to be accompanied with the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I do give & bequeath all my goods unto Robert my son, John my son, Alice my daughter & Anne my daughter portion like & I do make the said Robert, John, Alice & Anne my executors jointly. And if it happen any of my said children to depart this

transitory life then I will the part or portion of that child or children to remain to the survivors. And I will my said children to levy & gather up all my debts which are owing to me the day of my death and I will they to pay & discharge all my debts which I do owe the day of my death. And I do appoint Stephen Cooke & Elizabeth his wife to have the tuition & guiding of Alice & Anne my said children & their portions of goods until such time as my said children shall come to the years of discretion. And I do appoint Thomas Taylor & Thomas Heynes to have the oversight & to be overseers for the performance of this my last will & testament.

These persons bearing witness: John Clerke, Thomas Heynes, Allen Burgies, Thomas Taylor

Debts which Ellen Woode of Cirencester, widow, do owe the day of my death

To Henry Taylor	24s
To Nicholas Walton	12s
To Ellen Heynes	8s

Debts being owed to me Ellen Woode, widow, the day of my death

To Allen Burgeis of Cirencester, saddler	11s	4d
To Thomas Freeman of Duntisbourne	12s	8d
To William Snell of Barnsley	8s	
To Thomas Forwoode	7s	

Probate: 14 September 1557

1557/69

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th July in the third & fourth years of the reign of our sovereign lord & lady Philip & Mary, by the grace of God King of England, France, Spain, both Sicilys, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith etc I Edmund Hunt of Cirencester, card maker, in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick of body but, thanks be given to God, of perfect mind & good remembrance, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, unto our lady St Mary & to all the company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester 2d. Item I give & bequeath to the maintenance of the church of Cirencester 12d. Item I give & bequeath to Roger my eldest son 40s. Item I give & bequeath to William my son 40s. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter £3 6s 8d. Item I bequeath to the child my wife goes withal if it be a man child 40s & if it be a woman child £3 6s 8d & if it please God to call any of these children away then the portion to remain to the other, which legacies I will to be dd [given] at the day or days of their marriage. The rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my wife whom I do make & ordain to be my full & sole executrix to bring me honestly on earth & to pay my legacies & to dispose it for my soul & all Christian souls with the oversight of my friends Thomas Webb & John Sanders whom I desire to be my supervisors of this my last will & testament to be truly performed & kept, having for their pains every of them

Witness: Thomas Webbe, John Woodward, John Hyll, Thomas Pollerd, Adam Benytt, Thomas Faryngton with others

1557/72b

In the name of God, Amen. The 25th April 1555 and in the first & second years (*torn*) reigns of our sovereign lord & lady Philip & Mary, by the grace of God King & Queen of England, France, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith etc, I Elizabeth Manbye of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being of good

& perfect mind & memory, do make & ordain this to be 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 holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the Christian burial of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to the poor men's box there 8d of currant money of England. Item I give & bequeath unto William Manbye, the son of John Manbye, £10 in money, the which is in the custody & keeping of John Surman of Cirencester. Also I give unto the said William £7 in money the which is in the custody & keeping of John Fowler the elder of Cirencester. Also I give unto the said William Manbye £3 in money, the which is in the custody & keeping of Henry Denton of Baunton, all which foresaid legacies I will to be delivered unto him when he comes to the age & years of discretion and until such time I will the said legacies to remain in the parties hands aforesaid at the discretion of my overseers. Also I give & bequeath unto the said William Manbye 5 sheep which be in the keeping of Henry Denton. Also the said Henry Denton has of mine in his hands 40s, the which I will desire him to bestow it in sheep for the behalf of the said William Manbye & Nicholas Denton, the son of Henry Denton, in equal portions and they to have the vantage of the said sheep and the other 5 sheep betwixt them so that the stock of the said 5 sheep shall remain to William Manbye. Also I give unto the said William Manbye one feather bed, one flock bed, my best coverlet, a bolster & 2 feather pillows, a twilly canvas, the best pair of blankets. Also I give unto him a brass pan called the groat pan and one other pan called the lye pan. Also I give unto him the broad mouth brass pot, the Fridays pot. Also I give unto him my burning cauldron & the brandiron. Item I give unto him my cupboard & 4 platters, 4 pottingers & 4 saucers being upon the cupboard. Also I give unto him 2 of my best candlesticks, the best salt cellar, the best pewter basin, a quart pot of pewter, the best that is in my house at my departing, 2 porridge dishes of pewter, a pint pot of pewter, the best chaffing dish, one posnet, a frying pan, a gridiron, 2 pair of the best pothooks & one broach. Also I bequeath to the said William Manbye one coffer, the which was his aunt Alice's, standing betwixt the bed & the chimney, with all things being in the said coffer as he does find it. Also I will desire John Surman, John Fowler & Henry Denton whom I make to be my overseers, to see that all these my legacies be delivered unto him before my body do go forth of my house. Item I give to William Manbye 2 platters, 2 pottingers & 2 saucers of old vessels, all which things specified afore I do will my overseers, John Surman, John Fowler the elder & Henry Denton to see these things delivered unto him which portions of goods I do freely give unto him although I have made him full half executor with Henry Manbye besides so that the foresaid Henry Manbye shall not disturb him for these things which I have given him in my legacy. Also I give & bequeath to Alice Sparkes my goddaughter 6s 8d in money. Also I give to my goddaughter of Elsfield, the daughter of John Wood, 6s 8d. Item I give to Elizabeth Poyner my goddaughter dwelling in Oxenhall in the forest 4s 4d. Item I bequeath to William Lymberycke my godson 6d. Item I give to Elizabeth Bargett my goddaughter 6d. Also I give & bequeath to William Vicary's daughter, my goddaughter, 6d. Item I give to Elizabeth Glover my goddaughter dwelling in London 6d. Item I give to Peter Gery, clerk in Cirencester, 2s. The rest of all my goods both moveable & unmoveable not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Henry Manbye & William Manbye, the sons of John Manbye, whom I do make my full & whole executors to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls and to bring me honestly on earth at their proper costs & charges with the oversight of John Surman, John Fowler & Henry Denton provided also that if it happen the said William Manbye to decease this present life before he be married then distribution of his goods to be divided unto his poor brother & sisters according to his discretion and also unto John Manbye of Ashton & his children as he shall think most convenient and unto the children of Henry Manbye of Cirencester. And if in case the said William Manbye do decease being in the way of matrimony with any honest maid that is likely then I will him to give unto the said maid towards her

marriage 40s at his discretion provided also that if it so happen the said William Manbye to decease this present life before he be married or come unto the years of discretion then I will £3 of his legacy shall remain unto John Surman, John Fowler and Henry Denton in equal portions.

These being witness : Sir Thomas Taylor, priest, John Surman, John Fowler, Henry Denton & others

Probate: 7 May 1557

1557/81

In the name of God, Amen. The 15th May 1557 in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, both Sicily, France, Naples, Jerusalem and Ireland, defenders of the faith etc, I Henry Trynham of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but, thanks be given unto God, of perfect mind and of good remembrance, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to the mother church in Gloucester 4d. Item I give and bequeath to the high altar in Cirencester 6d. Item I give and bequeath unto my four daughters four feather beds furnished, that is to wit to every of them one feather bed, one bolster, one pair of sheets, one pair of blankets & one coverlet, all which legacies I will to be delivered unto them at the day and days of their marriage. And if it happen any of the said children to decease before they be married then I will any such part of legacy to be divided among the other in equal portions & likewise all the other & if it shall please God that all the said children depart this present life before they be married then I will all their legacies to remain to Margaret Trynham my wife. The rest of all my goods, lands, copies & writings that I have in Northleach or elsewhere within the kingdom not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Margaret Trynham my wife whom I do make my full and sole executrix to pay my debts and to receive my debts & to bring me honestly on earth with the oversight of Richard Saunders my father-in-law whom I do desire to be my supervisor of this my last will and testament to be truly performed & kept.

