

SODBURY AREA WILLS 1551 – 1560

1551/59

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th December 1551 and in the 5th year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in the church of England and Ireland next under God the supreme head, I John Coke of the parish of Yate, husbandman, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and before all things I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Also I give and bequeath to my son Thomas a crock, a broach & a cow. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret a calf. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Ede a calf. Also I give and bequeath to my son Sander a calf. Also I give and bequeath to my son Walter a starred bullock, an axe, a handsaw and 2 of my best borers. The rest of all my goods, my debts and legacies paid, I give and bequeath them to Annis my wife and Margaret my daughter whom I make my full executrixes.

Witness to the same: John Ryché, Robert Walker and Ambrose Denire with others

1551/67

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th December 1551 and in the 5th year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in the earth next under God the supreme head of the church of England and Ireland, I John Belsar of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester and diocese of the same, whole of mind and perfect remembrance but sick in my body, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and before all things I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the church of Yate. Also I give and bequeath to Helen my daughter the flock bed that I lie in with all apparel of the same and a cow. Also I give and bequeath to my godson John Belsar 2 kine. Also I give and bequeath to Thomas Belsar a great broach and coffer to remain always as implements of the house. Also I give and bequeath to Helen, the daughter of my son Thomas, one yearling and to the youngest daughter of my son William one yearling and to the eldest daughter of my son Leonard one yearling. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Helen half my pewter with the board, trestles and form in the hall. Also I give and bequeath to my servant Margaret one cow and a heifer of 3 years old, a platter, a saucer, a candlestick and a lockram sheet.

152/107

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th year of the reign of Edward VI. I Robert Spenser of Tormarton in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, make my testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in the churchyard Northleach. Also I give & bequeath to John my son's child & Elizabeth my daughter's child, either of them, a sheep. All the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath unto Joan my wife & John my son whom I make my executors. Item I bequeath to Richard Grene of Sherborne a sheep.

Witness hereto: John Lawrence, clerk, William Fyfelde, Richard Eyre

I will that my wife have my best bed

Probate: 31 October 1552

1552/120

In the name of God, Amen. 1552 I Thomas Hyll of Littleton within the parish of Tormarton in the diocese of Worcester, husbandman, sick in body & perfect of

remembrance, make my last will & testament as after follows. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Littleton foresaid. Item I bequeath to the poverty of Tormarton 8d. The rest of all & singular my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Margaret my wife & Alice my daughter who I make my whole executors equally to be divided between them by the discretion of John Frye my father-in-law & John Rede my neighbour & my said executors to pay my debts & receive my debts & to do for my soul as they think best. Also I will & appoint Edward Frye my brother-in-law to have the oversight & custody of Alice my child & her part of the goods as my trust is in him until the child be of a lawful age at the discretion of John Frye my father-in-law & my brother-in-law Edward Frye & if it chance my daughter Alice to die before she comes to discretion before the time appointed that then her part of the said goods to remain to Edward Frye my brother-in-law or his assigns without let or interruption.

Witness: John Fry, John Rede & Richard Coke with others

1552/156

In the name of God, Amen. 1552 I William Hankoc of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Worcester, husbandman, sick in body & perfect of remembrance, make my last will & testament as after follows. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in the church of Mangotsfield. Item I bequeath to the church of Mangotsfield 6s & to the poor people of Mangotsfield 20 dozen of bread & 6 cheeses of 12d apiece Item I give to the poor people of Yate 20d. Item I give to the poor people of Sodbury Market 20d & to every of my godchildren 4d. Item I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one cow & to her son William a yearling. Item I bequeath to my daughter Ellen 6s 8d & to her son John Glover 6s 8d & 20s of debts remaining in the hands of Walter Davy & after the death of the said Walter then the said money to be paid unto the said John Glover. Item I bequeath to my daughter Katherine a heifer of 2 years & the vantage & to her 3 sons Thomas, Edward & Walter 3s 4d apiece. Item I bequeath to my daughter Maud a black mare, a cow, a posnet, a chaffing dish & 2 pottingers. Item I bequeath to John Parkar the worst of my wains & timber to make a new pair of wheels & a wain body & the bond of the old wheels after the decease of my wife. Item I bequeath to my son John 4 oxen & my best wain & if my said son John do die the said legacy to remain to his son Maurice & my wife to have the use of the said 4 oxen & wain during her life. The rest of all & singular my goods I give & bequeath to Alice my wife whom I make my whole executrix both to pay my debts & receive my debts & to do for my soul as she thinks best. Item I will William Dyar, William Tramplyn & John Permon to be my overseers that this my last will be performed & to have for their pains 6s 8d apiece.

Witness: Richard Stevyns, Thomas West & John Tomas, curate of Mangotsfield with others

Debts owing to me the said William Hankoc

William Potter	26s
Peter Arnoll of Oldbury	40s
Sander Leuse of Westerleigh	£5
Sum	£8 6s

1553/41

In the name of God, Amen. I John Ocforde of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, clerk, being sick in body but thanks be given unto God of perfect mind & memory, do thus make my last will & testament as follows. The 30th April 1553 and in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth supreme head

of the church of England & Ireland. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker, through the precious blood of Christ my sole saviour and redeemer & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I give all my goods unto John Ocford my kinsman whom I make my sole executor & he to see my burial & debts discharged.

Witnesses: John Bankes, curate, John Collins

1553/59

In the name of God, Amen. I Nicholas Browne of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but thanks be to God of perfect mind and memory, do thus make my last will & testament as follows. The 27th July 1553 and in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lady Mary, of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith and of the church of England & Ireland supreme head in earth. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker through the precious blood of Christ my sole saviour and redeemer. Item I give unto my son John my greatest pot of brass. Item I give to William my son my broad loom. Item I give to Annis my daughter one cow, one heifer, 2 sheep, 20s in money. Item I give to Eleanor my daughter one cow, one heifer, 2 sheep, 20s in money. Item I give to Jane & Joan, the daughters of Edward my son 2 sheep. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed, my burial, debts & legacies discharged, I give unto Denise my wife whom I make my sole executrix. Overseers to see this my last will & testament truly to be performed I constitute & ordain Master Simon Burnell, Edward Browne, my son.

