

CHELTENHAM AREA WILLS 1561 – 1570

1561/17

In the name of God, Amen. The 19th June 1561 I Ellis Dogdale, sick in body & of good & perfect mind, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God & all the holy company of heaven & my body buried in the churchyard of Prestbury. Item that first I bequeath to Clement my son & to Francis my younger son 2 looms & 12 pairs of gears with the appurtenances. Item I bequeath to my son Clement a board, a form, a candlestick & a pottinger. Item I bequeath to my son Francis a candlestick & a pottinger. Item I bequeath to my sons Clement & Francis a flock bed, 2 pair of sheets, a bolster & a coverlet with the bedstead. Also to the same Clement & Francis 1 pot. Item I bequeath to my daughter Barbara a flock bed, a pair of sheets, a coverlet, a bolster & a platter. Item I bequeath to my daughter Grace a flock bed, a pair of sheets, a coverlet, a bolster, a bedstead with plate. The residue of all my goods, my debts paid, I give & bequeath to Joan my wife whom I make my sole executrix. Witness to this my will: Sir Edward Lyghtfot, vicar, Thomas Sirmom, John Pope, Christopher Worhyll & overseers of this Thomas Stevens & John Wates.
Probate: 6 February 1561

1561/40

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th April 1560 I John Lyttyll of Swindon in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, sick in body but of perfect remembrance, God be thanked, make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my only Saviour and redeemer and my body to the earth in the churchyard of Swindon aforesaid. Also I give to Robert Barnarde my servant 8 bushels of barley. Furthermore I give to Margaret Barnarde my servant 4 bushels of barley. Item I give to every of my godchildren one bushel of wheat. All other of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give to Elizabeth my wife who I make my only executrix, willing and charging her to perform this my last will and testament. These bearing witness: Thomas Roberts, John Hammons, Richard Myllorde
Probate: 29 March 1561

1561/60

In the name of God, Amen. In 1561 I James Roche, being sick in body & of good & perfect memory of mind, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God & all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Prestbury. Also I give & bequeath to Annis my wife all my goods moveable & unmoveable whom I make my sole executrix.
Witness to the same: Mr William Bager the elder, John Atwyll, Edward Lyghtfote with others
Probate: 6 February 1561

1562/110

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th August 1562 I Thomas Surman of Prestbury within the county of Gloucester, yeoman, do make this my last will & testament as follows. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Prestbury foresaid. Item I give unto William Surman my eldest son one young cow now in the keeping of Edmund Brodway, gentleman, & 12 bushels of

barley to be delivered unto the said William by my executrix within one year next following the date hereof. Item I give unto Thomas Surman my youngest son my lease of the Frog Marsh which I hold of the Queen's majesty within her manor of Prestbury aforesaid & one corn wain with a pair of iron-bound wheels & all other furniture belonging to the same wain & also three oxen whereof one is named Veyfond, another is called Burnet & the third is called Brood & also one ewe & one sheep hog & 12 bushels of barley, the said barley to be delivered unto the said Thomas within a year next after the date hereof as it abovesaid, provided always & it is my will that my wife during her widow's estate shall take & receive all the profits, commodities & advantage of my said lease & of the said corn wain without interruption or let of Thomas my son unto whom I have given the same to be enjoyed of him none other ways but immediately upon her marriage or after her decease. Item I give unto Barbara Surman my daughter one cow named Gentle, one other young cow & one bullock & 40s to be delivered to the said Barbara by my executrix at the day of the said Barbara's marriage & one ewe & one sheep hog & 16 bushels of barley to be made in malt by my executrix & one new coffer which I always occupied myself, provided always & it is my will that all the legacies which I have given unto my daughter Barbara, except the 40s which is not due unto her before the day of her marriage, shall be converted from time to time by the discretion of my executrix & overseen to the most advantage that they can devise for the preferment of the said Barbara to marriage. Item I give unto Catherine my servant 16d to buy her a smock. Item I give all my goods unbequeathed unto Elizabeth Surman my loving wife who I make my whole executrix of this my last will & testament & overseers of the same William Badgworth the younger, gentleman, & John Atwell. Witnesses to the same: John Pope & William Machyn