Witness to this my last will and testament: Sir William Phelppes, parson of Cirencester, Mr Warren, parson of Duntisbourne, John Hummerston, William Seaman & Thomas Faryngton with others

John Brocke owes me 40s 4d. Item I have in gage of Mistress Busshe's 4 silver spoons for the sum of 26s 8d. Also I have in the custody & keeping of Ralph Broderyste 2 bedsteads, one of them a standing bedstead and the other plain and also a chest. And as concerning the suit which Thomas that was my ostler has me in suit for 17s which he does demand of me I profess before God & the above named witnesses and all the world that I owe him none. Also I paid unto Mr Busshe & to his wife for 5 trees 20s and as yet I had never one of them willing my wife to demand the rest or money for them as reason will require. Item I owe unto Sir Thomas Monaxe, vicar of Northleach, £3 & odd money as a bill indented betwixt them more plainly does appear.

Probate: 14 September 1557

1557/123

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th May 1557 in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord lady King Philip and Queen Mary etc, I John Mund of

Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but perfect in memory, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid near unto my brothers & sisters. Item I bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give unto the maintenance of the church in Cirencester 8d. Item I give & bequeath to be dealt upon the poor where need shall require 20s in money or bread. Item I give & bequeath all my lands that I have to Joan Mund my wife to find my children & my father & mother a part of a living withal until such time my daughter Emmot come to the time of marriage if she use herself honestly & obediently to her mother then I will that at her marriage she to have the house in St Lawrence Street & the garden in Cricklade Street which Nicholas Philyppe does hire of me which house & garden I bought in one purchase. Also I give unto the said Emmot a flock bed & all things belonging to the same. Also I give & bequeath to Edmund Mund my son the which John Clemence does dwell in & my part of Pawney's house & close lying & being in the Forse & if he use himself honestly & obediently to his mother all my part of both tenements. The residue of all my goods not given I give wholly to my wife & after the decease of her I will my son Edmund to enjoy the house that I now dwell in, to him & also to his heirs for ever if he use himself honestly & obediently to his mother. Likewise I give to Emmot my daughter the house the which Patrick now dwells in, not to be sold but to continue to her heirs for ever & they that shall make sale of the whole or of part shall forfeit his or her part, that is to wit if he make sale of his part his sister to enjoy the whole & if she make sale of her part her brother to enjoy the whole & if it fortune my two children to die without issue then I give Patrick's house to Hugh Nycholas, my wife's brother, & to his heirs lawfully begotten for ever & in the same manner I give all my part of Palmer's house to Thomas Nycholas & to his heirs lawfully begotten for ever & in the same manner I give the house in St Lawrence Street to Elizabeth Bowley my sister & to her heirs lawfully begotten for ever & in the same manner for lack of heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies I give all the rest of my lands having no heirs into the hands of the churchwardens for the time being chosen by Mr Bailiff & other the worshipful of the town to the relief of the poor people for ever, willing the said 2 churchwardens for the time being to see the reparations of my houses & lands sufficiently to be kept and they two churchwardens to have for their pains so doing 3s 4d apiece yearly. The rest of all my goods, chattels & lands not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Joan Mund my wife whom I do make & ordain to be my full & sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls, to pay my debts & receive my debts with the oversight of Mr William Phelppes, parson of Cirencester, & William a Price & I give them for their pains in so doing 3s 4d apiece.

These being witness: Sir William Phelppes, parson, Sir James Perlyabyn, curate, William a Price als Glasyer, Peter Gery & other

The debts the which I do owe

To Mr Baylyffe for a cow	40s
To Joan Hawkyns of Ashton Keynes	40s
I owe to John Blandford of Somerford	20s & 7 French crowns
To Richard Stome, lorimer	16s
To my fuster*	10s
To Mr Porte, vicar of Ashton Keynes	£21 16s 10d

fuster = worker in wood

Probate: 14 September 1557

On the reverse

The testament of Joan Mund

Item I Joan Munde do give & bequeath to Edmund & to Emmot my children all the goods both moveable & unmoveable to be divided between them in equal portions & them I do make my executors & I will them to be in the keeping & custody of John Fowler & William Glasyer until they come to years of discretion & them I do make my overseers of this my last will & I give to every of them 5s apiece. Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas 40s in money & a half dozen of pewter and a mazer & a candlestick. Item I give to my brother Hugh Nycholas 40s in money & half a dozen of pewter & a black cloak, a candlestick & a mazer, the best. Item I give to my servant Elizabeth Sparkes a kirtle & a petticoat & 2 kerchiefs & a smock, my hose & sleeves. Item I give to Robert Parsons my apprentice 20s in money & a coat of violet. Item I give to Sir James Perlyabyn 12d in money. Item I give to Robert Nycholas 3s 4d in money. Item I give to Ellen my neighbour my frock I wear every day & one smock. Item I give to every of my godchildren 12d apiece. Item I give to Thomas Farryngton my husband's best gown. Item I give to Edmund Mund my father-in-law my husband's second gown. Item I give to Peter Clarke 6s 8d in money & do forgive him that he does owe me. Item I do give to the poor at my departing to be dealt in money or bread 20s. And that I will if my children would not be ruled by my overseers then I will whether it be my son or daughter shall have nothing. Item I give to my sister Elizabeth Bowley my round gown that I wear every Sunday. Item I give to Margaret Munne my mother-in-law a gown of my own mother's. Item I give to Robert Bowley my brother-in-law my husband's tawny cloak. Item I give to my father & mother 12d a week towards their finding. Item I give to Mr Prior 3s 4d. Item I give to my son Edmund Mund the shot & all that there is

1557/145

The last will & testament of John Lytyll of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, chandler, made 23rd July 1557. In the name of God, Amen. I John Lytyll of the parish of St John the Baptist in Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, chandler, being sick in body but thanks be given to God of good & perfect memory, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I do bequeath my soul to Almighty God, unto his mother Our Blessed Lady & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St John Baptist aforesaid. Item I do give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I do give & bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester 6d. Item I do give & bequeath to the reparations of the church of Cirencester 12d. Item I do give & bequeath to Thomas Lytyll my son £3 6s 8d to be paid in ready money & a horse of the price of 40s or else 40s in ready money & these legacies to be delivered him at his age of 24 years. Item I do give & bequeath to my 4 daughters to every of them 40s & that to be delivered to them & every of them the day of their marriage. And if it fortune any of my said daughters to depart this transitory life before the day of their marriage then I will the portion of that sister to be divided equally amongst the other sisters which shall then be in life. And if it happen all my said daughters to depart this life before the day of their marriage then I will that portion to remain to Margaret my wife. Item I do give & bequeath to my father & my mother the cow which I bought last & 10 loads of wood if it shall please them to tarry in the town & if it shall not please them to tarry in the town then I will my said wife to pay unto my said father & mother such sum of money as the said wood shall be priced & valued at by the discretion of 2 honest men & that money to be delivered to my father & mother at their departing. And I will my said father & mother to have all such bedding & all manner of other stuff which they brought to me and I will my said wife to take their bed & in the stead thereof to deliver to them the second best bed in my house with a coverlet and a pair of sheets. Item I do give to my said father my best coat & my doublet & one pair of hose. And I will that my wife shall not warn my mother to take all her wearing gear with her at her departing from my said

wife. Item I will my said wife to give yearly upon All Hallows day at night to the poor people of St John house for the space of seven years next ensuing 4d. All the rest of my goods not bequeathed I do give & bequeath to Margaret my wife whom I do make my whole & sole executrix. And I will my said wife to pay & discharge all such debts & legacies which I do owe the day of my death and to receive, levy & gather up all such debts as are owing to me the day of my death and to see me honestly brought on earth and to pay & discharge all such duties which are to be paid to the church, the priests & the clerks at my burying & my month's mind. And I do appoint John Brynmyll & Rees Davys to be overseers for the performance of this my last will & testament and I do give to every of them for their painstaking therein 20d. These persons bearing witness: William Phelps, parson there, John Brynmyll, Rees Davys, John Longe, William Lytyll, Thomas Faryngton etc