Witnesses: John Bankes, curate, John Collyns, Edward Hawkes

1553/76

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th February 1552 and in the 6th year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland King, defender of the faith and in earth next under Christ of the church of England & of Ireland supreme head, I Simon Nele of the parish of Yate in the diocese of Gloucester, tanner, sick in body but of mind & remembrance I thank God both perfect & whole, do make my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I commend my soul unto my redeemer Jesus Christ, by whose most blessed passion & death my only faith & assured trust is in this life to have grace & pardon of my sins at the hands of our heavenly & most merciful Father, & after I have ended this my pilgrimage everlastingly to dwell with him in his glorious kingdom. My body I commend unto the earth there to be buried in Christian burial with the bodies of other faithful people. Item I give & bequeath unto my brother John Nele the making of his ditch & quick setting of it & all such duties betwixt me & William Corbett & 5 bushels of malt. Item I give to John Acas my brother-in-law my broad loom with the apparel, my horse, all my cheeses in his house, all my hay, my green coat, one bushel of malt & 10s of money. Item I give to Edward Russell a coat that he received of me on apprise. Item I give to William Dyar 6s 8d that he has of mine in his custody. Item I give to my brother Robert Nele my 2 coats & 12 of my worst cheeses that be in his house. The residue of all my goods moveable & unmoveable with all my debts owing unto me & my debts & legacies discharged, I give & bequeath unto my brother Leonard Nele & to my sister Marion Nele, to my sister Felicia Nele, to my sister Maud Nele & to my sister Margaret Nele & if any of these before-named children die before the time of their marriage their parts so deceased to be divided equally amongst the survivors, which Leonard, Marion, Felicia, Maud & Margaret I ordain & make my whole executors. Also I constitute my brother John Nele, William Dyar & John Acas my overseers to see this my last will justly & truly performed.

In witness hereof: William Dyar, John Acas

Item I give to George Nele 2s.

Here follows the debts owing unto me Simon Nele above named

Philip Grove owes me	53s 4d
Mr Simon Burnell	14s 8d
Thomas Turner	14s
William Iles	10s
William Crasse of Sodbury	3s 2d
Thomas Wheler	4s 6d
John Cowper a quarter of oats & 2s 4d	
Robert Fort	20d
George Nele	12s

On the reverse is written Symon Nele 1552

1553/89

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th August 1553 & of the reign of our sovereign 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 & Ireland the supreme head the first, I Thomas Sommers of Chipping Sodbury within the county of Gloucester, clothier, being sick in my body but perfect in with & remembrance, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath & yield my soul unto Almighty God & my body to be buried in the hallowed ground of Sodbury aforesaid. Item I give unto my son Richard Sommers my tenement situate in Rouncival between the tenement of John Alighe on the west side & the tenement that John Plowman dwells in now on the east side & extends from the High Street northwards unto Christopher Browne's mill & to his heirs male & failing of his heirs male I give the said tenement unto the heirs male of Harry Sommers my son. Item I bequeath to Harry Sommers my son a cow, a silver piece, 3 silver spoons, 12 pieces of pewter, 2 candlesticks, a chaffing dish & the foot, a ewer & a basin, a pan & a great chest. Item I bequeath to my son Richard a cow, a silver salt, 3 silver spoons, 12 pieces of pewter, 6 candlesticks, 2 basins, a flock bed & a bolster, a crock the next best, a pan & a great chest. Item I bequeath to my son Edward a cow, 3 silver spoons, a feather bed with a flock bed, a coverlet, a blanket, a pair of sheets, a bolster & a pillow, 9 pieces of queath to my niece Joan Rodeman a cow, 3 silver spoons, 12 pieces of pewter, a pan, a crock & a little posnet, 2 candlesticks, a feather bed & a flock bed with all the appurtenances which I now do lie in. Item I give to my daughter-in-law Joan Sommers, the wife of my son Harry, my gold ring & my spruce forcet* & to my son Richard's wife a spruce forcet. Item I give to Anthony Sommers, the son of the said Harry, a cow. All other things not bequeathed I give & bequeath to my said sons Harry & Richard whom I make & constitute my executors, to see this my last will performed, to pay my debts & funeral charges & to help my poor neighbours. Witness hereof: William Ramsay, vicar of Old Sodbury, Nicholas Webbe & Philip Hyate of Chipping Sodbury
forcet = a chest

1553/101

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th June 1552 and in the 6th 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 next under Christ of the church of England & Ireland supreme head, I William Harrold of the borough town of Chipping Sodbury within the diocese of Gloucester, whereof sick of body but of mind & remembrance thanks be to

God perfect & whole, do make my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I commend my soul unto my redeemer Jesus Christ by whose most blessed passion & death my only faith & assured trust is in this life to have grace & pardon of my sins at the hands of our heavenly & most merciful Father & after I have ended this my pilgrimage everlastingly to dwell with him in glorious kingdom in heaven. My body I commend unto the earth there to be buried in the Christian burial with the bodies of other faithful people & my goods I do dispose as here follows. Item I bequeath to William Raynolde a cow, a cupboard, a crock, a cauldron & a coffer notwithstanding I will my daughter Ede to have the use thereof during her life. Item I give to Clement Colymore my son-in-law my loom with all things thereto belonging, paying to John Colymore the 5s the which I do owe him. Item I will that William Cembrege shall have the cow the which is now in his keeping after the decease of my daughter Ede & not before. The residue of all my goods, chattels & debts I give & bequeath to my daughter Ede whom I make my whole executrix. Further I have desired & also do put in trust John Colymore & Richard Norresse to see this my will to be fulfilled according to the tenure thereof.

