

CIRENCESTER AREA WILLS 1561-1570

1562/15

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd March 1562 & in the fourth year of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc I Ellen Damsell of Baunton within the parish of Cirencester & in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, do institute & 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. Debts which I the said Ellen do owe. First to Richard Shyld £4. Item to Michael Fyllyng £3 6s 8d. Item to John Chardyng of Harnhill 13s 4d. Item I give & bequeath to Alice Damsell my daughter one cow, one bullock, one horse at the discretion of my overseers & 10m sheep of all manner, 6 acres of barley, one brass pot, one cauldron, 2 platters, 2 pottingers, one candlestick, 2 pair of sheets, one pair of blankets, a flock bed, a bolster & a covering. Item I give & bequeath to Lucy my daughter one young heifer of 3 years old, 2 sheep, 3 acres of barley. Also I give & bequeath to the said Lucy the value of £5 in money to be delivered to her at the day of her marriage by my executor or his assigns in such things as be necessary by the discretion of my overseers. Item I give & bequeath to Agnes my daughter one heifer of a year old, 2 sheep, 3 acres of barley and also at the day of her marriage to have £5 paid according to her as is above specified to her sister. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter, the wife of Harry Freme, one heifer, a ewe & a lamb, 2 acres of barley and also I give to her 3 children 3 hog sheep. Item I give & bequeath to Thomas my son one ox, 6 acres of barley and the barley to be delivered within 6 years and also £5 in money to be paid to him by my executor or his assigns at the end & term of the lease of my house. Item I give to William my son one ox, 6 acres of barley & the barley to be dd [given] as aforesaid & £5 in money likewise as is specified to his brother Thomas. The residue of all my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable with the years of the lease of my house I give & bequeath to John Damsell my son whom I do make my full & sole executor to pay & discharge all my debts & legacies & to bring me honestly on earth with the oversight of my brother-in-law William Damsell & my neighbour James Burges whom I desire to be the supervisors of this my last will & testament that it may be truly performed. Witness to this my last will & testament: Thomas Marshall, priest, William Damsell, James Burges, William Frenche, James Beche, Harry Frynce with others
Probate: 11 January 1562

1563/36

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th February 1562 & in the fifth year of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc I Henry Jones, clerk, parson of Siddington St Mary, being in perfect mind, make my last will & testament in this form & manner. First I give my soul to Almighty God & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Siddington St Mary. Item I give to Christopher George a tagged cow. Item I give to John George a heifer. Item I give to Thomas Jenckyns a second gown & two the best sheep. Item I give to my godchildren a groat apiece. Item I give to four men to bear me to my grave 12d. Item I give to the priest Mr Eysam to bury me my best tippet & to the parson of Stratton my velvet pouch with the girdle. Item I give to Alice Cloterbooke four sheep. Item I give to the poor men's box of Siddington St Mary four bushels of malt and two of barley if it be in my house at my departing, if not they shall have if of the corn in my field. Item I give to Elizabeth my servant my feather bed & two flock beds with pillows & bolsters & hillings with all my brass & pewter & 3 pair of sheets with bo..ds & two

coffers & a bedstead which I lie on with all my whole household except a great brass pot & a diaper meat cloth. Also I give to the poor people of St John's house 12d. Item to Giles George my cow with a brown face & to Rees two ewes with their lambs. Also I do assign the lease of my house which I have in Saint Lawrence Street in Cirencester to Elizabeth my servant. Item I do give to Elizabeth my servant my cow which is at Newman's & one of the barrow pigs & the other to Newman and all the rest of my raiment & sixteen sheep. Item to William Baker four bushels of barley. Item to Thomas Jenckyns the black heifer. Item to Roger Nechill a red heifer, both of an age. Item to Mr John Straunge a colt of two years old. Item to Thomas Farryngton two wether sheep & a colt of twelve months old. Item to Katherine Pachett a wether hog. Item to Richard Portlocke a jerkin new made, a pair of hose & all such fodder that is left, both hay & straw. Item to my boy my sleeveless coat. The rest of my goods not given I give it to my cousin James Morse whom I make my executor. Witness hereunto: Thomas Kytel, Thomas Patchet, Robert Horsall
By me Henry Jones, parson of Siddington St Mary
Probate: 28 April 1563

1564/68

In the name of God, Amen. I Nicholas Harbard of Bagendon, being sick of body & of good and perfect memory, do make my last will and testament the 17th November in the seventh year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Bagendon. Item I give and bequeath to Robert Harbard my son fifteen sheep to be delivered in the s(*torn*) hey after they be shorn as they shall hap to run out of the fold. Also I give a(*torn*) bequeath to the same Robert my second brass pot and one platter, one pottinger and one white coverlet and one pair of sheets that he has already. Item I give and bequeath to John Harbard my youngest son 15 sheep to be delivered in the shear hey after they be shorn as they shall hap to run out of the fold and one brass pan and one po(*torn*) and one pottinger and one coloured coverlet and one pair of sheets, one meat cloth and one towel, the which linen he has already. Item I give and bequeath to John Loveringe one sheep to be delivered at shear time when he is shorn next after my death. Item I give and bequeath to Susanna Harbard, my eldest son's daughter, 2 sheep. Item I give and bequeath to Jane Harbard her sister one sheep. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Harbard her sister one sheep. Item I give and bequeath to Katherine Harbard her sister one sheep. And also I do give and bequeath all the rest of my goods not bequeathed moveable and unmoveable (*torn*) my eldest son John Harbard whom I make my whole and lawful executor of this my last will and testament. Overseers to the same Thomas Watson, gentleman. Witnesses to the same: John Marshall, John Heynes, Richard Rogers
Probate: 13 February 1564

