

CIRENCESTER WILLS 1561-1570

1562/46

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th August 1561 I John Kembrige of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being somewhat deceased of body but thanks be given to Almighty God of whole mind & good remembrance, do ordain & make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty [God] the Father & to Jesus Christ my only saviour & redeemer, to the Holy Ghost the comforter & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to John Kembrige my son 2 flock beds, one which he lies on himself & the other which the scholars lie on, with bolster & coverlet & all the appurtenances to them belonging. Also I give & bequeath to the said John all my raiment except my 2 gowns. Also I give & bequeath to the said John Kembrige my son 40s in money to be dd [given] him at the day of his marriage. Also I give to the said John the coffer which he now uses. Also I give unto Sir Thomas Perpoynt, curate, Sir Harry Jones, Sir Thomas Marshall & Thomas Faryngton to every of them to have at my burial 12d apiece for their painstaking. The residue of all my goods not given nor bequeathed both moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Anne Kembrige my wife whom I do make my sole executrix & to bring me honestly on earth with the oversight of my beloved in Christ Thomas Edmunds. Witness to this my last will & testament: Sir Thomas Perpoynt, curate, Sir Harry Jones, Richard Humerston, Thomas Faryngton with others
Probate: 22 April 1562

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Item I give to the parish church of Cirencester to he(*torn*) things necessary 5s. Item I give & bequeath to John my son the sum of £30 in money & chattels. Also I give to the said John a chest, a coffer, one goblet of silver, a silver salt, a brazen mortar with a pestle, a table board which stands in the nether parlour, my great broach & my racks & also my standing bedstead which I use to lie on with the bed & all other appurtenances belonging to it & furthermore I give to him my furnace pan in the bake house, one brass pot, one cauldron, 3 platters, 3 pottingers, 3 saucers, 2 candlesticks. All these legacies given to my son I will he shall enjoy at the day of his marriage or at the age of 21 years except my silver salt which I will his mother during her natural life. Item I give to John Gerye my kinsman 20s & also I give & bequeath to Robert Gerye his brother 20s. Item I give & bequeath to Ellen Gerye my kinswoman 20s. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth Gerye the value of 20s in such things as be necessary for her & most need of by the discretion of my overseers at the request of the said Elizabeth. Item I give & bequeath to Alice, my wife's sister, my gown faced with worsted. Item I give & bequeath to Joan Arche my servant my workday gown and I give to Katherine Ball a white petticoat cloth. Item I give to Harry Ingram one of my coats which my wife will appoint him. Item I give to William Fowler my shepherd 4 hogs as they come out of the fold. Item I give to the poor people of Cirencester to be distributed amongst them in bread 40s. Item I give & bequeath to Margery my wife the years of the lease of my house & to her assigns and also the lease of the Fursom field which I have of Mistress Harberd during her natural life I give to my wife. Item I give a lease made between Mistress Wye & William her son & me for 10 years which I will to my wife during the said term of 10 years paying £3 by the year which was not sealed at the making of this my will. The residue of all my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged, I give & bequeath to Margery my wife whom I do institute & make my full & sole executrix to pay & discharge & to receive all such things as be due unto me & to

bring up my child in the fear of God as our duty is with the oversight of my beloved John Surman, John a Penyngton & Thomas Newport whom I desire to be the overseers of this my last will & testament & I give to every of them for their painstaking 5s. Furthermore my will & desire is that these my overseers when time shall happen my wife to marry or otherwise that then they shall take assurance of her as they think most mete for the performance of all these my legacies to be truly performed & specially that this my child may be virtuously brought up in learning to a convenient age & knowledge as they shall think good & that he may be in a good & sufficient assurance of these his legacies when he shall be married or come to lawful age if it shall please God to give him life. & if it please God to call him before he come to lawful age or be married then I will £6 of his said legacy to remain to Robert Gerye my kinsman & if he fail likewise then I will the said legacy to remain to John Gerye & Eleanor or the longest liver of them both & all the rest to remain to Margery my wife & to whom she wills. & furthermore if these my overseers do think the assurance that my wife does offer & bring not to be sufficient then I will that they shall take the said legacies with the child & to put it & the child there where as it may be to the behalf of the said child.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Perpin, curate, John Surman, John a Penyngton, Thomas Newport, Thomas Webb, John Webb, Thomas Faryngton with others