In witness hereof: John Walker, Edward Browne, John Werett the elder & others
On the reverse is written Willyam Harold 1552

1554/47

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th November 1553 and in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lady Mary, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland queen, defender of the faith and of the church of England and also of Ireland in earth the supreme head, I John Wyrret the younger of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, shoemaker, being visited with sickness in my body but of perfect mind and good remembrance, thanks be unto Almighty God, do ordain and make my testament containing therein my last will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret my wife my dwelling house in Chipping Sodbury with all my purchases for term of years during all such time as she does not marry. And in case she do marry then I will that George my son immediately shall enjoy the said house with all other purchases. Howbeit if the husband of the foresaid Margaret my wife do chance to die before the foresaid Margaret my wife then I will that the forenamed Margaret my wife shall have the foresaid house with all other purchases and enjoy the same again for term of her life and after her decease to remain to George my son and his heirs. Item I give and bequeath unto George my son a dicker of leather of cow and steer and 10 dozen of shoes to be delivered to the said George at the day of marriage of my said wife if she happen to marry. The residue of all my goods, chattels and debts moveable and unmoveable, my debts, legacies and bequests being paid, I give and bequeath unto Margaret my wife and I make this my last will and testament and I make Margaret my wife my whole and sole executrix and I make Richard Norris and George Nesbye the overseers of the execution of this my last will and testament. And all other wills, legacies, bequests, executors and overseers by me at any time before now ordained, made, named, willed or bequeathed I utterly revoke and annul.

These men being witnesses: John Man, the curate, Richard Norris, George Nesbie, John Rogers and John Weste

Debts owing unto me John Wyrret

William Clarke	£4 6s 8d
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The Bailie and Burgesses of Sodbury owe unto me as appears by their books of accounts	£16
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Thomas Baynam of Acton	6s 8d
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Thomas Browne of Acton	6s
Mr Thomas Parrie for my wages	£9
For the building of the lodge	£3
John Smithe of Stoke	£5 6s 8d
Debts that John Wyrret do owe	
To Maurice Dymere's children	£10
Goods of Mr Parrie's	
4 broaches	
3 crocks	
A pair of great andirons	
2 dripping pans	
2 cauldrons	
A little pan	
A great gridiron	
A round table board	
A chaffing dish	
Probate: 12 October 1554	

1554/93

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd May 1554 and in the first year of the reign of Queen Mary, I Richard Parker, sick in body & whole in mind & remembrance, make my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I give & bequeath my soul unto God the Father Almighty and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Clanfield*. Also I bequeath unto Alice my wife £5 & half the crop now on the ground both of corn & grass. Also I bequeath unto Margaret my daughter 2 quarters of barley, the one half to be paid at Michaelmas next & the other at that time twelvemonth, the one half by my wife & the other half by my 2 sons Thomas & David. Also I bequeath unto Agnes my daughter one quarter of barley & to be paid as is before rehearsed. Also I bequeath unto the said Agnes a platter & a saucer and unto Margaret my daughter a platter & a saucer. All the rest & reversion of all my goods, my debts paid, I give unto Alice my wife, Thomas & David my sons equally amongst them. Also I ordain & make my true & lawful executors Alice my wife, Thomas & David my sons, they to fulfil & perform this my testament & last will. These being of record: Thomas Wodd, clerk, Alexander Arnold, William Pyper, Henry Burforth, Roger Maynforth & others
 Probate: 4 June 1554

* *Clanfield is in Oxfordshire. Thomas Wood was incumbent there in 1554*

1554/129

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th December 1553 I Thomas Poule of Codrington in the parish of Wapley and in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but perfect of remembrance, make my last will and testament in manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give and bequeath to Anthony my son a cow and a heifer of 2 years old. Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable unto Ellen my wife to live upon as long as she lives whom I make my whole executrix to receive my debts and to pay my debts. And after the decease of the said Ellen my wife I will that Anthony my son have all the said goods. These being witnesses: Thomas Brerehurst, vicar there, John Hawkyns, Rober Poule his brother with others

1555/49

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th May 1552 and in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Edward VI, King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth supreme head of the church of England and also of Ireland, I Margaret Boltar, widow, of the parish of Tormarton, sick in body & of whole mind & perfect remembrance, make my testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Northleach. Item I bequeath to Joan Barton my eldest daughter a cow and a sheep, a featherbed, a coverlet, a blanket, a pair of sheets, a bolster, a pillowbere, a pan, my best gown & a coffer. Item to Giles Berton a coffer & 6 sheep to be delivered twelve months after my death. Item to Elizabeth Est my daughter a cow which she has in her hands. The residue of my goods unbequeathed, my debts paid, I give & bequeath to Thomas my son whom I make my sole executor.

Witness: John Lawrence, parson there, John Morgan, Richard Yeire with others

Probate: 5 March 1555

1555/83

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd July 1554 I Thomas Belsyre of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, sick of body but of mind & remembrance I thank God, both perfect & whole, do make my testament & last will in manner & form following. First I commend my soul unto my Redeemer Jesus Christ by whose most blessed passion & death my only faith & assured trust is in this life to have grace & pardon of my sins at the hands of my heavenly & most merciful father & after I have ended this my pilgrimage everlastingly to dwell with him in his glorious kingdom. My body I commend to the earth there to be buried in Christian burial with the bodies of other faithful people. Also I bequeath to my son John Belsyre one cow. Item I bequeath to my daughter Jane Belsyre £5 of good & lawful money of England which is in the hands of John Wygwell of the parish of Wapley & also a crock other 6s of money. Item I bequeath to Edmund Belsyre my 3rd best cow. Item I bequeath to Alexander Belsyre one cow. Item I bequeath to Henry Belsyre one cow. Item I bequeath to William Belsyre one heifer of 2 years old. Item I bequeath to Ellen Belsyre my daughter one heifer of 3 years old. Item I bequeath Elizabeth Belsyre a white heifer. Item I bequeath to Walter Davye 3s 4d. Item I bequeath to Richard Belsyre my uncle a tawny coat. The residue of all my goods moveable & unmoveable not given, my funerals & legacies discharged, I give & bequeath unto Isabel my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will & testament. Also I ordain & make Alexander Belsyre my brother my overseer of the same.