1563/44

In the name of God, Amen. Upon 1st April 1563 I Joan Mylward of Swindon within the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being sick of my body but I give thanks unto Almighty God of good and perfect mind and good memory, do make this my testament and last will in manner and form following. First I commit my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Swindon amongst other Christian bodies there. Item I give and bequeath of my worldly goods first unto the mother church of this diocese 4d. Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Mylward my son and to Elizabeth my daughter my part of the crop now growing upon my ground. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter 2 kine and a heifer and unto Richard my son three young beasts. Item I give and bequeath unto William Mylward, son unto Richard my son, a yearling calf. Item I give and bequeath unto Joan Harrys my daughter 2 ewes, 2 lambs and unto Annis Turbut 2 ewes, 2 lambs. Item I give and bequeath unto Annis Newman 2 ewes and 2 lambs and unto the 5 children of Harry Harrys my son-in-law unto every one of them one sheep hog. Item I will that Richard my son shall not have anything to do with any thing within my chamber. Item I give and bequeath unto Joan Harrys a pair of sheets and unto Annis Turbut a pair of sheets and unto Annis Newman a pair of sheets. Item I give and bequeath unto Humphrey Harrys, son unto the foresaid Harry Harrys, a pair of sheets and a pottinger and unto Annis Harrys a pair of sheets and to Alice Harrys a pair of sheets and a pottinger and unto Elizabeth Harrys one sheet and a towel which are daughters of the above-said Harry Harrys. Item I give and bequeath unto William Harrys, son unto the said Harry, one hempen towel. Item I give and bequeath unto Richard my son a pair of sheets, a cistern stone, a malt quern, a bolting witch and my great pot and after the decease of the said Richard I will that the pot to remain and left unto William Mylward his son. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter a pot and a cauldron and unto Annis Turbut a little pot and a towel. Item I give and bequeath unto Annis Newman a pot and to Joan Harrys abovesaid a

cauldron. The residue of my goods and chattels unbequeathed, my funeral discharged, I give and bequeath to Richard my son and to Elizabeth my daughter, making them my full executors.

And to this my last will witnesses: Sir Roger Gwynet, vicar, William Newman, William Turbut & John Mylton, the which I do ordain to be overseers to see this my said will to be truly performed.

Probate: 1 May 1563

1563/164

In the name of God, Amen. Upon the 12th January 1563 and in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God most worthy Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc, I William Clyfford the younger of the parish of Swindon within the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in my body but w(*torn*) in mind & of perfect remembrance, laud & praises be unto Almighty God and Lord, in the which mind I (*torn*) make and order this my present testament concerning herein my last will, in manner and form following.. That is to say, first and principally I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker & redeemer, beseeching him of his mercies and I commit my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Swindon among the Christian bodies there. Item I will and bequeath that William my son shall have and occupy half this my house and land with the appurtenances belonging unto the same house here in Swindon with Alice my wife, his mother, and the same William to be at and to do half the charges thereof. And that he the said William shall enter therein at the 12 year's end immediately after my decease and the said William to have & take then half the crop in the barn to sow the land withal and that is to take half and to do half in everything. Item I give & bequeath unto (*torn*) same William my son £6 13s 4d of lawful money and 6 sheep and the middle pan. Item th(*torn*) and give unto Edward my son and Thomas my son my house named Sklatt house here in Sw(*torn*) aforesaid and all the land with the appurtenances unto the same house belonging and that they shall occupy (*torn*) to their own use straightway or immediately after my decease and to the longest liver of them two (*torn*) & enjoy the whole during the years & state therein. Item I give & bequeath unto Edward my son (*torn*) 4d of lawful money, my middle cauldron & 6 sheep. Item I give & bequeath unto Thomas my (*torn*) £6 13s 4d of lawful money, my biggest pot & 6 sheep and I give & bequeath them two (*torn*) and Thomas half a weigh of malt. Item I give & bequeath unto John my son £6 13s 4d, 6 (*torn*) a weigh of malt and a basin and I will that every one of them to have their portion of goods at (*torn*) end after my decease. Item I will that every one of them to have the occupation & profit of the sheep (*torn*) ways after my death or at my decease. Item I give & bequeath unto Alice my maidservant one sheep. I(*torn*) if any my fore-named children do die before they or any of them come to their full ages and be not married that then the said goods unto either of them before bequeathed to be equally divided amongst them that remain alive by the discretion of my overseers. The residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable unbequeathed, my debts paid, funeral expenses discharged, I give & bequeath to Alice my wife, whom I do make my whole executrix and to be my overseers I do make & ordain Roger Bar and Richard Hixe & John Hawlynge to see this my last will to be performed and kept.