Probate: 21 June 1563 for John Fowler of Cirencester

1563/152

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th January 1563 and the sixth year of Queen Elizabeth I Thomas Perpynt of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, curate, being sick in body but whole in mind and remembrance thanks be to Almighty God do constitute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried in the choir of the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give & bequeath to my parish church of Cirencester 12d. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret Perpynt twenty marks of lawful money of England. Item I give to my daughter Margaret also my best gown furred with budge*, my trussing bedstead, my best flock bed with a bolster & my best coverlet & a blanket, my coffer with three fine sheets, one pillowbere, eight handkerchiefs, two table napkins, a table cloth, two sheets, a towel, a pewter pot, a cruse, a pottinger, a saucer & a candlestick, my best hat & my worsted cassock, a frying pan & a brandiron. Item I give & bequeath to my cousin John Gowghe my best worsted jacket & my best worsted doublet. Item I give & bequeath to John Webbe Corse parish, my kinsman, my second worsted jacket & my second doublet & also I do forgive his wife 13s 4d which she does owe me that she borrowed of me. Item I do forgive John Gowghe's wife 13s 4d that she borrowed of me. Item I give & bequeath to John Gowghe the 5s which William Pyrhe of Mitcheldean does owe me. Item I give & bequeath to Katherine my servant my second best gown, a new piece of cloth to make her a kirtle, a pair of sheets, my second best hat, all my stobbins, stobbin pails, dishes, trenchers & in money forty shillings & a pair of bellows & my best hose. Item I give & bequeath to Agnes Rede my summer gown & in money 12d. Item I give & bequeath my gown faced with lamb to Thomas Farryngton & in money four shillings which he does owe me. Item I give & bequeath my old jacket & a pair of shoes to the poor. Item I give & bequeath to John Rede my jacket of Bristol frieze, a pair of black hose, & a pair of shoes & a shirt & my button cap & my old doublet. Item I give to John Cooke my old hose & my cork shoes. Item I give & release to Richard Sumarston his brass pot again which I have in gage.

- *budge= a kind of fur*

1564/35

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th March in the sixth 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 John Momford of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, weaver, being sick in body but of whole mind and in perfect and good remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner & form following. That is to say first I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of St John Baptist in Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Momford my eldest son one loom which I bought of Thomas Palmer with one harness, one slay, one set of shafts and one pair of shuttles to be delivered unto him at the day of my decease. Also I give unto him more one flock bed to be delivered unto him after the decease of Alice my wife. Item I give and bequeath unto John Momford my youngest son my best bed with a bolster and pillow of feathers, one pair of fine sheets and one other pair of sheets, my best coverlet, my best table cloth, a towel, my best brass pot, one brass pan, my best candlestick and two platters. Item I give unto Elizabeth my daughter one flock bed, one pair of sheets and a coverlet, my second brass pot, one brass pan, one platter and a candlestick. Also I give unto her more my other loom with all the appurtenances. The rest of my goods not given I give and bequeath unto Alice my wife whom I make and ordain my whole executrix, she paying my debts and discharging my funeral. And I will she to gather & levy all such debts as are owing unto me. But I will and my whole mind is that none of these my legacies before given shall be delivered until the decease of Alice my wife (except the loom before rehearsed) but I will that she shall have, hold, keep and retain for and during the whole natural life of her. And I make John Chapplen and John Longe to be my overseers to see these my legacies justly performed.