In witness whereof: John Colyns of Yate, John Whoper, John Whigwell of Wapley & Sir William Towneley, curate there with others

1556/2

In the name of God, Amen. The 19th August 1556 I Ambrose Dymry of Yate, tanner, being whole of mind (*torn*) perfect of remembrance but sick in my body, do here ordain and make my last will and testament. First and (*torn*) all things I give and bequeath my soul unto the holy tuition of our saviour Jesus Christ and my body to C(*torn*) burial. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Dymry and Mary Dymry my daughters and also if my wife now be with child and it may please God to send it into this world that then I do give them all my leather and bark and all such money as I have in the hands of William Rychardis of Wickwar and Thomas Clarke of Sodbury, butchers. Item I give and bequeath also unto my foresaid children 48s 8d which William Clarke of Acton, butcher, does owe unto me, security for 46s 8d of the same money Richard Francome the elder of Old Sodbury witness to the same Steven Wyrryll of Chipping Sodbury. Also my will is that if the foresaid William Clarke do pay

or cause to be paid 26s 8d of this money aforesaid quickly without any trouble or law that then I do forgive him the rest but if he do not pay this 26s 8d forthwith with his goodwill then my will is that the whole be recovered of him. My will is also that when my leather is ready that it be sold unto their most advantage and all my debts be paid out of the same and all the rest that shall remain to be divided amongst my children every one of them portion like. Also my will is that if any of my children do decease before they be of lawful age that then the goods remain to the longest liver of them but if it please God that they all decease before they be of lawful age then my will is that my wife to have the one half of their goods and my brothers and sisters to have the other half every one of them portion like. Also my will is that my wife shall hold my land as long as she keep herself widow and afterwards to remain to my children every one of them portion like. Only so it be so that it may please God that she be now with child with a man child and then he to have the whole of it. Also my will is that my wife shall buy my house to have and also if she be with child with a man child to that child and to my daughter Elizabeth but if she be not with child with a man child that then she do buy it to her and to my daughters Elizabeth and Mary Dymry one such siding the other and my will is that my wife to pay the one half of that that it shall have cost and my children to pay the other half. Also my will is that all such bedsteads as is now in the house & two table boards, one in the parlour and another in the hall and 1 great coffer and a malt mill and a cheese wring with that belonging to him and the tan house wholly to stand with all his appurtenances belonging thereunto and one great crock to stand as standards of the house as long as the house remain in the hands of my wife or any of my children and afterwards to remain to the longest liver of them. Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Dymry and William Dymry my brothers each of them one sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto my sisters each of them one sheep saving to my sister Annis who I give two sheep to. Item I give and bequeath to Harry Whopar my servant one sheep. And all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I do give and bequeath wholly unto Agnes my well beloved wife who I make my whole executor and to see me honestly brought in earth. Also I do appoint my trusty and well beloved friends my uncle Sir Walter Bornell and Thomas Nele and my brother-in-law Richard Cole to be my overseers and to see my will done.

Debts owing me Ambrose Dymry at my last will

Of William Clarke of Acton	48s 8d
Of Thomas Clarke of Sodbury	50s 5d
Of William Rychardis of Wickwar	9s

Debts which I Ambrose Dymry did owe at my last will

To my sisters Perpetua and Ede Dymry	£11 13s 4d
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That I owe unto Harry Whopar my man for his

service from Hallows-tide unto the making hereof 13d for a week

To my brother-in-law Richard Cole	20s
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Witness to the same: Matthew Benat and Thomas Wakar

1556/37

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th July 1556 I Jasper Cullymore of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, whole of mind and of good remembrance and memory, make, ordain and constitute this my testament and last will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul unto God Almighty, our lady St Mary and all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried within the churchyard of Sodbury. Item I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife all my kine, 2 heifers, 3 horses and all my household stuff. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Cullymore my salt, my grey gelding and my part of the new mill. Item I give to my father-in-law my yoke of oxen. Item I give unto George my brother £5 of lawful money of England and my father's gown. Item I give unto Arthur my brother £5

of lawful money of England and my father's jacket. Item I give unto John Gammen my part of the broad loom that William Jones has. Item I give unto my servant Christopher 20s. Item I give unto Ralph Cowper 20s. Item I give unto the poor people of Sodbury 40s. Item I give unto my brother Edward my wedding gown. Item I will that my brother Thomas have the keeping of the money of my brother George and my brother Arthur until such time they may occupy it themselves. The rest of my goods not bequeathed moveable and unmoveable I give and bequeath, my debts being paid, unto Margaret my wife whom also I make my sole executrix to see that this my last will and testament be performed and fulfilled.

These bearing witness: Thomas Cullymore, John Gammen, John Wollery with others

Debts that be owing unto me before named Jasper Cullymore

My brother-in-law Master Shepman	£19	
Thomas Purslow of London	£37	
George Pole	£3	3s
Thomas Clerke of Sodbury		25s 8d
Francis Parsonage		10s 8d
Robert Webbe of Acton		10s 8d
William Clerke of Acton		7s
The wife of George Hayle		5s 4d
Anthony Sommers		3s 4d
Ralph Jamis		5s 8d
Giles Dymery		8s
John Bruell		3s

Debts that I the forenamed Jasper Cullymore do owe

Unto my brother-in-law Master Sherman	£27	
Unto my brother Thomas Cullymore	£12	
Unto John Bruell	£3	
Unto John Cake of Yate		40s
Unto Robert Hype of Kingswood		20s
Unto my father-in-law	£25	13s 4d
Unto John Gurmer		17s
Unto John Gammen		12s
Unto John Walker		3s 4d

Probate: 11 September 1556

1556/44

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th February 1556 I Joan Evance als Tailer of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, widow, late the wife of Thomas Evance als Tailer, deceased, being of good & perfect remembrance, thanks be given to God, do ordain, constitute & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my maker & redeemer, trusting by his death & passion only to be saved and my body at my death to be buried where it shall please my executors. I will & my very mind is that the rent of my mill called Hell Mill be bestowed & given by my executors in manner following. That is the whole rents & profits of the first year after my decease be paid & delivered by my executors unto Thomas my son and that the rents & profits of the second year be paid & delivered unto George my son and of the third year unto Maurice my son and of the 4th year unto Edmund my son and of the 5th year unto Jane my daughter, now the wife of Thomas Smythe and of the 6th year unto Anne my daughter and the rents & profits of the 7th year unto Edward my son. And if it happen any of my said children to die before the said rents & profits shall unto them happen & fall in manner aforesaid that then I will & my very mind is that it shall remain unto the next in order as they be named. Item I give & bequeath unto Nicholas Nesbytt two kine. Item I give unto Anne