Debts which I John Lytyll of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, chandler, do owe the day of my death
 To John Fysher dwelling in Friday Street in London £10 12s, the one half to be paid at the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady next coming and the rest to be paid to him betwixt the feast of St Michael & All Hallows day the next following
 To the keepers of Oakley 46s 8d to be paid when they shall require it
 To Giles Hutchyns of Horsley for 112 pounds of tallow 15s
 Debts owing to me John Lytyll the day of my death
 To John Frye & John Woodrosse of Malmesbury £5
 which money they had of me upon their tallow
 To John Gyldynge £8
 and certain stuff of the said John Gyldynge remains
 in my house which is to the value of £4
 To Richard Sumner 38s 4d
 John Fysher has received of me upon his tallow 40s
 as it appears in a store
 To George Booher of Clanfield in Oxfordshire 17s 8d
 To John Brownynge of Frampton 40s
 To William Arnold my brother-in-law 20s
 To Richard Vyner for 2 bushels of malt 8s 8d
 To the same Richard in ready money 2s
 To the same Richard for candles 14d
 To the same Richard for 4 pounds of tallow 10d
 To John Shewmaker for a dozen of tallow 2s
 To John Smyth, shoemaker 5s
 To Maurice Baker for 4 bushels of malt 13s
 To Thomas Manne 8s

Memo that I John Lytyll delivered Mr Giles George an old royal upon a bargain for certain meadow lying in Northyard in Wiltshire & I & my assigns to have it for term of 10 years & that royal must be made 20s which my wife shall pay unto him
 Probate: 14 September 1557

1557/150

In the name of God, Amen. In 1557 in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, both Sicilys, France, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith etc, I Joan Tyttley of Cirencester, widow, in the diocese of Gloucester, being in good health & perfect remembrance thanks be to God, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all holy company of heaven & my

body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I give & bequeath to the high altar in Cirencester 2d. Item I give & bequeath to St John's altar 2d. Item I give & bequeath to be dealt among the poor people at my burial in Cirencester 5s in bread. Item I give & bequeath to Joan Rychman my daughter my best bearing sheet, a spice mortar & my laver of maslin with 3 feet. Item I give & bequeath to Thomas Tyttley the son of Richard Tyttley my furnace with a wooden cover, a platter, a pottinger & a saucer. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Dolman the son of William Dolman my best folding board, a form, a posnet. Item I give & bequeath to John Dolman the son of William Dolman my great burning cauldron with 2 rings & a little chaffer & a coffer bound with iron which was his grandfather's which 2 legacies I will & grant that Margaret Dolman, their mother of the said Richard & John, shall have the occupying & custody thereof during her natural life so that she shall not sell it nor alienate the said legacy during the said terms. The rest of all my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid & my funeral kept, I give & bequeath to Margaret Dolman my daughter whom I do make & ordain to be my full & sole executrix, to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls with the oversight of my friends John Fowler the elder & William a Price whom I do desire to be my supervisors of this my last will & testament & that they will be so good to see that my executrix not disturbed nor troubled by my son Richard Tyttley or any other & I give to every of them for their painstaking 3s 4d apiece. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Dolman & William Dolman, the sons of William Dolman, to every of them 1 flock bed with all things belonging to the same & also to every of them a platter, a pottinger, a saucer, a candlestick & a bedstead which legacy I will to be delivered to them at the time & days of their marriage & if any of them happen to decease before they be married then I will his part to remain to the other & if it happen both of them to decease before they be married then I will both their legacies to remain to Margaret Dolman my executrix provided that if my executrix do marry with any man then I will that my overseers shall take bond of him at the day of marriage for the performance & delivering of the said 2 children's legacies & concerning the 2 pans the which my husband gave unto Richard Tyttley by testament, the said Richard desired me to lay out £3 6s 8d for him for to redeem certain platters, nevertheless let him bring the said £3 6s 4d & he shall have as good pans as they were or be & touching the delivery of Joan Tyttley's legacy given by the testament of her said father concerning that I should have delivered her a tod of wool I bought her a gown cloth of brynell for the said tod of wool which cost me 16s which she was well pleased withal & as touching that I should deliver her 20s in money I delivered her 2 worst pans the which she was likewise pleased withal and so I discharged truly & duly all my husband's will & testament.

These being witness: William Phelps, priest, John Hoor also Tucker, Peter gery & others

Debts the which I Joan Tyttley do owe

To John Gurney the elder	4s	
To the goodwife Gurney, his wife	2s	
Joan Rogers	3s	
To John Chaplen my kinsman	2s	
To Ellen Skarborow		20d
To one Hart of Northleach	3s	

Probate: 3 February 1557

1557/165

In the name of God, Amen. The 31st March 1557 in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, both Sicily, France, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith etc, I John Dawbney the elder of Cirencester in the diocese of

Gloucester, being sick in body but, thanks be given unto Almighty God, of perfect mind & of good remembrance, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried within the church or churchyard in any place there where my friends shall appoint it. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to the parish church of Cirencester for tithes forgotten 12d. Item I give & bequeath unto Margery Dawbeney my wife the house the which I now dwell in with my two gardens & appurtenances during her widow estate keeping the reparations accordingly. Item I give & bequeath to the church in Cirencester to 3 altars there a piece of purple velvet enriched with gold to make 3 corporal cases withal. Also I will that my foresaid house & my 2 gardens & all other my lands in Cirencester after my wife's widow estate shall remain to John Dawbney my son & to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever. And for lack of such heirs of his body lawfully begotten after the death of the said John Dawbney my son I will the said house & gardens to remain to the church of St John Baptist in Cirencester for ever so that the said church & the churchwardens thereof shall be bound to keep one obit every year for ever, that is to say dirge & Mass to be said in the said church for my soul & for the soul of John Blake, late abbot of Cirencester, & for the souls of Nicholas Dawbney my father & Joan Dawbney my mother & all Christian souls and the priest saying or singing this said Mass & dirge to have yearly for his labours so doing 12d to be paid out of the rent of the same house. Also I will that the rest of the rent of the same house to the value of 5s 8d by the year be yearly bestowed at the same yearly obit upon priests & clerks praying for the souls aforesaid of the said obit and also upon poor people of the same parish at the discretion of the parson of the said church & the churchwardens of the same for the time being. And the rest of the rent of the said House, gardens & lands to remain to the foresaid church & the reparations of the said house. Item I will & bequeath to Margery Dawbney my wife all such goods that were hers before the time that I married her with all such apparel as does belong unto her body or of late did belong unto Margaret my other wife. Also I give & bequeath unto the said Margery my wife half the rest of all my goods which were mine at the hour of my death and the other half of my said goods I give & bequeath to John Dawbney my son upon this condition that the said John will be bound by obligation sufficient in the law to suffer the said Margery my wife quietly & peaceably to have, occupy & enjoy the said house, gardens & lands during her widow estate according to this my last will without any interruption or disturbance of the said John Dawbney or of any other person or persons for him or in his name, interest or behalf. And if it fortune the said Margery to be disturbed, molested or disquieted by the said John Dawbney or any other person or persons as is aforesaid, the which God forbid, or if the said John do refuse or deny to enter into any such bond to the said Margery for the performance of this my last will & testament then I will, give & bequeath the whole substance of all my goods which were mine at the hour of my death to the said Margery my wife and my said son John to have no part nor parcel thereof by this my last will & testament. Also I will, ordain & make Mr William Phelppes, parson of Cirencester, Thomas Taylor, parson of North Cerney and John Surman my executors of this my last will & testament and William Stone to be overseer of the same.