These being witness: John Chapplen, William Patche, John Gurney and others

Probate: 6 February 1564

1564/43

(*torn*) of September 1564 & in the 6th year (*torn*) the grace of God Queen of England, France (*torn*)er of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, vintner, being (*torn*)brance, thanked be God, do institute, ordain & make (*torn*) this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ my only saviour & to the Holy Ghost the comforter & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried within the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give to the holy table for tithes forgotten 6d. Item I give & bequeath to Robert my son ten pounds in money, one goblet of silver which I bought last, one feather bed with my best coverlet & all manner of appurtenances belonging to the same bed, also my best table board which stands in my chamber, my chest, my best brass pan & my second brass pot, 3 platters, 3 pottingers, 3 saucers, 2 candlesticks, a broach & 4 silver spoons. Item I give & bequeath to Dorothy my daughter 20 nobles in money, one feather bed with all manner of appurtenances belonging to it, one goblet of silver, 2 silver spoons, a brass pot & a pan, 3 platters, 3 pottingers & 3 saucers & 2 candlesticks. Item I give & bequeath to John Walker, the son of my son William Walker late deceased, one brass pot & a pan to be dd [given] to him at the day of his marriage or at the age of 21 years. Item I give & bequeath to every one of my maidens 12d apiece. Item I give & bequeath to William Walker, my son's son, 20s to be dd [given] to him at the day of his marriage. Item I give & bequeath to be distributed amongst the poor people of Cirencester at the day of my burial 20s in bread & money. Item I give & bequeath to

Giles Driner, the son of John Dryner & Joan, one angelet to be dd [given] at the day of his marriage. Item I give & bequeath to the maintenance of the free school in Cirencester 10s. The residue of all my goods, my debts, legacies & funeral discharged, moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Avice my wife whom I do institute, ordain & make my full & sole executrix to bestow it as she thinks good for the wealth of my soul & all Christians with the oversight of my beloved brother William Walker & I give to him for his pains a silver cup & a gown and also William Gurneye & I give him for his pains 6s 8d, desiring them to see this my will truly performed & executed. Furthermore my will is that these my legacies given to my son Robert & likewise his sister Dorothy that they shall enjoy them at the day or days of their marriage if it please God to give them so long life or the man child at the age of 21 years and the maid child at the age of 18 years. Also if it please God to call either of them before they be married or come to lawful age & the party so deceased his or her legacy to remain to the other & if it please God to call them both then their legacies to remain to my children's children
 These being witness: William Walker, William Gurneye, Thomas Faryngton
 Probate: November 1564 for John Walker, deceased, of Cirencester

1564/88

In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd December 1563 I Richard Heynes of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole of mind & remembrance, thanks be God, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ my only saviour & to the Holy Ghost the comforter & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Smart 3 sheep & a hose cloth. Item I give & bequeath to John Smart 3 sheep. Item I give & bequeath to William Heynes my brother my best coat. Item I give & bequeath to Agnes Henys my goddaughter one sheep. Item I give & bequeath to Joan, the daughter of Richard Hamerston one sheep & one sheep to Ellen, the daughter of Roger Gryffen, my goddaughter also. Item I give & bequeath to William my son 20 sheep. Item I give to Margaret my wife all the rest of my sheep not before given & bequeathed. The residue of all my goods not given nor bequeathed, my funerals & legacies discharged, I give & bequeath to Margaret my wife & William my son whom I do make my full executors of this my last will & testament.
 Witness hereunto William Stacye, Thomas Faryngton with others
 Probate: 4 July 1564

1564/123

In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd September 1564 I William Blackwell of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, shoemaker, being sick in body but whole of mind & remembrance, thanks be to God, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to the heavenly company & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give to the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Item I give to my parish church of Cirencester towards the reparations of the said church 8d. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter-in-law £3 6s 8d. Item I give & bequeath to John Sprate, my sister's son, £3 6s 8d to be dd [given] to them at the day of their marriage & if either of them depart before that time that then their portion to remain to Margaret my wife. The residue of all my goods moveable & unmoveable, my funeral & debts & legacies discharged, I give & bequeath to Margaret my wife whom I do make my sole executrix.
 Debts that I do owe
 To Elizabeth Standyshe of Fairford 20s