1564/112

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th August 1563 I Walter Asheton of Coates in the diocese of Gloucester, being of whole mind & in good & perfect remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church of St Matthew of Coates. I bequeath towards the reparation of the same church 2s. Item I will that all such debts & duties as I owe of right or of good conscience to any person or persons be well & truly contented and paid by my executor hereafter named or else ordained so for to be paid without any delay or contradiction. And after my debts paid & my burial & expenses performed I will that Joan Assheton, the daughter of Henry Assheton, shall have a flock bed

which is within my inner chamber, a pair of blankets, also a bedstead over my milk house, a brazen pot of 3 or 4 gallons which was her father's, a pair of andirons of iron standing in my chimney in my hall, a coffer, a pair of pot hooks. Item I bequeath to my son John Assheton a joined bedstead with black panes & the tester to the same, a feather bed with a bolster, a pair of woollen blankets and my best coverlet, a pillow, a great broach & a small broach of iron, a pair of great andirons of iron standing in my chimney in my hall, a chair, a folding table board in my hall, 2 joined stools, a chair, a green banker cloth in the hall, a joined cupboard, 3 old cushions of green work, a bar of iron, also a great pan & a lesser pan. Item I bequeath to William Assheton a joined bedstead that I lie on with a feather bed, a bolster, a coverlet, a pair of woollen blankets, a round table board in my hall, a little cupboard standing by the chimney, a joined stool with a hole, a joined chair, a red banker cloth & a plank standing in the hall, a broach next to the great broach, a pair of great iron andirons lacking a piece of the foot, a middle pan, 2 brazen pots, one of middle sort & a less pot, one of the stained cloths in the hall, 2 old green cushions. Item I bequeath to John Assheton a form in the hall and one of the stained cloths in the hall with a form standing by the wall towards the fire. And to the performance of this my last will & testament & distribution of the rest of my goods not bequeathed & to pay my debts I ordain & make my executors William Aston, John Aston, my two sons. Witness to the premises: Christopher Broughton, Thomas Wyet, William Munday, Thomas Symms
Probate: 3 June 1564

1565/92

I Robert Grenewey of Stratton, husbandman, the 20th May in the seventh year of Queen Elizabeth, do make my last will & testament as follows. First I do desire Almighty God to take my soul to his infinite mercy of whom I do desire pardon & forgiveness for all my sins & offences. Item I give to my sons Thomas, Richard, Maurice and Giles & to my daughters Joan, Elizabeth & Margaret to every of them a ewe sheep with then wool upon them growing to [be] delivered to them by the oversight & order of my overseers within six days after my decease. I do also give to every of my said children 20s of current money to be to every of them paid at their ages of 16 years. I do give also to my daughter Joan a fine ar... sheet and to every other of my sons & daughters a fine sheet. And to Joan & Elizabeth each of them a pair of silver hooks & a silver pin & to my daughter Margaret a little silver spoon, a broken form & certain broken silver. And to every of my said sons & daughters a pot, a platter & a candlestick & a pan to be delivered by the order of my said overseers. And these that shall have the worst choice to be allowed with a chaffer or old candlestick or the like. And if it happen any of my said children to die before he or they are of the age of 16 years then I will that the legacy so bequeathed to the child or children that so shall die shall be equally divided amongst the rest. And I do will that the order & custody of the goods by me given and bequeathed to Richard, Maurice & Giles & to Margaret shall be at the order, discretion and appointment of my said overseers. Item I do give to Joan, Elizabeth & to Thomas my children to every of them a coffer. I will also that my executor shall keep all my said children for one whole year next after my decease, finding them meat, drink & clothes and after that year ended shall keep them longer if they will do him such service as they are able to do. Item I give to Margaret my daughter my little heifer & to Maurice my son my ox calf, to Joan my daughter a cupboard and a white coverlet not tacked and to Giles my son one cupboard, to every of my daughters a pillowbere & a pillow. Item I give to every of my said children a broach & such that shall like to have a pair of small cobirons. All the rest of my goods not bequeathed I do give & bequeath to William my son whom I do make my sole executor of this my last will & testament &

Mr Watson & Richard Stephens my overseers and also witnesses of this my last will with others.