These bearing witness: John Penyngton, John Cambryge, William Webbe, Peter Gery with others

Probate: 7 May 1557

1557/166

In the name of God, Amen. The 17th August 1557 in the years of the reigns of our sovereigns Philip and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England etc the

4th & 5th, witness that I John Gorney the elder of the town of Cirencester within the diocese and county of Gloucester, innholder, being sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance and mind, do ordain and make this my testament herein containing my last will in manner and form following. That is to say first I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our blessed lady St Mary and to the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the church of Cirencester foresaid. Item I bequeath to the poor men's box 2s. Item I bequeath to St Thomas's house 2s and to St John's house 2s. Item I give and bequeath all my goods and chattels moveable & unmoveable unto Alice Gorney my wife during her natural life and at her decease she to dispose them amongst her children and mine by even portions at her discretion for the wealth of my soul & hers. Item also I give and bequeath my 3 houses lying in Cricklade Street in Cirencester aforesaid with their appurtenances, in which houses now dwell in one of them John Gorney my son, in the other William my son & in the third Richard Dicke, unto the said Alice my wife during her natural life and after my decease unto my children whom she shall think mete at her discretion. Item also I ordain and make Alice my wife my whole and sole executrix of this my testament & last will and she to see my debts & funeral expenses discharged and my body brought to the earth. Item I ordain and make John Gorney my eldest son and John Saunders to be overseers of this my last will & testament and every of them to have for their pains 6s 8d apiece. Witnesses to this my last will & testament to be my act & deed: Roger Grene, clerk, John Fowler & Edmund Haywarde with Alice

Debts which I the within said John Gorney do owe as follows

To Philip Nedle for wool	£7	18s	
To the parson of Cirencester	£5		
To John Grenewey for wood	£3	11s	
To John Fowler	£6		
To Mr Kyng for oil	£10		
For fish	£4	10s	4d
To Henry Myllward		53s	4d
Sum debts that he owes	£40	12s	8d

Debts owing to the same John Gorney as follows

John Edwards	£3	15s	
William Dauncer	£10		
John Wantene	£3	10s	
Thomas Wrayngford		40s	
John Collins for wool		20s	
Jasper Collins in money lent		13s	11d
Sum debts owing	£20	18s	11d

Probate: 14 September 1557

1557/184

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th July 1557 in the fourth & fifth of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, Spain, both Sicilys, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith, I John Toggell of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick of body but thanks be given to Almighty God of perfect mind & of good remembrance, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, unto our lady St Mary & all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I give

& bequeath to Harry Brodford all my tools pertaining to my occupation. Item I give & bequeath to the same Harry Brodford the middle most pot, the third pan, a platter, a pottinger & all my raiment & apparel as well linen as woollen, the coffer that stands by my bedside, these legacies to be dd [given] at the age of 20 years. Item I will these legacies to be dd [given] at my departing to the custody of John Surman & Philip Mariner whom I desire to be my supervisors of this my last will & testament. The rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Agnes my wife whom I make & ordain to be my full & sole executrix, to pay my debts, to bring me honestly on earth, to pay my legacies.

Witnesses: John Surman, Philip Mariner, John Stanneland, Thomas Thrustan, Thomas Faryngton with others

Memo I owe to my landlord at Michaelmas 5s

Item Adam Benytt owes me 3s

Probate: 14 September 1557

1557/245

In the name of God, Amen. The 9th February 1556 and in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, both Sicilys, France, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith etc, I Nicholas Strowde of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but thanks be given unto God of perfect mind and of good remembrance, do make and ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed St Mary & to all the blessed company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Roberts, the wife of William Roberts late deceased and being my sister-in-law, the house the which I now dwell in during her natural life conditionally that she shall not sell it nor alienate it during her life and after her decease I will & give the said house unto Robert Strowde her son, to him & to his heirs lawfully begotten for ever. Item I give & bequeath to Thomas Strowde of Cheltenham my coverlet with flowers & also my quilt. The rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath unto my sister Margaret Roberts, to pay my debts & to receive my debts & to bring me honestly on earth. And this of verity to be my last will & testament I call to witness Sir James Perliabyn, curate of Cirencester, John Fowler the elder, John Hoore als Tucker, John Webbe, Thomas Strowde, John Webbe, Peter Gery & others

Probate: 7 May 1557

1557/296

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd July 1557 in the 3rd & 4th years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, Spain, both Sicilys, Naples, Jerusalem and Ireland, defenders of the faith etc, I Richard Parker of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, shoemaker, being sick in body but thanks be given to Almighty God, of perfect mind & of good remembrance, do make and ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our lady St Mary & to the company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I give & bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester 2d. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my wife all my purchase lands during her natural life. Item after her I give them to Harry Parker my son & if Harry depart out of this world without issue of his body lawfully begotten my mind & will is that John Parker, my brother's son, shall inherit my lands & if John depart without issue of his body lawfully begotten

then my mind & will is that John, the son of Thomas Parker, shall inherit my lands & for lack of Thomas that then the children of Richard Parker shall inherit my lands. Item for the distribution to be given to the poor I commit to my wife Elizabeth & Harry Parker my son discretion. All my goods moveable & unmoveable, my funeral discharged, I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my wife & Harry my son to be divided between them both with their both consent whom I do make & ordain to be my full & whole executors with the oversight of John Trevylion & Richard Heydon which I desire to be my supervisors of this my last will & testament.
 Witness: Sir William Felps, parson, John Trevilion, Richard Heydon, William Wood with others
 Probate: 14 September 1557

1557/363

In the name of God, Amen. 1556 I Thomas Wood of the parish of St John the Baptist in Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, capper, being sick in body but perfect of remembrance, do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to his mother St Mary & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of the said parish. Item I do give & bequeath to the high altar of the said church 8d, to the maintenance of the light burning before the blessed sacrament there. Item I do give to Robert my son 12 dozen of hops & 10s of money & that to be delivered unto him by my executrix unto him at such time as he shall have discretion to use it. Item I do give to John my son 20s in money & that to be delivered by my executrix when he comes to discretion. Item I do give to Thomas my son 30s of money & that to be delivered the 4th year after the date hereof. Item I do give to Alice my daughter 10s to be paid at her marriage. Item I do give to Annis my daughter 10s to be delivered the day of her marriage. Item I do give to Joan Rydwelly, widow, 12d. The rest of my goods not bequeathed I do give & bequeath to Ellen my wife whom I make my whole & sole executrix to receive & pay my debts & I do appoint William Manne & Thomas Tayler to be my overseers of this my last will.
 Witnesses: William Manne, Thomas Taylor, Thomas Woode, William Hamlet with others

The debts owing to Thomas Woode	
First Robert Thacher of South Cerney	37s
Alan Burges of Cirencester	26s 8d
John Davys, shoemaker	20s
Walter Aston of Coates	10s
Thomas Forworde of Chedworth, mason	10s
Humphrey Haywode of Barnwood	13s 4d
Thomas Baugh of Kings Stanley	20s
John Peyt of Owdeswell	13s 4d
I do owe to Sir Nicholas Wylliam of Arley	4 marks
To Harry Tayler	11s 4d
Probate: 14 May 1557	

1557/370

The last will & testament of Thomas Blanforde of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, made the 6th September 1557 and in the 4th & 5th years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, Spain, both Sicilys, Naples, Jerusalem and Ireland, defenders of the faith, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Milan, Burgundy & Brabant, Counts of Hapsburg, Flanders & Tyrol.