To Sir Thomas Marshall, priest	£4
To Mr Marshall of Bagendon	£6
To the Goodman Byddell of Maugersbury	10s
To Alice Gurneye, widow	40s
To Harry Hichman	20s

Witnessing hereunto: Richard Hardyng, John Blackwell, Richard Blackwell with others

I do owe to Elizabeth Neale of Yate	£18
I do owe to William Whytyng of Bisley	£4

The debts that be owing me remain in my shop book
 Probate: 6 February 1564

1565/100

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd January 1564 & in the reign of Elizabeth, Queen of England etc the seventh I Thomas Wakeleye of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, tailor, being sick in body but whole of mind & remembrance, thanked be God, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ my only saviour & redeemer & to the Holy Ghost the comforter & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter 40s. Item I give & bequeath to the child my wife goes withal 40s to be dd [given] them at the day of their marriage. Also if it please God to call either of them before that time the portion to remain to the other. Also if it please God to call them both then the portions to remain to Agnes my wife or who she shall appoint. Item I give to be distributed among the poor at my burial in bread 20s. The residue of all my goods moveable & unmoveable, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged, I give & bequeath to Agnes my wife whom I do institute & make my full & sole executrix with the oversight of my father John Wakeleye & Giles Selwen, my well-beloved neighbour whom I do put my trust to see this my will truly performed. Witness hereunto: John Wakeleye, Giles Selwyn, John Brodshaw with others
 Probate: 1 August 1565

1566/38

In the name of God, Amen. The 1st February 1566 & in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Francis Henburye of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, weaver, being sick in body but whole of mind & remembrance thanked be God, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ my only saviour & redeemer & to the Holy Ghost the comforter & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to Margaret Heye one cow to be dd [given] at my wife's discretion. Item I give & bequeath to Anne Heye my pair of andirons to be dd [given] at my wife's discretion. Item I give to Edward Clarke my gown. Item I give to Harry Parker my black frieze coat, a pair of russet hose & my canvas truss. Item I give to Thomas Raynolles of St John's house my white frieze coat. Item I give & bequeath to William, the son of William Wood, one sheep. Item I give to Elizabeth Parker my goddaughter in money 12d. Item I give & bequeath to Anne Hunt my goddaughter 12d. Item I give & bequeath to Joan Locke my goddaughter 4d. Item I give & bequeath to the poor people of St John's house so called 2d apiece & likewise to the four poor men of St Thomas' house 2d apiece & also I give likewise to the four poor folk called Fridays Folk 2d apiece. Item I give to be distributed amongst the poor people of St Cecily's Street commonly called in bread 2s. Item I give to be distributed amongst the poor

people of St Lawrence Street in bread 2s. Item I give & bequeath toward the reparation of my said parish church of Cirencester 12d. Item I give & bequeath to John Deye one bushel of malt. Item I give to Thomas Faryngton half a bushel of malt. The residue of all my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged, I give & bequeath to Anne my wife whom I do institute, ordain & make to be my full & sole executrix to dispose it as she shall think good for the wealth of my soul & all Christians with the oversight of my beloved William Wood & John Deye.

Debts I do owe

First to Master Bayley at Our Lady Day £3

Debts due unto me

First Goodwife Hamlett of Preston, widow, 34s

& also 2 bushels of barley witness John Hamlett.

John Smyth of Preston 5s

John Adams of Ampney 4 bushels of barley then I owe him 2s

Thomas Roberts of Driffield 2 bushels of barley

Humphrey Baggett of Preston one quarter of barley

William Hunt upon a gage 10s 8d

Agnes Lawson for malt 7s

Joan Knyght als Mylner 2s 6d

William Banester for malt 6s 8d

Agnes Wytherley for malt 18d

Richard Philips for malt 13s

John Fowler the baker 9s 6d

The collar maker dwelling in Gosditch 7s

John Hoore for malt 34s 4d

Thomas Pytt for malt 16s

Witness to this last will & testament: by me John Adams, rector, William Wood, John Deye, Thomas Faryngton with others

Probate: 1 March 1566

1566/47

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th April 1565 I Harry Trap of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole of mind & remembrance (thanked be God), do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God etc & my body to be buried in Christian burial.