These being witnesses hereunto: Thomas Whitthorne, Richard Mylward with others

Debts owing unto me

First Walter Frenche of Arle owes me 40s

Probate: 22 April 1563

1563/176

In the name of God, Amen. I William Clyfford of Swindon in the diocese of Gloucester, being very aged and weak of my body but, I give thanks and most praises unto Almighty God, in good and of perfect mind, do make this my last will of testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul unto Almighty God & my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Swindon among other Christian bodies there. Of my worldly goods first I bequeath unto Thomas Clyfford, the son of my late son William Clyfford deceased, one cow and also I do give unto John Clyfford, son unto my foresaid son William Clyfford, one cow. Item I will and bequeath unto William Clyfford, also son unto my foresaid son William Clyfford, my cistern, a malt quern, a grind stone, all my corn .owes, my ...ding trough & my boulding vessel which are remaining in my hall. Item I will, give & bequeath unto Edward Clyfford, son also unto my foresaid son William, all my corn wain bed with the wheels & all other the apparel of the wain with yoke strings, my plough & harrow with their apparel and also unto the same Edward all my part of my dung wain & other wheels. And further I give and bequeath unto the foresaid William Clyfford and Edward Clyfford all my part of plough timber & wain timber. Also I give & bequeath unto the foresaid Thomas Clyfford one brass pot, two platters, the best candlestick. And I do give & bequeath unto the foresaid John Clyfford my three cauldrons, one brass pan, a latten chaffing dish & a pewter pot. Also I give & bequeath to Thomas Hixe, son unto Richard Hixe of Alstone, two sheep either ewes or wethers. And also I do give & bequeath unto the four children of Roger Bar my son-in-law to either of them two wether sheep. Item I do give & bequeath unto Thomas Taundie & William Taundie, 2 sons unto Richard Tawndie, my late son-in-law, unto either of them two sheep. Item I give my wool unto my three daughters, first unto Alice Hyxe I give & bequeath 26 pounds. Item I give unto Joan ? & Agnes Westmacotte 48 pounds of wool to be delivered between them two. Item I give to Alice Hyexe and her son Thomas Hyxe the £3 that I did lend to her husband but if he do take his house for his wife & his boy as he has promised that then I do give the same £3 aforesaid to the said Richard Hyxe to help him & his wife withal. Item I give & bequeath to Roger Bur my beasts that do go at Charlton. Item I give to Margaret Bare the daughter of Roger Bare a horse that her father has in his keeping. Item I give to Richard Hawlyng a curnock of barley. Item I give to Alice Baker a sheep hog. Item I give to Annis Westencot a curnock of barley this year and another the next year & if she die to remain to her children. Item I give to Richard Hixe a curnock of barley. Item I give to every godchild 2d. All the rest of my goods, my debts paid, unbequest moveable & unmoveable, I give to my daughter Alice Clyfford whom I make my whole executor, overseers Roger Bare, Richard Hyxe.

These bearing witness: Thomas Whytear, Richard Myllard, Christopher Syngleton with others

Probate: 23 November 1563

1564/23

The year of Our Lord God 1563. In the name of God, Amen. I Harry Harrys of Prestbury, husbandman, sick in body but of good & perfect mind, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard. & to Joan my wife if she shall marry I give & bequeath at the day of her marriage £10 & if she do not marry then she shall have the use of my house & all my goods with my children & when they be of lawful age every one to have his portion & to this my last will I make my executors Humphrey Harrys, William Harry with my 3 daughters Anne,

Alice & Elizabeth with the child that she is great withal & if she should die that then the £10 to be distributed among the children & so likewise of the children unto the longest liver. Overseers of this my will Edward Lyghtfot, clerk, & Thomas Stevens. Witnesses of this my will: Christopher Walter & Thomas Butler with others
Probate: 10 November 1564

1564/121

In the name of God, Amen. The 11th September 1563 I William Aparke of Prestbury in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body & of perfect memory, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Prestbury. Also I give & bequeath to Joan my wife one cow & a cou... which she had before I married with her. Item I bequeath to the same Joan 2 beds with the appurtenances. Also I bequeath to John my son the best sheep of 7 & my great pot. Item I bequeath to Annis my daughter my great wort pan. Also I bequeath to Margaret my daughter my great cauldron & a little cauldron with a little pot & to every of my daughters one sheep. Also I bequeath to my son my bushel. Item I bequeath to every of my daughters one coffer of the smallest sort. Item I bequeath to the poor men's box 4d. The residue of my goods, my debts paid, I give & bequeath to John my son & Joan my wife whom I make my executors.