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Blanforde of the parish of St John the Baptist in Cirencester within the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I do bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to his mother our Blessed Lady & to all the company of heaven and my body to be buried within the churchyard of the said parish of St John the Baptist. Item I do give & bequeath to Alice my daughter my fallow cow, my grey mare & 12 bushels of wheat and I will my said daughter to have & enjoy the yoke of oxen which my father did give unto her and I will all these things to be delivered to my said daughter at such time as my said wife shall marry again. All the rest of my goods not bequeathed I do give & bequeath to Elizabeth Blanforde my wife whom I do make my whole & sole executrix. And I will the said Elizabeth to levy & gather up all such debts which are owing to me the day of my death & to pay & discharge all my legacies & debts which I do owe the day of my death & to see me honestly brought on earth & to pay my funerals & all duties due to be paid to the church, the priest, the clerks & to all other officers of the church for the same. And I do appoint John Brymmyll & Henry Wellys to be my supervisors & to have the oversight to see this my last will performed accordingly and I do give to every of them for their painstaking therein a bushel of wheat.

These bearing witness: Sir William Phelps, parson there, John Brymmell, Henry Wellys, Thomas Farryngton and Edward Ingley with others

Probate: 14 September 1557

The inventory of all the goods & chattels belonging to Thomas Blanforde of Cirencester, husbandman, made & praised the 9th September by John Chaplayne & Robert Wrenne 1557 & in the 4th & 5th years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, Spain, both Sicily, Naples, Jerusalem and Ireland, defenders of the faith etc

The hall

1 table board, 2 forms & a bench	12d
A chair, 2 shelves, 3 stobbynys & 2 pails	8d
2 little brass pots, a cauldron & a skillet	5s
3 platters, 5 pottingers, 4 saucers & 2 salt cellars	3s
A brandiron, 1 pair pothooks, hangings for the pots & a skimmer	8d

The chamber

4 coffers	2s
2 little candlesticks	4d
A sword	10d

His apparel

A frying pan, 2 broaches & 2 pair of andirons	2s
5 pair of canvas sheets, 2 meat cloths & 1 towel	7s
A bed & a bedstead	2s

2 turns	8d
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4 old tubs	8d
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A beating hurdle	1d
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An iron-bound wain	10s
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Wood	2s	6d
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Wheat, barley & oats	£6
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A cow & a calf	20s
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2 horses	10s
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Hay	5s
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4 geese	16d
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7 ducks	14d
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4 store pigs	8s
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A cock & 2 hens	8d
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4 chains of iron	2s
2 coulter & a share	20d
2 eythes*	14d
3 yokes	6d
A house lock & fetters	8d
Sum total	£10 16s 7d

* *eythe* = *harrow*

1558/35

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th April 1557 and in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England etc, I Alice George of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester & within the same diocese, widow, do make & ordain this my last will & testament being then in good & perfect mind & remembrance in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, our blessed lady his mother St Mary & to all the holy company of saints in heaven & my body to lie in St Katherine's chapel within the parish church of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid hard near the body of John George my late husband there. Item I give & bequeath unto the mother church of Gloucester 20d. Item I bequeath to the body of the parish church in Cirencester 6s 8d. Item I give to the bodies of the churches towards the reparations of them as follows viz to the church of Ampney Crucis, Ampney Peter and Baunton 2s apiece. Item I give to every poor man in St John's house, St Thomas's house & to the Fridays folk 2d apiece. Item I give & bequeath £4 in money to be given among poor people in the day of my burying before noon of the same day. Item I give & bequeath to Christopher George my eldest son a goblet of silver, an ale cup of silver, the biggest of the three silver ale cups, 6 silver spoons with acorn heads, a posnet & all the timber, stones & windows, boards, rafters lying & being in the stables & store houses which his father prepared for him & some of the slate stones that were upon the old house which his father bought of Roger Saunders in the Abbey & all the timber & stone of the same house now standing except the timber in the church hey & the timber for a pentice* appointed by my late husband. Also I give to the same Christopher four tods of wool lying now in the wool house, his father's best gold ring with a stone & his seal of arms. Also I give to my son Christopher the lease & term of years yet to come of my tithes in Baunton & Cirencester which I have of the parson of Cirencester & a garnish of vessels in the buttery. Item I give & bequeath to my son Giles George my second son a cup of silver all gilt with a cover severed in pieces, a dozen of spoons with maiden heads, a goblet of silver partial gilt & pounsed. Also I give to the same Giles the bed in the middle chamber complete as he is now standing with the bedstead, tester & curtains & all other necessities thereto belonging. Also I give to the same Giles a garnish of vessel, 2 brass pots of the biggest sort, 2 wort pans of the biggest sort, 2 posnets of the biggest sort, 2 pair of sheets of the best, one dozen of table napkins of the largest, 2 table cloths of holland, 2 towels of holland & 2 of my kine. Item I give & bequeath to John George my youngest son all my goods & wares in the shops on both the sides as well the wares without as within. Also I give to the same John the whole hall & the parlour in such sort as it is now in, the chamber I lie incomplete as it is with bed, coffer & cupboard except the goods in the same cupboard & coffer. Also I give to the same John George my youngest son one of the beds in the hither chamber complete, also the bed complete in the new chamber with the bedstead & curtains & the hangings of the chamber as well the outer as the inner, the other three of my kine with a breeding calf, my horse with bridles & saddles as they be and all my pewter & kitchen stuff that is unbequeathed. Item I give to my daughter Anne George, the wife of my son Christopher George, my best frock of black camlet, guarded with velvet & a gold ring

graven with St Anthony's cross, some time my late husband's mother's. Item I give & bequeath to my four own daughters all my wearing apparel, they to choose orderly, the eldest first, the second next & so forth. Also I give to every of my own daughters a ring of gold of my own wearing rings, them to choose orderly as aforesaid. Item I give my sister Gye my cloth cassock of medley friezed with black coney. Item I give & bequeath to my said three sons all their father's apparel which does remain not given by my said late husband, the eldest to choose first, the second next & so forth orderly and that as they will not wear to bestow upon such honest poor men as shall seem best by their discretion. Item I give & bequeath to Sir Henry Jones 40s in money besides 20s I owe him. Item I bequeath to Alice Restell my goddaughter my worsted frock guarded with velvet & 6s 8d in money. Item I give to Thomas Powell & Margaret Messenger 3s 4d apiece. Item I give to Rhys Daye my husband's servant 20s in money. Item I give to all my household servants 16d apiece. Item I give & bequeath to Anne Ryse 3s 4d (*torn*) my workaday petticoat. All the rest of my goods & chattels not given nor bequeathed after (*torn*) paid, my legacies performed & my funeral discharged, I give & bequeath to Christopher (*torn*) Giles George & John George my three sons whom I make jointly my executors (*torn*) & lovingly agree together & the overseers of this my last will I ordain & make (*torn*) my sons-in-law for whose pains I give 6s 8d apiece.

Probate: 26 April 1558

**pentice or penthouse=a shed with a sloping roof*

1558/57

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd February 1556 in the third & fourth years of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, both Sicily, France, Jerusalem and Ireland, defenders of the faith etc I Christian Testwood of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being of perfect [mind] & memory but somewhat diseased in body, do ordain & make my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God, unto our lady St Mary & all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist aforesaid. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of Cirencester 20d. Item I give & bequeath to Alice Hayle, the daughter of Joan Hayle, widow, my furnish of brass, my malt quern, a diaper board cloth & a board cloth of lockram, three pair of sheets, 2 pair of silver hooks, a ribbon of purple silk with silver aglets gilt, one gold ring & a silver ring & also the 2 other silver rings to Robert Hayle her brother. Item I give & bequeath to the foresaid Alice Hale six platters, 3 pottingers, 3 saucers, 2 candlesticks, a chafing dish of latten, a feather bed, a bolster, my best coverlet, my carpet, a chest at her mother's, a coffer, a little table board with leaves, six good kerchiefs, 2 leafed aprons, a cauldron of a gallon, a posnet & a judd. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Hayle, the son of Joan Hayle, widow, a flock bed, a bolster of feathers, three pair of sheets, a cauldron of two gallons, a posnet, a table cloth of lockram, a towel of lockram, six platters, 3 pottingers, 3 saucers, a candlestick of latten & a coffer. Item I give & bequeath to Christian Scryven my goddaughter 12d. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid, my funeral done, I give & bequeath to Joan Hayle, widow, whom I make my sole executrix to dispose it as she shall see good for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls at the oversight of John Surman & John Brymyll whom I desire to be supervisors of this my last will & testament & I give to every of them 12d to see this my will & testament performed.