Debts that I do owe

First to Richard Small of London, cloth worker 40s. Item to John Kyng of London, salter 33s 4d. Item to John Fisher of London, salter 15s. Item to Roger Tyler of London, salter 20s 6d. Item to Leonard Brothers of London, fisher £4. Item to William Webbe of Stroud Water £4. Item to John Coxwell of Cirencester 30s. Item to the said John Coxwell for Our Lady Day rent last past 13s 4d. Item to Sir Giles Pooylle, knight 20s. Item to Richard Heydon of Cirencester, mercer 23s. Item to Richard Pachett, my son-in-law 12s 8d. Item to Thomas Edmunds for rent of my house 6s 8d. Item for the rent of a garden 3s 4d. Item to Thomas Rogers of Stroud Water 16s. Item to Richard Purser 53s 4d.

Debts due to me

First Bishop of Siddington Mary £3 13s 4d.

Item the Goodwife Barrow of Daglingworth 5s 4d. Item Thomas Gardiner of Stroud Water 10s.

Item I will that my son Richard Trap shall have the lease of the parsonage of Siddington which I have and after 2 years when he has disbursed my debts that he shall give yearly out of the same amongst the rest of my children as follows as long as the lease endures. First to every of my sons 6s 8d saving I will that Michael shall

[have] 13s 4d. Item to every of my daughters 10s apiece and to discharge the lord's rent. Item I give & bequeath to Edith my daughter my best bed that I do lie on with bolster, sheets, blanket, coverlet & bedstead, my best brass pot, my best brass pan & my posnet, my best platter, my best pottinger, my best candlestick, my best cauldron & the coffer at the bed's head next to the hall. Item I give to Agnes my daughter the bed next the window with bolster, sheets, blanket & coverlet & bedstead, my second brass pot, my second brass pan, my second platter, my second pottinger & my second candlestick & the coffer at the chamber door. Item I give to Thomas my son a flock bed, a bolster, a platter, a pottinger & a candlestick, a coffer & a pair of sheets. Item I give to John my son a flock bed, a bolster, a platter, a pottinger & a candlestick. Item I give to Nicholas my son a cauldron, a platter & a pottinger, a gridiron & a chaffing dish. Item I give to William my son my best coat & my best chaffing dish. Item I give to Michael the rest of my raiment. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged, I give to Richard Trap my son whom I do make my sole executor.
Witness hereunto: John Adams, clerk, William Stacey, Thomas Wryte, Thomas Merrett, William Banester, Thomas Faryngton with others
Probate: 27 March 1566

1566/170

In the name of God, Amen. The 15th December 1566 I William Stacey of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole of mind & remembrance, thanked be God, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ my only saviour & redeemer & the Holy Ghost the comforter & to the heavenly company and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to William my son a flock bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets, a blanket, a coverlet with the bedstead & all other appurtenances to the same, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, 2 saucers, a brass pot & a pan, a cauldron, 2 candlesticks, a chaffing dish, a broach, a pair of andirons, a salt cellar, a meat cloth, a fire pick, a fire shovel & a coffer and my joined table board in the hall with the forms to the same and also my best coat, my best doublet & my hose & in money £4. Item I give & bequeath to John my son a flock bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets, a blanket & a coverlet with a bedstead & all other appurtenances to the same, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, 2 saucers, a brass pot & a pan, a cauldron, 2 candlesticks, a chaffing dish, a broach & a pair of andirons, a salt cellar, a meat cloth, a fire pick, a fire shovel & a coffer and my best table board in the parlour & the forms to him & my second coat & in money £4. Item I give & bequeath to Joan my daughter a flock bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets, a blanket & a coverlet with a bedstead & all other appurtenances to the same, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, 2 saucers, a brass pot & a pan, a cauldron, 2 candlesticks, a chaffing dish, a broach, a pair of andirons, a salt cellar, a meat cloth, a fire pick, a fire shovel & also a joined board with the forms to the same & in money £4. Also my will & mind is that my wife shall have the portions given to my children until it be twelve month after either of my sons do come forth of their apprenticeships & my daughter until such time as she shall be married if she do keep herself sole & unmarried but if she do marry before such time as is before proscribed then my will is that the said portions given to my children shall be delivered into the hands of my said overseers that it may be forthcoming at such time as is here proscribed or else she to put in sufficient sureties to my said overseers for the performance of the premises. Furthermore if it shall happen that either of my sons after he comes forth of his apprenticeship to fall to riot or unruly that then a restraint to be made for the deliverance of his part or portion so using himself by the discretion of my overseers by warning given to them. Also if it happen any of my children to die before such time that he or her shall receive his or her portion then my will is that the portion of that deceased shall remain to the rest