Witness hereof: Thomas Stevens, Sir Edward Lightfott, clerk, William Walter, Richard Sherife & overseers Leonard Detabor, Thomas Steven, William Walter

1565/80

In the name of God, Amen. The 14th July 1565 I Richard Churchneys of the parish of Leckhampton, being sick & feeble in body but of whole & perfect remembrance, praise be to Almighty God, do make my testament & last will in manner and form following. First & principally I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God my creator & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Leckhampton aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath unto Robert my son one iron band for a wain with the nails also. Item I give & bequeath to Ralph my son one feather bed with the appurtenances thereunto belong. Finally the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable not given nor bequeathed I give to Robert & Ralph my sons & Annis, Jane, Elizabeth, Joan and Alice my daughters to be divided among them in equal portions and Robert & Ralph to be my only executors. And I do ordain & make my overseers Thomas Churchneys and William Kyng my trusty friends to see all things herein contained to be performed and for their pains I give every of them 2s.

These bearing witness: William Randell and John Crumpe, Edward Whore with others

Probate: 18 September 1565

1565/103

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd August 1565 I Thomas Free of the parish of Leckhampton within the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being very sick in body and of good and perfect memory, praised be Almighty God, do make my last will and testament in form and manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Leckhampton. Item I give bequeath to William Free my son my greatest brass pan. Item I give and bequeath to William Free my son one pair of sheets. Item I give and bequeath to the same William one meat cloth, two platters, two saucers. Item I give and bequeath to Edmund Free my son my second brass pan. Item I give and bequeath to the said

Edmund my son one pair of sheets, one meat cloth, two platters, two saucers. Item I give bequeath to Ralph my son my third brass pan and a cauldron. Item I give bequeath to Ralph Free my son one pair of sheets, two platters, two saucers. Item I give and bequeath to Rhys my son my fourth pan and a cauldron. Item I give and bequeath to the Rhys my son one pair of sheets, two platters, two saucers. Item I give and bequeath to my four sons above named one cupboard to be divided equally between them. Item I give and bequeath to my four sons afore named four lambs either of them one. Also I give and bequeath to Jane my daughter one pair of sheets, two platters. And also it is my will that my said wife shall have the occupation of all my said goods during her said life. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I do give and bequeath to Alice my wife which Alice I make my whole executrix. Witnesses hereof: William King, John Sguch, John Crompe with others
Probate: 18 September 1565

1566/177

in the name of God, Amen. The 21st December 1562 and in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc, I Walter Dowdeswell of Leckhampton within the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being whole of my body and I give praises unto our Almighty God in perfect mind and of good memory, do make this my last testament and last will in manner and form following. First I commend my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God and to be with all the holy company in heaven and I beseech Our Lord of his great mercies and I commit my mortal body to be buried in the holy ground of the parish church of Leckhampton. Item I bequeath and give to Thomas Dowdeswell the elder of the parish of Charlton Kings 4 bushels of wheat and 4 bushels of barley. Item I give and bequeath unto Annis Waterman, daughter to one John Waterman of Charlton Kings, a table board and a cupboard. Item I give and bequeath unto Katherine Randell a malt quern and a spoon of silver. Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Randell a malting stone. Item I give and bequeath unto Ralph Randell all my working tools. Item I give and bequeath unto Walter Dowdeswell, son to Thomas Dowdeswell aforesaid, one brass pot. Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Dowdeswell, the brother of this said Thomas, one sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto William Englisshe my godson one bushel of wheat. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Randell, the son of John Randell of Birdlip, one sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto William Randell, son unto William Randell, one sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto my servant Richard Liche one sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto my servant Richard Ideriche one sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto William Randell my son-in-law one ox calf and all the tacklings belonging unto the wain or plough after the decease of Annis my wife. The residue of all my goods moveable and unmoveable not bequeathed I give and bequeath unto Annis my wife, to pay my debts and my funeral expenses, the which Annis my wife I do make my sole executrix.

Witness to this my last will: Rhys Jones, parson of Leckhampton, John Gynes, William Ballinger, Richard Littyll, William Churches with others
Probate: 22 October 1566

1567/82

In the name of God, Amen. The 27th May 1567 I John Poope of Prestbury in the deanery of Winchcombe, sick in body & in good remembrance, do make my last will & testament as follows. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Prestbury. First I do bequeath 12d to the poor men's box. Item I do bequeath to William Poope my eldest son the table board in the hall, the bench, the form with the trestles and one cistern. Item I do bequeath to William Poope my second son one cow, six sheep to be delivered at the day of his marriage.