Nesbytt one cow. Item I give unto Edmund my son one cow. Item I give unto George my son one cow. Item I give unto Thomas my son two kine. Item I give unto Edward my son one cow. Item I give to George Nesbytt the table board in the parlour, a feather bed, a flock bed, one brass pot & one brass pan of the middle sort. Item I give unto Thomas & Edmund my said sons my malt mill & uting stone & Edmund to have the choice thereof. Item I give unto Edward my said son £40 in money which are in the hands of George Nesbytt. Item I will & my very mind is that Edmund my son shall have the custody and keeping of Edward my son and he to perceive & take the rents & profits of his houses & bequeath unto the use of the said Edward & him for the same sufficiently to keep for the rest of his life. And if the said Edmund will not so do then some other of his brothers to receive the premises to the use aforesaid such as shall please the said Edward. Item I give unto Maurice my son one cow. Item I confess by this will that I do owe & am indebted unto Henry Neale of Northampton in a certain sum of money, how much I know not but by George Nesbytt. Item I confess by this my last will that Thomas Vyner received of me these parcels of goods following. First a goblet of silver all gilt price £4. Item 6 silver spoons price 40s, a girdle with a cross of silver & buckle of silver price £3, 6 pans of brass, one cauldron of brass, two brass pots, 33 pieces of pewter, 4 candlesticks, a basin and a ewer whole, 4 broaches with 2 racks of iron, one feather bed, a great sheet, one candle mould & two little folding boards, for all which premises the said Thomas Vynar & his assigns do owe me, saving f £11 13s 4d which I received in his lifetime. Item George Nesbytt does owe unto me for 12 years rent for the grounds & stock of cattle which he has of mine after the rate of £6 13s 4d yearly for the said 12 years past. Item the said George Nesbytt received of me the sum of £60 of current money whereof he has paid to certain men of Wantage as he says £17 10s & I received of him besides £4 so there does remain unto me unpaid by that reckoning £39 which he does owe me. Item the said George has in my house a coverlet of arras, two white coverlets & the cupboard in the parlour. Item I will & my very mind is that if the said George Nesbytt will after my decease claim any deed of gift of my goods & chattels whereas in very deed I confess before God & by this my last will & testament that I never made nor intended to make unto the said George any such gift and so by means hereof disquiet & trouble my executors that then I will & my very mind is that neither he the said George Nesbytt nor any of his said children shall have or enjoy any parcel of these my legacies unto them by me bequeathed. Item the residue of all my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable not given & bequeathed I give & bequeath unto Maurice & Thomas my said sons whom I make by this my last will & testament my executors, they to dispose & bestow the same unto the honour of God & wealth of my soul.

To this bearing witness: George Hale, Nicholas Styffe, Richard Tayler with others
 Probate: 25 August 1557

This probate date is written in detail under the will. On the back of the document probate is given as 25 August 1556

1556/79

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th April 1556 I Philip Packar of Codrington in the parish of Wapley in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but whole of mind & perfect of remembrance, make my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give to John my son the younger a mare & 2 platters. Item to Nicholas my son a heifer, a pot, a pan, a covering and a cover. Item to Alice my daughter 2 kine, a board with his appurtenances with all the pewter and brass unbequeathed, one cover, 2 geese. Item my corn on the ground with 2 young calves to be sold to pay my debts & to bring me on earth and if any be left to

be equally divided between Thomas, John the younger and Alice, my children. And that this my last will be fulfilled I ordain Thomas my son my whole executor to pay my debts & to receive my debts.

These being witnesses: Thomas Brerehurst, clerk, vicar there, John Pruyt, John Pyrton with others

1557/15

In the name of God, Amen. The 30th November (*faded*) I Agnes Polle of Codrington in the parish of Wapley, widow, in the diocese of (*faded*) sick of body but, I thank God, of mind & memory whole & perfect, do make this my (*faded*) will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul to the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley aforesaid. Item I give to the high altar of the parish church of Wapley in consideration of tithes forgotten one kerchief and 12d in money. Item I will & give all the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable not bequeathed, my debts & funeral expenses paid, unto Robert Polle my son whom I make my whole executor to distribute it as he shall think best. Item I will that Mr John Soper esquire if it shall so please him to be my overseer of this my testament & last will to be performed according to the contents above written before these witnesses: Sir Thomas Brerehurste, clerk, vicar of Wapley, John Smythe, Robert Polle the elder, John Polle the elder & John Polle the younger & Hugh Clowershin

Probate: 11 January 1557

1557/371

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd September 1557 I Thomas Burnell of Yate in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body & of perfect memory & remembrance, make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my maker, redeemer & comfort, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Yate. Also I give and bequeath to Thomas Burnell, the son of Simon Burnell, all that my tenements in Sodbury Sholing from the Roche weir at the north end unto the hey serele at the south end, to have and to hold all the said tenements with all the appurtenances unto the foresaid Thomas Burnell and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten for ever, leaving unto the lord of the fee there the quitrent and the service thereof due & by right accustomed. Also I bequeath unto Harry Burnell, Perpetua, Elizabeth, Alice, Margaret, Thomas, Denis and Walter, the children of Simon Burnell, unto Perpetua Dunery, Edith, Robert, Anne, Margery and William, the children of Maurice Dunery, unto Edith, Thomas, Harry, Joan and Lawrence, the children of Richard Tommes and unto Joan, the daughter of Thomas Webe and Agnes, my daughter, to every of them 5s to be delivered to every of them at the day of their marriage. Also I give & bequeath unto Dorothy Pyriman and to Margery Piriman, the children of John Piriman, to every of them 5s to be delivered in manner above said. Also I give unto Simon Burnell and to his heirs to remain always at Brinsham as standards of household, my best pot, my best pan, my best broach, my best reckanndiers, my table board in the hall, my powdering stone & my yoting stone. Also I bequeath to Elizabeth Piriman, my daughter, my second best broach. Also I bequeath to Walter Burnell my son my worst mill with the cover of silver. Also I give and bequeath to Maria Jochean and to Elizabeth Pyriman my best coral beads with gauds of silver equally to be divided betwixt them, that is to say they shall have the occupying of them during heir lifetime and after their death to remain to Eleanor Geale & to Dorothy Piriman. Also I bequeath unto Harry Geale and Eleanor Geale to every of them 10s to be delivered at the day of their marriage. Also I bequeath to John Collins my furred gown. Also I give unto Harry Burnell my flat piece of silver to