that does over live. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged, I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my wife whom I do make my full & sole executrix to dispose it as she shall think good with the oversight of my beloved in Christ William Webbe & Richard Heydon & I give to either of them for their painstaking in this my last will & testament to be performed 2s 6d apiece.

Witness by me John Adams, rector, William Webbe, Richard Heydon, Thomas Faryngton with others

Item I give & bequeath to be distributed amongst the poor at the day of my funeral in bread 10s. Item I give & bequeath to either of my servants Elizabeth Anslow & Joan Wyner 12d apiece.

Probate: 1 March 1566

1567/149

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th February 1566 & in the ninth year of the reign of our lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Thomas Swyndlehurst of the town of Cirencester in the county & diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but by God's permission of perfect mind & memory, do make & ordain this my testament containing in it my last will in manner & form here under written. First I commit my soul to Almighty God trusting through his mercy by the merits of Christ's death & passion to be associate with the elect company of God kingdom of heaven & my body to be buried in St John's chapel in the parish church of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give, grant & bequeath & by this my last will do confirm to Thomas Monoux my son-in-law & to Joan his wife my daughter & to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten & for lack of such issue to the right heirs of my said daughter Joan all that my house & tenement which I now dwell in & sometime in the tenure & occupation of Roger Pudsey, set & lying in a street in Cirencester called Dyer Street with all edifices and buildings in & upon the same together with all orchards, gardens, courts, bartons, easements, with all & singular the appurtenances to the same house or tenement adjoining, belonging or in any way appertaining. Item I give, grant & bequeath & by this my last will do confirm to the said Thomas Monox, Joan his wife & to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten & for lack of such issue to the right heirs of my said daughter one other house or tenement joining to my foresaid house on the west side with a court and garden to the same adjoining. And also I give, grant & bequeath and by this my last will do confirm unto the same Thomas Monoux two other houses or tenements lying in the east side of my said house which I now dwell in with either of them a court & garden to them belonging, one of them being in the tenure & occupation of John Longe the baker & the other in the occupation of John Wickes together with one other house or tenement lying in Gosditch with a court & garden to the same belonging now in the occupation of William Smyth to have & to hold to the said Thomas Monoux & to Joan his wife & to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten & for lack of such issue all my foresaid lands to remain to the right heirs of my said daughter Joan for ever. Item I give, grant & bequeath & by this my last will & testament do confirm to Richard Halle my son-in-law & to Alice his wife & to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten & for lack of such issue to the right heirs of my said daughter one house or tenement lying & being within the town of Cirencester aforesaid in a street called Castle Street now in the tenure of Thomas Hall the baker with a court & garden & all other appurtenances to the same belonging. And also I give & grant by this my last will do confirm to the same Richard Hall one other house or tenement lying & being in Cricklade Street with the appurtenances now in the tenure of Thomas Pantyng and also one other house or tenement with a court lying & being in Dyer Street sometime in the tenure of William Warbot & now in the occupation of Roger Dune with the appurtenances and also my shop which I now occupy myself sat & being in the