Witnesses: Sir William Phelps, parson, Thomas Swynderhurst, John Chapperlyn, John Long, Robert Jonys, John Watson, Thomas Faryngton with others

Probate: 1 May 1558

1558/212

In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd August 1558 I John Humerstone of the parish of Cirencester in the city of Gloucester, smith, being sick in body but whole and perfect of mind, make my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, to our lady St Mary & the blessed heavenly company, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to the high altar 6d and to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to my brother Humerstone my house beneath William Mabye, to him and to his heirs for ever after the decease of my wife. And also I give to the aforesaid Richard my brother my best jerkin, my black coat, a leather doublet jerkin-wise, a pair of hose, a pair of shoes, a good shirt, a cap & a night cap. Item I give & bequeath to my cousin Katherine Humerstone, the daughter of my brother Walter Humerstone, my house & the 2 shops that I dwell in, to her & her heirs forever after the decease of my wife. And if the said Katherine die without heirs that then I give & bequeath the aforesaid house with the 2 shops to the maintaining of a free school in Cirencester aforesaid forever & to pray for me, my kin & for all Christians souls. And furthermore when the masters of the parish have fully obtained a schoolmaster there teaching I give to helping thereunto 3s 4d then to be delivered and paid. Item I give & bequeath to my sister Annis 20s. Item I give & bequeath to John Peters my son-in-law my great anvil, my bellows & all my tools in my shop after the decease of my wife. Item I give & bequeath to John Loveday my servant my last anvil. Item I bequeath to Nicholas, my covenant servant, 18s to be delivered & paid within the year after my decease. Item I bequeath to every of my godchildren 4d. The residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged I give & bequeath to Joan my wife whom I do make my sole executrix to dispose it as she thinks good for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls with the oversight of my well beloved William Seman and Richard Heydon.

Witnesses to this my last will & testament: Thomas Marchall, priest, Harry Hopkyns, John Benet with others

Debts that I do owe		
To Thomas Marchall, priest		20s
Mr Baylye for task horses		40s
Richard Hamlet of Preston		8s
Walter Aston of Coates		13s 4d
Debts due unto me		
Mr Baylye for hackney horses		26s
Mr Marchall of Poulton	£4	17s
John Halle of Stretton		13s
Robert Wrene the carrier		16s
The rest in stores		
Probate: 20 February 1558		

1558/222

In the name of God, Amen. The 5th August 1558 I John Saunders of Cirencester in the county & diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but whole & perfect of mind & memory, do make & ordain this my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the elect company of heaven, trusting by the death & passion of our lord & saviour Jesus Christ there to be associate with them and my body to be buried in Trinity chapel within the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give to the body of the church aforesaid 5s. Item I give unto Edith my wife all my free land during her life & after her decease I give to my eldest

son John Saunders the house which William Frenche dwells in with the appurtenances in Cirencester aforesaid & to his heirs for ever. Item to my son William Saunders my house which William Manby dwells in with the appurtenances, to him & to his heirs for ever. Item I give to Elizabeth my daughter my house with the garden which John Hyll the younger now dwells in, to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give to Edith my daughter my house which Oldame dwells in & to her heirs for ever, all these my children to enjoy my said land, to them & to their heirs for ever after the decease of my said wife & not before. Item I give to my said son John Saunders one iron-bound cart, five horses with harness for them and all other furniture for the same, one cow & 20 sheep. Item I give to William my son 80 sheep & one cow. Item I give to my son-in-law Lewis Davys 20 sheep, one cow & my black gelding & one calf. Item I give to every one of my other children 20 sheep & one cow. And if any of my said children do happen to die & depart this present life before that he or her be of lawful age that then I will that his or her part so deceased be equally divided among the rest being living & that to be done by the discretion of my executrix & overseers. The residue of my goods not bequeathed neither given I fully bequeath & give them to Edith my wife whom I do make my full & sole executrix to see my funerals discharged, that is to say, 40 dozen of bread to be given to the poor at my burying, as much at my month's end & as much at the 12 months end with all other charges mete & convenient for the same & to see my debts paid & to dispose the rest to the pleasure of God & for her wealth & my children's at her discretion. And I do make & ordain my well-beloved in Christ Thomas Marshall the younger, gentleman, John Rogers & Thomas Webb to be my overseers of this my last will & testament & i give every of them for his labours 6s 8d.

Witnesses: John Adams, Giles Selman with others

Probate: 7 October 1558

1558/250

In the name of God, Amen. In 1556 in the third & fourth years of the reigns of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain etc I James Achettell als Sadeler of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being in good health & of perfect mind & memory, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the blessed company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid near unto my children. I give & bequeath to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Achettell my son one flock bed, a pair of sheets & a coverlet. Item I give & bequeath to James Benett, the son of John Benett, one of my best silver spoons that I have. Item I give & bequeath to Anne Benett, the wife of John Benett, my green gown. The rest of all my goods not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Julian my wife whom I do ordain & make my full & sole executrix to dispose for my soul & all Christian souls as she shall think most mete & convenient with the oversight of Mr Robert Strannge, bailiff of Cirencester, & John Surman whom I do desire to be my supervisors of this my last will & testament. These being witnesses: Sir William Phelppes, parson, Mr Bailiff, John Surman, Peter Gerie & others. Made 11th February.

1558/256

In the name of God, Amen. The 17th February 1558 I John Brodforde of the parish of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, shoemaker, being sick in body but whole and perfect of mind, make my last [will] and testament in manner and form following.

First I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, to our lady St Mary and to the blessed heavenly company, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester aforesaid and I bequeath to the high altar of Cirencester 12d. Item I give and bequeath to Margaret Brodford, widow, my mother, dwelling in Lamport in Somersetshire £13 6s 8d. Item I give and bequeath to John Chaperley and William Stacye of the same parish aforesaid 20s to carry and deliver unto my mother the before said 20 marks of good and lawful money of England and if my mother be deceased and departed out of this present world then I give and bequeath to my natural sister £5 and 5 marks I give and bequeath to my sister's children. And if my sister be dead and departed this world also that then I give and bequeath the afore sum of £5 with the sum of 5 marks to my sister's children, the next of my kin as aforesaid at the discretion and distribution of the aforesaid John Chaperley and William Stacye my overseers and the rest of the whole sum above written which is 5 pounds to bring again and deliver to Joan my wife and in so doing for their pains I give and bequeath to them 10s. Item I give and bequeath to William Adams my apprentice 20s and honest apparel that is for the holidays and work days at the discretion of the overseers. Item I give and bequeath to the father of my apprentice aforesaid a coat, a doublet and a pair of hose not of the worst. Item I give and bequeath to Joan my servant 20s. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my servant 20s. Item I give to Giles Illts, the son of William Ills of Drifffield 10s and to every of my godchildren 12d every one of them. Item I give and bequeath to Joan Smythe my servant 10s. Item I give and bequeath to my ghostly father Sir Thomas Marchall 2s and to John Lynley, clerk, 12d. Item I give and bequeath to every priest that comes to my burying and namely Bawden the clerk 12d every of them. Item I give and bequeath to be delivered to the poor people in bread 30s at both times. And also to I will that my overseers shall have for pains therein taken 3s 4d. The residue of my goods moveable and unmoveable not yet bequeathed, my legacies and funerals discharged, I give and bequeath to Joan my wife whom I constitute and make my sole executrix of this my testament and last will. Witness to this: Sir Thomas Marchall, my ghostly father, John Lynley, John Chaperley, William Stacye with others
 Probate: 7 May 1558

1558/334

The last will & testament of Robert Ibull of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, clothman, made the 12th May 1558 in the 4th & 5th years of the reign of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, France, both Sicilys, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Milan, Burgundy & Brabant, Counts of Hapsburg, Flanders & Tyrol etc.