Item I do bequeath to John Poope my younger son one cow, six sheep to be delivered at the day of his marriage. Item I do bequeath to Barbara Poope my daughter one cow, six sheep to be delivered forthwith and a heifer at the day of her marriage. Item I do bequeath to Alice Colet my daughter one sheep and to her son Nicholas Colet a sheep both to be delivered forthwith. Item I do make Joan Poope my wedded wife my executrix of all my goods unbequeathed moveable & unmoveable, paying my debts.

In witness hereof these persons undernamed: Edward Lyghtfoote, clerk, John Atwell of Prestbury with others

Probate: 26 July 1567

1567/166

In the name of God, Amen. The 25th September 1566 I William Norrys of Prestbury in the deanery of Winchcombe, sick in body & in good remembrance, do make my last will & testament as follows. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Prestbury. Item I give to John Norrys my son 40s. Item I give to William Norrys my son 40s. Item my will is that Alice Huttman shall have her living as she has had it beforetime with me so that my executrix have her land that she has by copy lying in Hampnett. If the said Alice sell the land to any other man or woman or child that then the said parties so taking the said ground of the said Alice Hutman shall keep her & my executrix to be discharged. The rest of my goods not bequeathed moveable & unmoveable & the lands of the de... that I hold by a lease I give to Margery my wife whom I make my executrix, notwithstanding my will is that John Norrys my son shall have one acre of the said land yearly to his advantage during my wife's life & then if my wife marry or shall die before the years of my lease be expired or ended then Harry Norrys my son to have the said demesne lands to the end of my lease.

These being witness: Miles Burtid

I owe John Norris my son 9 quarters of barley & 12s, one ox, one cow

I owe to the church 11s 4d. Item to Thomas Apyrry 3s. I owe to Miles Bur.. Item to Bess Gray a quarter of (*torn*) I owe for wood (*torn*)

Probate: 28 May 1567

1567/191

In the name of God, Amen. The 27th October in the year of Our Lord God (*torn*) and in the ninth year of reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc, I (*torn*) in the county of Gloucester, gentleman, being sick in body nevertheless of good and perfect mind and remembrance, thanks be given to our Almighty God, do make (*torn*)ment in manner & form following. First and principally I bequeath & commend my soul to Almighty God, desiring him forgiveness of my sins through the merits of (*torn*) Jesus Christ and my body to be buried by & with my grandfather in the chapel on the north side within the church of Prestbury. Item I give & bequeath to the poor, that is to say (*torn*) 4d. Item I give & bequeath to the poor people of Cheltenham 23s 4d. Item I give unto the poor people of Winchcombe 20s. Item I give & bequeath to my father William Bagehot (*torn*)my .et... which I have for term of years yet enduring & to come, out of the which leases of Barrington & Badminton and out of all things in the that is to say at the same leases & in each of them (*torn*) Bagehot my brother ten pounds of lawful money of England every year during the said leases & the terms in the same encompassed to be paid by the hands of my said father (*torn*) following, that is to say at the feast of the Annunciation of Our Blessed lady the Virgin next coming five pounds and at the feast of St Michael the Archangel (*torn*)ve pounds and so yearly & from year to year ten pounds by the year during the said term of years to come in the