my mother whom I do ordain & make my true, lawful & whole executrix & she to dispose the same to the honour of God & for the wealth of my soul & all Christian souls at her will & pleasure.

To this my last will & testament bear witness: Thomas Fowle, John Kylbury, Thomas Powell & Thomas Fry with others

Probate: 27 April 1558

1558/158

In the name of God, Amen. The 1st August 1558 I John Ford of the parish of Wapley and in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but whole of mind and perfect of remembrance, make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give to the mother church 2d. Item I give to Katherine Ford my daughter one cow, one yearling calf, 2 platters. Item I give to Thomas Forde, Christopher, Alice and Dennis Ford, my children, every one of them a yearling calf. Item I give to John Ford my son's child, one calf. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable after my debts paid and my funerals done I give to John Ford my son whom I make my whole executor so that he shall keep Juliet my wife honestly both with meat and drink as long as she lives and to pay to her every year 20s for her remit. Thomas Brerehurst, vicar of Wapley, and John Joachent of the same town overseers.

These being witnesses: Thomas Brerehurst, vicar there, John Joachent, John Pyrtun with others

Probate: 6 March 1558

1558/246

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th January 1557 I John Woodman of Acton Turville in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, sick in body but thanks be given to God of mind and memory whole & perfect, ordain & make my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, trusting to be saved by the mercy of Christ's passion, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Acton Turville aforesaid. Item I give unto Thomas Woodman my son one bushel of wheat and one bushel of malt to be delivered at harvest next coming after the date hereof. Item I give to John my son one bullock, a wain, a sallow and the plough harness to be delivered unto him when that my wife shall think best. Item I give to Richard my son a brass pot & one sheep to be delivered unto him when that she shall think best. Item I give to Margaret my daughter my greatest pan to be delivered when that my wife shall think good. Item I give to Elizabeth my daughter the next great pan and a brass pot to be delivered when that she shall think good. Item I give to Joan my daughter my best bed with all that belongs to the same to be delivered unto her when that my wife shall think best. The rest of my goods not bequeathed moveable & unmoveable I give wholly to Annis my wife whom I ordain & make my whole executrix, she to bestow as she shall think best for the wealth of my soul.

Witnesses to this my last will: Edward Whyte, Thomas Frye, John Symmys with others

Debts owing unto me

Of William Woodman of Sevington in the county of Wilts, husbandman 10s

Inventory of all the goods & chattels of John Woodman of Acton Turville in the diocese of Gloucester, deceased, taken the [blank] of February and praised by Edward Whyte, Thomas Frye & Richard Jaye as hereafter follows

In the hall a table board & one little board, price	7d
A form, price	2d
2 little brass pans, price	20d
A little cauldron	8d
A little brass pot	8d
A frying pan, a pap pan & a skimmer, price	10d
6 old pewter dishes	3s 4d
4 pottingers, price	2s
4 saucers, price	12d
2 andirons, a broach, one pair of pothooks, price	18d
2 old turns, price	10d
4 standards, price	16d
An old brandiron, price	2d
An old bushel, price	4d
In the chamber within the hall 2 coffers, price	16d
An old flock bed, a pair of blankets, a bolster, a white coverlet, price	5s
Another pair of blankets, a bolster with an old coverlet, price	5s
A keeve & a yoting vat, price	16d
2 bullocks, price	40s
2 kine, price	40s
3 yearlings, price	20s
An old horse	8s
4 sheep. Price	8s
Sum	£7 20d

Probate: 9 May 1558

1558/247

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st September 1558 I Joan Parker of the parish of Wapley in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body, whole of mind and perfect of remembrance, make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 2d. Item I give to the parish church of Wapley 3s 4d. Item I give to Thomas Parker my son a lame mare. Item I give William Parker my son a feather bed with his appurtenances and one piece of woollen cloth to be divided between William my son and Anne my daughter. Item I give to Ellen my daughter my best coat, my best mare. Item I give to Elizabeth my daughter a flock bed & 5 yards of woollen cloth and 3 platters. Item I give to Thomas Parker my son's child a calf of one year old. All the rest of my household stuff unbequeathed to be divided between William, Anne, Ellen & Elizabeth my children. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give to William Parker my son whom I make my whole executor.

These being witnesses: Thomas Brerehurst, vicar there, John Pyrton, Thomas Parker, her son, with others

Probate: 7 March 1558

1558/329

In the name of God, Amen. 1558 I Robert Nele of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, being sick of body but whole in mind & remembrance, do make my

last will & testament as following. First I do commit my soul to the endless mercy of Almighty God my maker, redeemer & saviour & to our blessed lady St Mary & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I give to the mother church 2d. Item I do give & bequeath to my son Simon Nele 2 oxen. Item I do give to my son William Nele 2 oxen. Item I do give to my daughter Edie Nele 2 kine. Item I do give to my daughter Mary Nele 2 kine. I will that this legacy which I give to my children shall remain within the custody of my wife Elizabeth Nele until she be married. Item I do appoint 2 storers to be bestowed in an obit to the poor & to bring me to earth. The rest of my goods moveable or unmoveable I do give to my wife Elizabeth Nele whom I do appoint & make my whole executrix both to fulfil this my will & to bestow the rest of my goods for the wealth of my soul.