In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Ibull of the parish of St John the Baptist in Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, clothman, being sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance, thanks be given unto Almighty God, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my maker & redeemer, to his mother Our Blessed Lady & to be associate with the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of St John Baptist aforesaid. Item I do give to Elizabeth Dooner my sister dwelling in Cricklade £6 13s 4d which £6 13s 4d I will shall be paid at my month's mind. Item I do give to the poor people of Cirencester aforesaid 40s in money & that to be distributed by the discretion of John Rogers, John Brynmyll, Roger Farre & John Chawndeler. The rest of all my goods not bequeathed, my debts & legacies paid, I do give & bequeath to Laura my wife whom I do make & ordain to be my whole & sole executrix, she to do for my soul's health & heart as God shall put in her mind to do. And I do ordain & appoint John Rogers & John Brynmyll to be my overseers of this my last will & testament.

These persons bearing witness: John Rogers, John Brynmyll, Roger Farre, John Chaundeler

Debts which I Robert Ibull did owe the day of my death	
To Christopher Porter my tucker	34s 8d
For sealing of 12 clothes	4s
For wood	29s
To J Baker the carrier	15s

Debts being owed to me Robert Ibull the day of my death
Mr Kyteley, citizen & merchant of London do owe me £60
Probate: 13 February 1558

1558/367

In the name of God, Amen. The 31st August 1558 I Roger Saunders of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, innholder, being sick of body but thanks be given unto Almighty God of good & perfect remembrance, do ordain & make my testament & last will in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our lady St Mary & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to the mother church 4d and to the high altar of Cirencester 6d. Item I give & bequeath to Ralph Saunders my son the years that I have by a lease of the Hart's Head and also I desire the masters of the parish that William Seman there now dwelling may enjoy & dwell after the years, so permitting him I give to the church the last quarter rent. Item I give & bequeath to George my son-in-law & his wife 2 store pigs. Item I give & bequeath to William Manby & Joan his wife a gilt or a sow, the choice of three. Item I give & bequeath to Mary Tryngam a platter, a pottinger & a saucer & I give to Joan her sister a platter, a pottinger & a saucer. Item I give to Russell a flock bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets & a coverlet with a bedstead, a platter, a pottinger & a saucer. Item I give to Margery my servant a platter & to Margaret Bemyll a platter. Item I give to Joan that keeps my other house in St Lawrence Street a brass pot & a platter. Item I give to Sir Thomas Marchall my ghostly father 3s 4d and also to Thomas Tucker the clerk 3s 4d & a gown. Item I bequeath to William Manby the use of my house in Castle Street of 20s by the year till the money be paid that I owe him. The rest of all my goods, leases of grounds whatsoever they be with all other moveable & unmoveable, my debts, legacies & funeral discharged I give & bequeath to Edith Saunders my wife whom I make my whole & sole executrix to distribute & give to my children at her discretion as my trust is in her & for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls with oversight of my well beloved John a Penyngton, George Pynocke & William Seman whom I desire to be the supervisors of this my last will & testament to be performed & for their painstaking 3s 4d every of them.

Witness to this my last will & testament: Master Prior, Sir Thomas Marchall, William Seman, Thomas Faryngton with others

Debts that I do owe	
To Thomas Edmunds	£3
To John Brynnyll	20s
To the woodward of Oakley (<i>no amount given</i>)	
Debts due to me	
Thomas Webb	5s
John Fylpate for hay	29s 8d
Thomas Arnol of Stratton	7s
Maurice Baker for hay	3s 4d

Probate: 7 October 1558

1558/423

In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd August 1558 I Thomas Turner of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, weaver, being sick of body but whole of mind & memory, thanks be given to God Almighty, do ordain & make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ his only son & redeemer & to the Holy Ghost the comforter & to all the blessed company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to the behalf of my parish church in Cirencester 12d. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Turner my son a broad loom, a pair of shuttles, 2 set of shafts & all other things that I have belonging to the same. Also I give & bequeath to the said Richard a bed that I bought of Walter Wylkyns, a coverlet of white, the second in the house & a blanket. Item the cupboard that I made myself, 2 brass pots, one which was my father-in-law's, the other which I changed at the fair, a little kettle, a table board, a pair of trestles which be at William Wynston's. Item I give & bequeath to Julian Turner my daughter the third bed, a blanket & a coverlet, a platter that I had of Mason, 2 pottingers of the best, an old black brass pot & I will that these legacies shall be dd[iven] to the man child at the age of 21 years & the woman child at the day of her marriage & if it please God to call either of them before their time appointed then I will the portion to remain to the other & it please God to call them both before their time appointed then I give their legacies to Margery my wife. Item I give & bequeath to Lewis Apowell of Painswick 6s 8d & my buckskin doublet. Item I give & bequeath to Edward Clarcke my brother-in-law my forest bill & my best cap. Item I give & bequeath to William Poyner my black coat & a pair of hose. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Jonys a bushel malt. Item to Walter Long my bow, 4 arrows, my shooting glove & my bracer. The rest of all my goods moveable & unmoveable, my legacies & funerals discharged, I give & bequeath to Margery Turner my wife whom I do make my sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls with the oversight of my father-in-law Arthur Clarke, Edward Clarke, my brother-in-law, & Lewis Apowell of Painswick. Also I will & desire these men before rehearsed that if my wife shall happen to marry that then they to take my children's legacies into their hands for the behalf of my children or else to take a bond of him that shall marry with her to perform it according to my bequest.

These being witnesses: the names before rehearsed & William Poyner, Robert Jonys & Thomas Faryngton with others

Debts due to me

Robert Bowley owes me 41s 6d & I have certain gages* for the whole & his promise is to have none of his gages till the last part of the payment be paid & then I give & allow him with his gages 3s 4d.

Item Humphrey Hatchett for bread & ale

6d

John Wyllys

6d

Probate: 20 February 1558

*gage=*pledge*

1558/522

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th March 1558 I William Davys of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, weaver, being sick of body but, thanks be given to Almighty God, of good & perfect remembrance do ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, unto our 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 & bequeath to the

mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item to the high altar of Cirencester 4d. Item I bequeath unto my mother 3s 4d. Item I bequeath unto Alice Browne, my wife's kinswoman, part of household unto my wife's discretion as she shall think most mete for her. The rest of all my goods I give & bequeath to Gillian my wife whom I do make my sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls with the oversight of my lovers & friends John Ryther, Robert Jonys.