said leases. And if it happen the said rent (*torn*) and unpaid by the space of six weeks next after any of the said feasts at which it ought to be paid that then it shall be lawful to the said George & his assigns to (*torn*)ayne for the same & the distress so taken to lead, drive and carry away till the said rent with the arrearage thereof, if any such be, be fully satisfied & paid. Also (*torn*) ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid yearly during the said leases to the said Giles out of the premises at the same days as the other t(*torn*) to the forenamed George Bagehot with like & the same authority to distrain for lack of payment as is before by this my testament given to the said Geo(*torn*) Bagehot my brother ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid yearly to the said Edward out of the premises during the said leases in manner & form (*torn*) is before by this my testament appointed yearly to be paid to the said George with the same & like authority to distrain for lack of payment thereof as is before (*torn*) George. Item I give & bequeath unto Charles Bagehot my brother ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid yearly to the said Charles during the said leases out of the (*torn*) before mentioned and is appointed by this my testament to be yearly paid to the said George with the same & like authority to enter & to distrain for lack of payment (*torn*) to the said George & his assigns. And if it please God to take my father forth of this present world before the end of the foresaid leases of Barrington & Badminton then (*torn*) delivered to my said four brethren George Bagehot, Giles Bagehot, Edward Bagehot & Charles Bagehot and to be used as is aforesaid or to be delivered into some indifferent & (*torn*) decease of my said father if he shall happen to die before the end of the same leases. And if it happen that any of my said brethren to depart forth of this world before the end of (*torn*) shall remain to my other brethren aforesaid & so to the longest liver & to the longest liver of them. Item my will is that if any of my foresaid brethren do depart forth of this world (*torn*) leases aforesaid being the married then I will that it shall be lawful for him so being married at the time of his death to give & bequeath his part & interest of & in the said leases & of (*torn*)unto whom it shall please him not withstanding any clause or sentence before rehearsed to the contrary. And also if my foresaid brethren or any of them may, can or shall remi(*torn*) being alive then I will & desire that the foresaid leases & profits thereof may remain & to be used indifferently amongst them that then shall still be living as is aforesaid and so to (*torn*) bequeath to my brother-in-law John Slawghter esquire my best taffeta gown. Item I give & bequeath unto my brother Richard Bagehot my signet or ring of gold which has the arms of (*torn*)the same Richard my best pair of hose. Item I give & bequeath to Thomas Bagehot my brother my best riding cloak guarded with silver lace. Item I give & bequeath to my brother Giles my best cloak guarded (*torn*) brother my long gown furred with fox. Item all the rest of my apparel I give & bequeath to my brethren George, Edward & Charles to be divided amongst them as it pleases my father (*torn*) bequeath to my uncle Charles Hurst twenty shillings. Item I do will & bequeath to Elizabeth Asbourne, a poor maid & servant in my father's house, so much money as will make her stock which that (*torn*)ty pounds at the day of her marriage. And also I will & bequeath to Thomas Kere which has been servant in my father's house of long time twenty nobles. Item I give & bequeath to every servant (*torn*) Item I give to my father my lease of Puckcombe Woods & all my interest therein the which lease I will if it happens my father to die before the years of the same lease to be expired then the same (*torn*) house called Hall Place in the which my father now dwells and to the heirs of the same house whom God & my father shall appoint. Item I give furthermore to the foresaid William Bagehot my father (*torn*) leases, bargains, titles, interests & grants of all lands & leases & all such rights, title & interest as I have or ought to have in anything not before given, bequeathed (*torn*) namely my money, plate, jewels, debts & all other my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable not before given nor bequeathed by this my testament. And I do constitute, make & ordain the same (*torn*) father to be sole & full executor of this my last will & testament to order & dispose all things touching the same according to his will & discretion. In witness whereof I the

said William Bagehot the younger (*illegible*) my last will & testament put my seal & published the same given the day & year above written.

These being present: George Bagehot, gentleman, Thomas Kere, yeoman, William Annysson with others

Probate: 28 November 1567

1569/46

In the name of God, Amen. The 14th August 1568 and in the tenth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc, I Joan Poope of Prestbury in the county of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body and of perfect remembrance, thanks be given to God, make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God desiring forgiveness of my sins through the merits of the death and passion of our saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried by my late husband John Poope in Prestbury. Item I give and bequeath to William my second son twenty nobles. Item I give to John my third son twenty nobles. Item I give to Barbara my daughter twenty nobles. Item I give to William my eldest son all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable whom I make and ordain my sole executor of this my last will and testament. Item I make my well beloved brother Richard Abyngton of Dowdeswell overseer of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses to this my said will: John Atwell and Robert New(*torn*) the elder.

Probate: 20 August 1569

1570/123

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th April 1570 and in the 12th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc, I Lawrence Hodge of Prestbury within the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in my body but I praise our Lord God in good mind & of perfect memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God beseeching him of his great mercies and I commit my mortal body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Prestbury aforesaid amongst other Christian bodies there. Item I do give and bequeath of my worldly goods first unto Thomas Hodge my eldest son seven pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him at his lawful age. Item I do give and bequeath unto William Hodge my son the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid and delivered unto the hands & custody and keeping immediately after my death of Christopher Wourmehill of Prestbury foresaid until the said William shall happen to come unto his lawful age. Item I do give and bequeath unto Margery Hodge my daughter the sum of seven pounds of lawful money of England likewise to be paid unto her at her day of lawful age. Item I do give and bequeath unto Joan Hodge my daughter seven pounds of lawful money of England likewise to be paid unto her also at her lawful age, provided that if any of the foresaid Thomas Hodge or William Hodge, Margery Hodge or Joan Hodge or any one of them do happen to die or depart out of this present world as God forbid before any of them shall come unto their said lawful age as before rehearsed that then my will is that the foresaid legacies unto any one of them so departed, shall remain unto the rest of them remaining alive to be distributed unto them by even portions. Further I give unto the foresaid Thomas Hodge my son my corn wain with her ironbound wheels and with all her apparel and with yokes and strings for six oxen and unto the same Thomas my dung wain and with her ironbound wheels also and with her apparel and also unto the same Thomas two ploughs with two shares and coulter and all my plough gear. Item I give and bequeath unto the said Thomas my son my best broach