Probate: 19 June 1565

1567/26

In the name of God, Amen. The 15th February 1567 in the 9th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth I Henry Cawson of the parish of Duntisbourne Rous in the county of Gloucester, sick of body but whole of mind, thanks be to Almighty God, do make my last will and testament in form following, first bequeathing my soul to Almighty God trusting by the merits of Jesus Christ to be saved, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Duntisbourne. My worldly goods I give as follows. First to my 4 children Thomas, William, Elizabeth & Alice I give & bequeath £3 of lawful money of England equally to be divided to them within the space of 3 years following. All the rest of my goods I give & bequeath to Agnes [my] wife whom I make my full executrix to see my debts, my legacies fulfilled and my body to be buried and to dispose the rest at her pleasure.

Witnesses to this my testament & last will: William Bocher, parson of Duntisbourne, John Hoskyns, William Parsons

Probate: 27 May 1567

1567/180

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th March 1567 I William Hardyng in the parish of Duntisbourne Abbots in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being whole of mind and good and perfect of remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard. Item I give & bequeath to Richard Hardyng my son a yearling beast the age of three years to be delivered when my wife so time. Also I give to the said Richard three sheep to be delivered at St Martin's Day next following. Also I give to the said Richard my best pan, my best candlestick & a broach, two platters, two saucers, a bed with his appurtenances to be delivered when my wife die and if my son do marry before to be delivered out of hand. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth Hardyng my daughter a yearling heifer of the age of three years, three sheep, my middle pot, a cauldron, a pottinger, two saucers, a candlestick and a flock bed with his appurtenances. Item I give to Tassy Hardyng my daughter three sheep, a pot, a cauldron, two platters, two saucers, a candlestick and a bed with his appurtenances. Item I give & bequeath to Alice Hardyng my daughter three sheep, a pan, a chaffer, a basin, a pottinger, a saucer and a bed with his appurtenances. All these goods afore given and bequeathed to my three daughters afore named to be delivered at the age of 24 years and if them or any of they do marry before the age aforesaid that then to be delivered out of hand. And if my wife die before my daughters be married or before the age of 24 years I will that the goods that I have given to my daughters to remain in my son Thomas Hardyng's hands in such time that they be married or the age afore said. Also I will that if any of my children afore named die before they be married that then the goods given to them or either of them to be distributed amongst the other. Item I give & bequeath to Tamsin my wife five sheep and all my lambs, a cow, all my bedding with all my linen, two coffers and a press so that my wife so that my wife shall discharge pay all my legacies afore named. Also it is fully agreed between me and Thomas Hardyng my son who I make my executor that he shall keep & pasture for my wife 20 sheep winter & summer so well as he shall keep his own during her natural life upon this condition my wife shall surrender her whole right, tithe & entry of

her part of my house into my son Thomas Hardyng's hands. All the residue of my [goods] not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid, I freely give to Thomas Hardyng my son whom I make my executor of this my last will and of the executors of the same I make & ordain the said Richard Brod and Simon Hardyng overseers of this my last will & testament.

Witness to this: John Turner, Richard Jefferes & John Slye & Richard Brode

Probate: 17 May 1567

1568/3

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th February 1567 I Alice Mason of Siddington St Peter's in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, sick in body but whole & perfect of memory, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commit my soul to Almighty God trusting by the merits of Jesus Christ my lord & saviour to be associate with the elect company of God in the kingdom of heaven & my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to my parish church one bushel of barley. Item I give to George Mason, son of John Mason, in money to be delivered to his use at such time as he shall be set in occupation at the discretion of my executors & his uncles & also a brass pot that was his grandfather's. Item I give to my son Robert one yearling calf being a cow calf. Item I give to John Brydgeman 2 sheep. Item I bequeath to Alice Brydgeman, the daughter of my said son, one flock bed with all the appurtenances & a platter & a porringer. Item to Joan Brydgeman a platter & a porringer & a petticoat of mine, a smock & a kerchief & an apron. Item to my goddaughter Alice Cowleston 2 sheep. Item to my goddaughter Alice Stevens a platter & a porringer. Item to my daughter Joan Wrene my best cassock & a kerchief. Item to my servant Alice Joanes a coffer & my black cassock. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give & bequeath them to Thomas my son whom I make my whole executor to the praise of God.

Witnesses: John Adams, vicar there, William Fowler, Thomas Hoone, Robert Cowlston

Probate: 16 June 1568

1570/81

In the name of God, Amen. The 18th April 1570 I John Hawll of Siddington St Peter in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, 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 & my body to be buried in the parish church of Siddington aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to John Hawll £3. Item I give & bequeath to Henry Hawll £3. Item I give & bequeath to Anne Hawll 40s. Item I give & bequeath to Alice Hawll 40s. Item I give & bequeath to Robert Hawll £3. Item I give & bequeath to the poor men's box 12d. Item I give & bequeath to Edmund Hawll 8 sheep to be delivered at Lammas next. Item I give & bequeath to Henry Hawll the whitch and the moulding board. Item I give to Alice Hawll the basin. The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts, legacies & funerals discharged, I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife whom I do make my full & sole executrix.

Witness hereunto: Edward Rutter, vicar of Preston, Henry Horshold, William Fowler with others

Probate: 20 March 1570