Witness to this my last will & testament: William Phelps, parson, John Ryther, Robert Jonys, John Mownford the elder with others

Probate: 1 May 1558

1558/562

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th November 1557 & in the years of the reign of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King (*torn*) of England, Spain, both Sicily, France, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith (*torn*) & fifth, I William Phelps, parson of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, being whole (*torn*) make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First (*torn*) soul to Almighty God the father, to his only son Jesus Christ my only (*torn*) & to their Holy Spirit, to the most holy Virgin Mary, mother of our (*torn*) & to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the (*torn*) before the middle of the high altar. Item I give to the (*torn*) of Gloucester 4d. Item I give to the high altar of Cirencester 3s 4d, the church wardens of Cirencester to have the same in custody to buy an altar cloth. Item I give to the poor people £4, 40s to be distributed to them at the day of my burial & the first 6 months after my burial 3s 4d a month & the other 20s to [be] given to the poor at the day of my anniversary. Item I give by the space of one whole year after my burial to the poor people every week 4d. Item I give & bequeath to an honest priest every week by the space of one year after my burial 4d to say upon the Thursday a dirge of 9 lessons & the Friday after a Mass of the Five Wounds of our saviour Jesus Christ. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Hale £4 in money, a feather bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets & a coverlet & also a hoop of gold that was my father's but my sister shall have the keeping of the ring till he be married. Item I give & bequeath to Alice Hale £4 in money, a feather bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets & a coverlet. Item I give to my sister Joan Hale the rest of the years of my house that shall remain after my departing & to her assigns. Item I give my sister Joan Hale my best cupboard, my best gown, my folding spoon of silver & gilt upon this condition that she shall give Alice Hale, her daughter, one of her silver spoons with 4 more spoons of silver and the broken silver knit in a cloth to make another silver spoon. Item I give to my sister Joan Hale, her assigns & executor, an obligation that John Powntney of Coates is bound to pay me £8, to order & use the same obligation as she shall think most best. Item I give & bequeath to Joan Mawnde my aunt 6s 8d in money & one of my gowns to make her a kirtle. Item I give to every of my godchildren 6d. item I give to the poor people of St John's house 12d & to them of St Thomas's house 8d, to the sisters of St Lawrence 4d. The residue of goods not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Joan Hale my sister whom I do make my sole executrix to dispose it for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls with the oversight of my well beloved John Surman, John Brymmyll whom I desire to be supervisors of this my last will & testament to be performed accordingly & to have for their painstaking 3s 4d.

Witness to this my last will & testament: Sir Gerard Grenow, parson of Sapperton, John Brymmyll, John Wryte, Thomas Tucker with others

1558/578

The last will & testament of William Manne of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, butcher, made the 4th July 1557 and in the third & fourth years of the reign of our sovereign lord and lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, Spain, both Sicily, Naples, Jerusalem & Ireland, defenders of the faith, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Milan, Burgundy & Brabant, Counts of Hapsburg, Flanders & Tyrol etc.

In the name of God, Amen. I William Manne of the parish of St John the Baptist of Cirencester within the county of Gloucester, butcher, being whole in body & of good & perfect remembrance, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God to be associate with the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid afore Our Lady's chapel door. Item I do give to Nicholas Manne my eldest son & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten my (*torn*) shop in the Butcher Row in Cirencester, lying & being next to a shop belonging to Thomas Whytynge on the east part & of my middle shop lying in the Butcher Row in Cirencester aforesaid on the west part. And for lack of such issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my son Richard Manne & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my son Thomas Manne & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my son Edmund Manne the younger & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my next heir being male or female & to their heirs for ever. Item I do give to my son Richard Manne & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten my middle shop lying in the Butcher Row in Cirencester aforesaid and for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my son Thomas Manne & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my son Edmund Manne the younger & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my next heir being male or female & to their heirs for ever. Item I do give to Thomas Manne my son & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten my shop lying in the Butcher Row in Cirencester aforesaid next to the church & lying on the east part of my middle shop which I have given to my son Richard Manne & on the west part of a shop belonging to my Lady West, one of the daughters & heirs of Sir Robert Morton, knight. And for lack of heir male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to Edmund Manne the younger & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of issue male of his body lawfully begotten then I will the said shop to remain to my next heir & to his or their heirs for ever. Item I give to my son Edmund Manne the younger & to his heirs my house or tenement lying in Cirencester in Chipping Street which Thomas Heynes dwells in, which tenement lies on the east part of a tenement belonging to Christopher Osmonde, gentleman, which Christopher George, gentleman, dwells in & on the west part of a tenement belonging to the Trinity chapel in the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I do give to Richard Manne my son & to his heirs my house or tenement lying in Cirencester in Cricklade Street with all & singular his appurtenances, which tenement lies on the south part of a tenement belonging to Thomas Taylor, clerk, & on the north part of a garden ground belonging to me, the said William Manne. Item I do give to Edmund Manne my youngest son and to his heirs my garden ground lying in Cirencester in Cricklade Street which said garden ground lies on the south part of my tenement there lying which I have given to Richard Manne my son & on the north part of a tenement belonging to the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid which William Webbe now dwells in, all which said houses, shops, garden grounds with their appurtenances I do give & bequeath to Joan my wife during her natural life & I will that they be delivered to my said sons

after the death of my said wife according to this my last will & testament. Item I do give to Nicholas Manne my eldest son my best gown. Item I do give to my son Richard Manne my second gown. Item I do give to Edmund Manne the elder my fourth gown. Item I do give to Edmund Manne the younger my best coat. Item I do give to my daughter Joan Webbe 6s 8d. Item I do give to my daughter Elizabeth Stacy 6s 8d. Item I do give to my youngest daughter Margaret Fyssher 6s 8d & four pounds of money which money I will that Richard Manne shall pay to my said daughter Margaret for the house in Cricklade Street. Item I do give to my kinsman Thomas Butler 2s. All the rest of my goods not bequeathed I do give & bequeath to Joan my wife whom I do make my whole & sole executrix & I will the same Joan to levy & gather up all of my debts which are owing to me the day of my death & to pay or discharge all such debts which I do owe the day of my death. And I do appoint Christopher George, gentleman, & John Surman to be my overseers for the performance of this my last will & testament, to every of them 6s 8d for their painstaking herein.

These persons bearing witness: by me William Phelps, parson there, by me Thomas Taylor

Probate: 1 May 1558

1559/279

The last will & testament of Thomas Tayler of the parish of St John Baptist in Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, yeoman, made the 25th May 1556 and in the third & fourth years of Philip and Mary, by the grace of God of England, France, & Ireland, Spain, both Sicilys, Naples, Jerusalem, King and Queen defenders of the faith etc.

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Tayler of the parish of St John the Baptist in Cirencester, being whole both of mind & body, thanks be given unto God, & of good & perfect remembrance, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to his mother Our Blessed Lady & to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of St John aforesaid. Item I do give to the cathedral church of Gloucester 4d. Item to the high altar of the said parish church of Cirencester 12d. Item I do give to John my son 2 milk kine, 2 weaning calves & twenty sheep with a goblet of silver, one featherbed, 1 flock bed, 2 pair of sheets, 2 coverlets, 3 bolsters, 2 of feather, 1 of flock, one standing bedstead, one folding table, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, 2 saucers, one present pottle pot, one ale quart pot of tin, 1 wine quart pot of tin, 1 wine pint pot of tin, 1 ale pint pot of tin, my best chaffing dish with the foot for him, my great brass pot, one wort pan with a great kettle. Item a posnet, a couple of candlesticks, one broach, a pair of andirons & a horse beast. Item I do give to Barbara my daughter 2 milk kine, 2 yearling heifers, 12 sheep, one horse beast with a silver piece, one featherbed, one flock bed, 2 pair of sheets, 2 coverlets, 3 bolsters, 2 of feather, 1 of flock, 1 standing bedstead, 1 folding table board, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, 2 saucers, one ale quart pot of tin, one ale pint pot of tin, 1 brass pot, 1 wort pan, a kettle, a couple of candlesticks, 1 broach & 1 andiron. Item I do give to Robert my son one milk cow, 1 yearling calf, 2 sheep, one horse beast, 1 flock bed with the appurtenances, 1 platter, 1 pottinger, 1 saucer, one broach & timber to make a loom. All the rest of my goods not bequeathed I do give to Margaret my wife whom I do make my whole & sole executrix and I do make my said wife and John my son to be my assigns of my grounds at Siddington & I will to enjoy them one after another & I will Margaret my said wife to levy & gather up all my debts to her own use & to pay all such debts as I do owe the day of my death.

Witness hereunto: Sir Thomas Marchall, priest, John Lynley, clerk, with others

Probate: 29 April 1559