and unto the said Thomas my malt quern, a cistern and my salting stone, my long table boards in the hall with the trestles, the form and the benches there and also my best brass pot. Item I give and bequeath unto the said Thomas four quarters of barley, two quarters of wheat and my will is that the said wheat and barley to be paid and delivered by my executrix unto the said Thomas my son when that he shall come and be at his lawful age. And also my will is that that my foresaid wains and ploughs with all their apparel as aforesaid to be unto the use, occupying and custody of Elizabeth my wife during all such time and so long as she shall keep herself sole & unmarried and at the end of her said time & term of her leaving of the said wains and ploughs and other things as aforesaid that then the said Elizabeth for to leave the same in as good and sufficient reparations as she does find them. Item I do give and bequeath unto Margery my said daughter my cupboard in the hall, my best brass pan, a little cauldron, my best candlestick, two my best platters, two the best pottingers and my best saucer and my second best brass pot. Item I do give and bequeath unto the same Margery my best flock bed & best coverlet, my best bolster, a pair of blankets and two pair of sheets and one of the best towels, a brass posnet and a skimmer and these said legacies unto the same Margery to be delivered unto her at her said lawful age. Item I do give unto the said Margery two quarters of malt to be delivered unto her & her only use at Michaelmas next coming after the date hereof. Item I do give and bequeath unto the foresaid Joan my daughter my second best flock bed, a bolster, a coverlet a canvas, a blanket and one pair of good hempen sheets and the second best towel, two my second best platters and my old brass pan. Item I do give and bequeath to the poor people of Prestbury six shillings and eight pence of lawful English money to be paid and distributed to them at Michaelmas next coming by my executrix at the oversight of the overseers of this my last will and testament. Item I do give and bequeath unto Margaret, the wife of Richard lane of Cheltenham, one bushel of malt. Item I do give and bequeath unto William Roberts, my wife's brother's son, my best black fustian doublet. Item I do give and bequeath unto Bridget Roberts, my said wife's brother's daughter, one of my best ewes with her lamb, the best that she can choose amongst all my sheep, and to be delivered unto her by Whitsuntide next coming. And all the rest of my goods unbequeathed or ungiven I do give and bequeath them unto Elizabeth my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will & testament, my debts paid & my funeral discharged. And I do ordain & make to be my overseers of this my last will & testament Christopher Wourmehill als Whome, William Machin of Prestbury and Richard Frenche als Lane of Cheltenham to see the same to be truly and justly performed. And I do give and will the said Christopher Wourmehill and William Machin for their painstaking in this behalf unto every one of them a bushel of wheat. These being witnesses: Christopher Wourmehill, William Machin and Richard Frenche

Debts owing unto me the abovesaid Lawrence Hodge

First Christopher Wourmehill als Whome of Prestbury owes me	£3
Richard Brevell of Charlton Kings owes me	20s
Richard Dobbys of Gratton owes me	26s 8d
William Farley of Gratton owes me	7s
Sum total	£5 13s 8d

Probate: 23 September 1570

1570/151

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd June 1569 I Rhys Jones of Leckhampton within the county of Gloucester, parson of the parish church of Leckhampton aforesaid, being sick in body but whole and of a good, perfect mind and memory, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I bequeath