market place adjoining to the common jail called The Gaol on the south east part & a shop of John George, gentleman, on the east part. And also one other house or tenement set & being in the said market place being now in the tenure of Edward Rowley, tailor, & standing between the house of Robert Strannge, esquire, on the east part & one house of the weavers land of Cirencester now in the tenure of John Staunton on the west part to have, hold, occupy & enjoy all these parcels of land to the above named Richard Hall & to Alice his wife & to the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten & for lack of such issue to the right heirs of my said daughter Alice for ever. Item I give & bequeath to Thomas Monoux & to his said wife my little silver cup & one of my silver goblets double gilt. Item I give & bequeath to my son-in-law Richard Halle & to Alice his wife my silver salt with the cover & one other of my goblets double gilt. Item I give to either of Thomas Torner's children one brass pot which be now at my shop & each of them of one silver spoon of the middle sort & either of them a pewter platter of the middle sort & I give to John Turnar my third silver goblet & if he die & his sister Margaret living then she to have it during her life & after her decease to Bridget her sister & so to remain to the longest liver of them. Item I give to Joan Davyes my servant 40s. Item to Anne her sister a brass pot & she to be kept with my son Monons. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I fully give & bequeath to my said sons Thomas Monoux & Richard Hall & to Joan & Alice my daughters & I make Thomas Monoux & Richard Halle my whole executors to dispose my goods to the pleasure of God & to see me honestly brought on earth & my debts discharged.

In witness whereof to this my last will & testament I have put my hand & seal the day & year above written.

To be given to the poor 40s

Witness to this testament: Thomas Webb, Richard Heydon, John Adams, clerk, William Patche & John Longe with others

Debts owing unto me

John Bennet	£4 & odd money
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William Hevyn	£3
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Baldwin James	14s
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Alan Bradley for Taylor of Birdlip	25s
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My brother Mr Strange as appears in my book
& other bills which I refer to his conscience

Probate: 12 December 1567

1567/186

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th June 1567 I William Baker of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but whole in mind, thanked be God, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the Father, to Jesus Christ my only saviour & to the Holy Ghost the comforter & to all the heavenly company & my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give to John Baker my son 4 sheep & one cow, a brass pot, a platter, a pottinger & a saucer & a standing bedstead. Item I give to George Baker my son 4 sheep & one cow, a brass pot, a platter, a pottinger & a saucer & a standing bedstead. Item I give & bequeath to Marion Browne my sister a ewe & a lamb. Item I give & bequeath to her 2 daughters Anne & Ellen each of them a chilver lamb. Item I give & bequeath to Edith Waterford a ewe & a lamb. Item I give & bequeath to my sister Anne Butteler 2 bushels of malt & also to Thomas her son one bushel of malt. Item I give amongst the poor people of Cricklade Street, my neighbours, one dozen of bread.

Furthermore for the legacies given to my children I will them to be delivered at the discretion of my overseers William Webbe & Hugh Clowes & my wife & the bedstead only at my wife's discretion & furthermore if it happen either of them to die or depart

out of the world before he has received his part then the longer liver to rejoice the whole. The residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable not given nor bequeathed I give & bequeath to Christian Baker my wife whom I make my full & sole executrix to dispose it as she shall think best with the oversight of my beloved in Christ William Webbe & Hugh Clowes whom I desire to be supervisors of this my last will & testament.