Dated the 16th August in the year of Our Lord above written.

Witnesses at the making thereof: Mr Simon Burnell, John Coke, John Colyns with more

Probate: 5 November 1558

1558/413

in the name of God, Amen. The 16th February 1557 I Simon Burnell of Yate within the county of Gloucester make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker, redeemer and comforter, to Our Blessed Lady and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the church of Yate. Also I will and bequeath unto the high altar in the same church 8d. Also my last will is that all my lands held by knight's service, that is to say all that my manor of Brinsham within the parish of Yate, with all the tenements unto the same manor belonging with all and singular their appurtenances, shall be by indifferent just men equally divided into three parts whereof I will my wife Mary to have one of that three parts with all & singular the profits and commodities unto that third part belonging or out of that same third part at any time rising during the natural life of the same Mary for and in the name of her dowry making no waste upon the same. And if it fortune that my said wife Mary depart this world within the term of fourteen years next after my departure out of this world then I will that my brother Walter and my brother Edward shall straightway enter into that third part with all the profits belonging unto the same and shall have, hold, occupy and enjoy all that third part during the rest of the 14 years not being completed and ended at the death of the said Mary my wife, to the only use and profit of all my children saving my heir equally to be divided amongst them, that is to say, towards their marriage. And the second part of the said three parts I will to my brother Walter and to my brother Edward to have, hold, occupy and enjoy in manner and form following. That is to say that I will the same Walter and Edward shall immediately after my departure out of this world enter into that second part and shall have, hold and occupy that said part with all the profits and commodities growing and rising out of the same with all and singular the appurtenances and shall yearly take and receive the whole and full profits of the same for and during the term of fourteen years next and immediately to be fulfilled and completed after my departure out of this world, to the only use & profit of all my children saving my heir, equally to be divided amongst them at the day of their several marriages or at the age of 21 years if they be not married. And I will that the third part of the said 3 parts to remain wholly unto my right heirs. Also I will that my wife Mary shall have, hold, occupy and enjoy all my lands held in socage for the term of six years next and immediately after my departure out of this world to be fulfilled, completed and ended to the only use and profit of my children and hers, that is [to] say toward their honest and godly education and bringing up if their mother do so long live. And if it happen my wife Mary to depart this world before the said six

years be fully completed and ended, or if the said Mary my wife do not see and provide that my said children be honestly and godly brought up and well guided then I will that my brother Walter and my brother Edward or their assigns shall straightway and immediately enter into all the said lands held and tenements held in socage and with the rents and the profits of the same shall help my wife to bring up my said children after a godly and an honest sort. And after that six years be fully completed and ended I will that my above named 2 brothers Walter and Edward or their assigns shall enter into all my said lands held in socage and shall have, occupy and enjoy all the said lands with all and singular the appurtenances, profits and commodities unto the same belonging for the term of five years then next following fully to be completed and ended, to the only use and profit of all my children saving my heir as is above devised. Also I bequeath unto every of my children one cow. Also I bequeath unto my son Henry my stone horse colt and my lease of one parcel of tithe corn which I have for term of certain years to come at Lamborne within the county of Berkshire. And if it fortune the above named Henry Burnell to depart this world before he be married then I will that my brother Walter and my brother Edward shall enter into that parcel of tithe and shall have, hold, occupy and receive the whole profits and commodities of the same during my whole years therein contained to the only use and profits of all my children saving my heir, to be delivered as above specified. And if any of my children, that is to say Henry, Perpetua, Elizabeth, Alice, Margaret, Thomas, Dennis and Walter fortune to depart this world before the day of their several marriages and before the age of 21 years if they be not married, then I will that all their legacies and bequests shall remain unto the longer livers. Also I bequeath unto the poor people of the parish of Yate 6s 8d and to the poor people of the parish of Sodbury 6s 8d. Also I give and bequeath unto my brother Sir Walter my young gelding now being in Eastwood. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Walter all that my lease for term of years the which I have taken in reversion after the death of Richard Browne of one tenement, being the lands of my cousin John Burnell within the parish of Yate. Also I give and bequeath unto my brother Edward Burnell all that my suit of vestments of silk with the albs unto the same. And of the residue of all my goods I make my wife Mary my whole executrix to dispose them for my soul, towards her own living and to the godly bringing up of my children as God shall put best in her mind. And I make my brother Sir Walter and William Dyer my overseers that this my last will be well and truly fulfilled.

These bearing witness: Sir Walter Burnell, William Dyer, William Turner, James Dar..e and John Flodyattes

Probate: 7 March 1558

1559/4

In the name of God, Amen. 1559 I Denise Browne, widow, of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester do make my last will & testament as follows. First I do commit my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I do bequeath to our mother the cathedral church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give to Ellen Parker my daughter my bed with the appurtenances & 3 bushels of wheat, a load of hay, a basin, a rugge* cassock, my best petticoat & a waist petticoat. Item I give to Edward Browne 2 children Jane & Joan 2 platters & to Denise Brown a kerchief & 4d. Item I give to John Parker 2 bushels of malt, a bullock, 10 cheeses [chests?] & to his wife Ellen Parker 2 kerchiefs. The rest of my goods I do give to my son James Dorke whom I do make my whole executor to dispose my goods for the wealth of my soul.

Witnesses at the making hereof: John Parker, Maurice Nete with others

**rugge=coarse material*

1559/282

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd March 1558 I Thomas Parker of the parish of Wapley within the diocese of Gloucester, sick of body but whole of mind & perfect of remembrance, make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I do bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I bequeath to high altar of Wapley 4d. All the rest of my goods moveable or unmoveable I do give to my wife Katherine whom I do make my whole executrix.