my soul unto Almighty God and unto his dearly beloved son Jesus Christ, by whose most precious blood shedding I surely and fully hope and trust to have forgiveness of all and singular my sins and trespasses and my body to be buried in the chancel of Leckhampton aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to the reparation of the parish church of Leckhampton aforesaid 5s. Item I give and bequeath to Ralph Gines, my sister's eldest son, £5 of good and lawful money of England to maintain him at school. Item I give and bequeath to the said Ralph Gines a feather bed with a flock bed and with all the appurtenances thereto belonging with the bedstead in my chamber. Item I give and bequeath to the said Ralph Gines all my apparel and books with forty sheep, with my gelding, saddle and bridle. Item I give and bequeath to Joan Gines, the daughter of John Gines, my brother-in-law, £5 of good and lawful money of England at the day of her marriage if the said Joan do obey her parents' goodwill. Item I give and bequeath to the said Joan Gines a cow, a flock bed, a bolster, 2 pair of sheets and a covering with the bedstead, a charger, a pottinger, a saucer and a candlestick and after the death of my sister, her mother, my best brass pot. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Gines £5 of good and lawful money of England at the day of her marriage if the said Elizabeth do obey her parents' goodwill. Item I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth a flock bed, 2 pair of sheets, a bolster with a covering, a bedstead, a saucer, a pottinger with a candlestick, a cow and five sheep. Item I give and bequeath to William Gines, the son to the said John Gines and Joan his mother, £5 of good and lawful money of England, a flock bed, a bolster, 2 pair of sheets, a covering with the bedstead, a cow, a pottinger, a charger, a saucer with a candlestick, to be delivered to the said William Gines at the age of 21 years. Item I give and bequeath to Arthur Davis £5 of good and lawful money of England, a flock bed, a bolster, 2 pair of sheets, a covering for the bed, to be delivered to the said Arthur Davis at the age of 23 years if he so long live. Item I give and bequeath to Joan Gines my sister my best feather bed with a flock bed, the bedsteads with all the appurtenances thereto belonging. Item I give and bequeath to the said Joan Gines my sister a cow, all my brass and pewter not bequeathed, all my napery ware not bequeathed. Item I give and bequeath to my said sister a flat silver piece, double gilt, during her natural life and after the decease of her the said piece to remain to Ralph Gines, her son, if the said Ralph be then living and if it happen the said Ralph to die before his said mother then the said silver piece to remain to William Gines, brother to the said Ralph Gines. Item I give and bequeath to John Gines, my brother-in-law, my oxen with an iron-bound wain with yokes, harrows and all other things belonging to husbandry. Item I give and bequeath to the said John Gines all my goods moveable and unmoveable not bequeathed, the which John I make my whole executor, paying my debts and funeral expenses.

Given at Leckhampton the day and year above written. Witness whereof William Kinge, John Finche, William Randle, Edward Hore with others

Probate: 11 October 1570

1570/163

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd January 1569 I Richard Mylward of Swindon within the diocese and county of Gloucester, husbandman, sick & weak in body but of good & perfect memory, God be thanked, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul unto Almighty God, my blessed maker & redeemer, & my body I bequeath to the parish churchyard of Swindon aforesaid, there to be buried amongst other my Christian brothers and sisters. Item my temporal goods I give & bequeath in manner & form following. First in consideration of my tithes which happily I have in some part forgotten I give & bequeath to the parish church of Swindon aforesaid 6d. Item I give & bequeath unto William Mylward my son a cistern, a kneading trough, a boulting witch, a malt quern & a great pot to be delivered unto him at the age of 21 years. And if it happen the

said William my son within the said age to depart out of this life then my will is that the said premises be delivered & given unto John my next eldest son at the age of 21 years aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath unto my eldest son William the tagged ox which of a calf I have bred up for him & which his grandmother gave unto him. Item I give unto every one of my children forty shillings of good currant money to be delivered unto them at their lawful age or at the day of their marriage. Item I give unto every one of my children 2 sheep. And if it fortune any one of my 4 youngest children do depart out of this life within the said age then I will that his or her part so deceased be equally divided & given to my other children which shall be then remaining or to the longest liver of them so that my will is that John my son, if William happen to die, shall only & wholly enjoy the said cistern, kneading trough, boulding witch, malt quern & great pot & all the rest of my legacies unto my said children bequeathed, if any one of them die within age or more than one even to the last liver, I will that as is aforesaid the legacies be divided amongst my children then remaining by equal portions or wholly delivered unto the longest liver of them. All the rest of my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable not before given & bequeathed, my funerals, debts & legacies discharged & paid, I give & bequeath unto Margaret my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will & testament. Item I do constitute & appoint Richard Blyse my overseer to cause this my last will & testament to be performed accordingly.

These being witness whose names are underwritten: Edward Dudsen, William Mawson, curate

The debts which I owe

I owe unto my sister Elizabeth Nue 30s

I owe unto my sister Annis Turbot 20s

Debts owing unto me

My sister Elizabeth Nue owes unto me
for four bushels of wheat 12s

The said Elizabeth owes unto me for
eight bushels of barley 16s

The said Elizabeth owes unto me for rent for
3 quarters of a year 7s 4d

Probate: 1 April 1570