Witness hereunto: John Adams, clerk, William Webb, Hugh Clowes, Thomas Faryngton with others

Probate: 12 December 1567

1568/143

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st October 1568 & in the tenth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & of Ireland, defender of the faith etc I William Reasone of Cirencester in the county & diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole & perfect of mind & memory, do make and institute this my last will and testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to my Lord God, trusting by the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be associate with the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to George Lygon, gentleman, a new silver cup to be delivered at the decease of Avice my wife. Item I give & bequeath to William Walker of Rendcomb a black gown. Item I give & bequeath to Agnes Whythed three sheep which I have now going with William Walker aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas Reasone my nag which I am accustomed to ride on. Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas Dyxton my russet gown, the best. Item I give & bequeath to my sister Alice Smyth the sheep that I have at The Leigh with Richard Shormoore. Item I give & bequeath to William Dyxton my brass pot that I brought with me & a broach which I have at my brother Thomas Reson's. Item I give & bequeath to Vincent Resone, my brother's son, my brass pan that I brought with me. Item I give & bequeath to my brother Reasone's children & my sister Smythe's children that four marks in money which is in my brother Thomas's hands to be equally divided amongst them. The residue of my goods & chattels moveable and unmoveable not before given & mentioned, my debts & funerals paid & discharged & my legacies disbursed, I fully give & bequeath them wholly to Avice my wife whom I make my whole & sole executrix of this my testament to dispose them to the pleasure of Almighty God.

Witnesses: Thomas Dyxton, Thomas Reasone & Thomas Faryngton with others

1570/110

In the name of God, Amen. That I John Phillippes of Cirencester, being sick in body yet of perfect remembrance, do make this my last will & testament in manner & sort following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to all the blessed company of heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester. First I give to my 6 children every one 20s apiece to be paid by their mother my wife at the day of their marriage and not before. Item I do give to my son Richard my gown. Item I do give to my son Austen my dagger who is at Hawkens' house, the cutler. The rest of all my goods moveable and unmoveable I do give & bequeath to Annis my wife & if in case that my said wife shall fortune to marry then I will her to pay to my said 6 children 40s apiece at the day of their marriage and that I will that before my overseers that if the said Annis marry again after the day of my death the five children being not of lawful age that then the said Annis & whom she shall chance to couple & marry herself

withal shall find sufficient sureties before my wellbeloved overseers John Apennington, Thomas Morse, William Underwode, to perform the premises made for the payment of £11 of good & lawful money of England. My debts & all duties which I owe to be paid by my wife, my full & whole executrix of this my will & testament. Written & sealed as my own act the 15th June 1570 in the twelfth year of the reign of our sovereign lady the Queen's Majesty Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & of Ireland, defender of the faith etc
These being present & witnesses to the same: John Apennington, Thomas Morse, William Underwode, John Bradshewe, Robert Tynbye, curate of Cirencester
Probate: 14 November 1570

1570/221

In the name of God, Amen. The 9th August 1570 I William Underwood of Cirencester in the diocese of Gloucester, glover, sick in body but whole & sound of mind & of good & perfect memory, do institute, ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God etc and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cirencester aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to my father Oliver Underwood a gown cloth of medley and a piece of gold of ten shillings with the purse which it is in. Item I will my best cloak to my [brother] Thomas Underwood agreeing with my wife for him. Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Underwood my second bed with all the appurtenances thereunto, my best table with the frame, my best cupboard, my bill & pikestaff and the rest of my apparel, the which said goods given to my son, except the apparel, shall remain with his mother during her good will to deliver it. Item I give & bequeath unto the said William my son after the decease of his mother my house in Gosditch between Thomas Bryndel's & Richard Oldam's, to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to Catherine my daughter my third bed with the appurtenances, my cupboard in the chamber & my round table. Item I give & bequeath unto Margaret my daughter in money twenty shillings & four platters which said legacies given to my daughters shall remain with my wife during her life or at her pleasure. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed moveable and unmoveable, my debts, legacies & funeral discharged, I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife whom I do make my full & sole executrix to dispose it as she shall think best for her & her children.

Debts due to me

First of Walter Morton	13s 4d
Of my brother Thomas Underwood	13s 4d
Of Robert Chaterton	10s
Of Thomas Cove	5s
Of Henry Seyman	3s
Of Wynston's wife of Coberley	7s

Debts that I do owe as my wife does well know

Witness hereunto: William Fynch, John Woodware, Anthony Ellis, Thomas .chare, John Loveday

Probate: 20 Mar 1570