These bearing witness to this will: Thomas Brerehurste, vicar there, John Forde, Thomas Bampton
 Probate: 20 May 1559

1560/4

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th April 15(*torn*) Little Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, widow, late the wife of Sir John Wallshe, knight deceased (*torn*) thanks be given unto my Lord God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament (*torn*) queath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer, my body to be buried in the church or (*torn*) please God to call me out of this world. Also I give and bequeath unto ten poor households to (*torn*) after my death £3 6s 8d. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Gorge my daughter one bowl of silver. I (*torn*) my daughter one other bowl of silver. Also I give and bequeath to Mabel Clyfford my daught(*torn*) bequeath to my son-in-law John Keynes one other bowl of silver if I happen to have so many bowls (*torn*) if I shall not then have so many bowls of silver then I give and bequeath to the said John Keynes (*torn*) out a cover. Item I give and bequeath to my three daughters aforesaid all my wearing apparel (*torn*) body. Also I give and bequeath to my three foresaid daughters all my napery of what kind (*torn*) three. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Wollphe my wedding ring for a rea(*torn*) Anne Gorge three cushions of needle work which were of her daughter's making, of the wh(*torn*) and bequeath to Christian Franckombe my servant the bed which she now lies in and all (*torn*) do survive and overlive me. Item I give and bequeath my household stuff at the time of my (*torn*) pertaining to the hall of Little Sodbury all the beds with the appurtenances belonging to th(*torn*) pertaining to the kitchen, the napery excepted as it is before mentioned. Item my lease of th(*torn*) qutour shall by the space of one whole year receive all manner tithes, oblations, revenues, prof(*torn*) specified in my lease and so after one year complete and all manner profits received by (*torn*) parsonage of Old Sodbury to Nicholas Wallshe to have and to hold it in as large wise as I do (*torn*).give and bequeath immediately after my death my lease of my fee farm of Sodburys to the said Nicholas (*torn*) manner as I have myself. Item I do further make and ordain Edmund Gorge, esquire, my son-in-law my true (*torn*) this my present last will and testament unto whom I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels (*torn*) dispose the same to the honour of God and as he shall think mete and convenient at his will and pleasure. In (*torn*) have put my seal and sign manual to this my present will the day and year above written and her(*torn*)
In a different hand

This schedule or writing I will to be enclosed to my last will and testament as a part thereof provided that I constitute and make Nicholas Wealshe my executor and my daughter Anne Gorge overseer. I give to my daughter Anne Gorge 6 oxen and to my daughter Mabel Clyfford four kine and to Edward Gorge five kine and to Alice Gorge four kine and I will it that these 13 kine be delivered to these three above rehearsed at twelve month's end after my decease. Also I give to my daughter Mabel Clyfforde five pounds in gold and to Anne Huntlye five marks in gold. Also I will that Nicholas Wealshe do reserve to himself my basin and ewer of silver and two salt cellars of silver and gilt. Also I give to my servant Christian Franccum 13s 4d and to my servant

John Cawdwell forty shillings with his wages. Also I will that all such money as shall be due to me to be paid of Nicholas Wealshe as shall appear by bills of his hand to be equally divided between the daughters of my daughter Gorge and of my daughter Clyfford.

In witness whereof I have subscribed my name and put to my seal in 1560 the 14th January.

Anne Walshe

1560/23

In the name of God, Amen. In 1560 I Elizabeth Belseyr, widow, of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, sick of body but perfect of remembrance and whole of mind, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I do commit my soul to the mercy of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I do bequeath and give to my daughter Elizabeth a featherbed with the appurtenances, 3 platters, a pottinger, 2 saucers, 1 bigger pan, one candlestick the best, a little crock and the second harness girdle. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellen Drynge my best harness girdle. Item I give and bequeath to Joan Belser my daughter-in-law a pair of beads. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Belser 1 crock, 2 pans, 2 platters, 2 saucers, 1 candlestick. Item I give and bequeath to my son Alexander a yearling, a cow, 2 candlesticks. I do give and bequeath to Joan Belser a kercher of holland. Item I do give and bequeath to my daughter Joan Byrghall my best frock. Item I give to Alexander Belser 4 pounds of money. Item I give to the forenamed William 4 pounds of money. Item I give to the forenamed Elizabeth 4 pounds of money provided always that if any of the above named, that is Alexander, William and Elizabeth, do depart out of this world before any of them be married that then this legacy given unto them shall remain unto the other twain or one which be alive. Item I give Elizabeth Tybett a yearling. The residue of my goods moveable or unmoveable I do give to Thomas Belser my son whom I do make my executor to pay and to receive my debts and to fulfil this my last will to the honour of God and wealth of my soul and to the relief and comfort of the poor people. Dated 24th April in the second year of Elizabeth, Queen of England, France and Ireland etc.

Witnesses at the making hereof: William Tybette of Winterbourne, William Dyerre, George Morishe, parson of Yate with others

Probate: 21 October 1560

1560/172

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th May 1560 I William Trumplyn of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, sick of body but whole of mind and of perfect remembrance, do make my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I do commit my soul to the mercy of Almighty God, my maker, redeemer and only saviour and my body to the churchyard of Yate. Item I do give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Trumplyn towards her marriage twenty pounds in money & goods. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Eleanor Trumplyn towards her marriage twenty pounds in money & goods. Item I give to my son William Trumplyn 10 pounds provided always that the forty pounds given and bequeathed to my 2 daughters shall remain in my wife's hands until they be married and so likewise of the 10 pounds given to my son William shall remain in his mother's custody until he be married or else 21 years of age. Provided always that I do give and bequeath 20 pounds to either of my daughters, that is Anne & Eleanor, upon this condition, that they would be obedient and also married after my wife's counsel & mind their natural mother. Item I give & bequeath to Edward Stanford a cow or else 25s which is in the keeping

of Richard Addye. Item I give to Robert Corbert a cow which is in the custody of William Coke of Winterbourne. Item I give to Martin Nele a sheep. The residue of my goods moveable or unmoveable I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Trumplyn whom I do make and appoint my whole executrix to fulfil this my last will to the honour of God and wealth of my soul. And I do appoint Thomas Nele and Robert Beynam, my trusty friends, to be my overseers & assistants unto my wife and children.

Witnesses at the making hereof: George Morris, parson there, Nicholas Nele, William Corbart, Edward Stanford with others

Probate: 11 October 1560