

SODBURY AREA WILLS 1561 – 1570

1561/21

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th May 1561 I Edward Browne of Chipping Sodbury within the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body & having a good & a perfect remembrance, do make my last will & testament after this manner and form following. First I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried within the church or churchyard of Chipping Sodbury. Item I give & bequeath unto Jane my daughter the lease & grant which I have of the Brokehouse during the years paying the rent and all the charges with 6 leases next adjoining to the house. Item I give to the same Jane 40s of money and two kine & two silver spoons, a crock that was my father's and a bed with appurtenances. Item I give to the same Jane the years of my house that I dwell in and the years of Longmead and my wife to use & occupy them both as long as she is widow. Item I give to my daughter Joan the years of my lease that lies before Griffins and the years of my house at the Cross & the house afore the way, 2 silver spoons, a bed with appurtenances & 2 kine. Item I give to the same Joan the years of my ground lying in Old Sodbury late being in the occupation of William Francome paying the rent. Item I give to Denise my daughter £10 of money, a cow and a heifer. Item I bequeath to my daughter Anne £10 of money & 2 heifers. Item it is my will that such goods, lands, tenements & purchases taken by indenture or copy shall be peaceably delivered unto every of my said children before written in the day when God shall provide for them to be married by the hands of Ellen my wife and the said Ellen my wife shall well & honestly find or cause to be found unto my said children meat & drink & honest raiment till such time as they be able to get their living themselves. And if it happen any of these my children as Jane, Joan, Denise & Anne to die & depart out of this transitory life before the day of marriage that then every part & portion of the aforesaid goods, lands, tenements & purchases taken by indenture or copy shall remain & be departed to them that be alive & to the longest liver of them by equal portions. Item I give to the poor folks of this town 20s. Item I do owe to Francis Browne of lawful debt £6 10s. Item I give & bequeath unto Ellen my wife all my other goods not bequeathed wheresoever they be found, my debts paid, my funeral expenses performed & these my legacies contained in this present testament fulfilled which Ellen I make my sole executrix to receive my debts and pay all due & lawful debts & to do all things to God's glory & for the salvation of my soul. I make my overseers Richard Boxe & Thomas Colymore.

To this my testament bear witness: Richard Boxe, Thomas Colymore & Harry Weste

On the reverse in a different hand

Provided always that Ellen Browne shall have yearly out of the Brokehouse lease three loads of wood & the rest at the discretion of her overseers

To this bear witness: John Walker then being bailiff with others, by me John Walker, Richard Buxce overseer, John Hyll, Thomas Older, the 27th day of August

Probate: 30 August 1561

1561/39

In the name of God, Amen. The 19th April 1561 I Joan Atkyns of Codrington in the parish of Wapley & in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body, whole in mind and perfect of remembrance, make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give to the reparation of the church there 3s 4d. Item I give to Thomas Poule, the son of Anthony Poule, £9, one pan, a flock bed, one coverlet, 2 sheets, all this to be delivered when the said Thomas shall be of

years to be married or else of the years of 24. Item I give to 4 children of Thomas Atkyns, that is to say Thomas, Margaret, Eleanor & Isabel, every one of them 20s which is in the hands of Thomas Atkyns their father. Item I give to William Atkyns and Robert his brother one cow that is in the hands of Thomas Atkyns their father. Item I give to Ellen Poule a pair of sheets & 2 kerchiefs. Item I give to Robert Wycam the son of John Wyckam 10s. Item I give Elizabeth the daughter of the same John Wyckam my best apron. Item I give Joan Fowlar my goddaughter 20d. Item I will that Ellen Poule have the profit of my cow as long as she lives. All the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give to Anthony Poule my brother-in-law whom I make my whole executor, to pay my debts and legacies and receive my debts. John Smyth, George Poule overseers.

These being witness: Thomes Brorehurst, vicar there, John Smyth, John Wyckam with others.

The debts that be owing to the said Joan Atkyns

John Whycwell of Wapley £10

Thomas Atkyns of same £8

Probate: 30 August 1561

1561/103

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th June 1561 I Richard Abrydges, poor labouring man, dwelling in the parish of Little Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, make my last will and testament after this manner following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ and my body unto Christian manner burial. Also I give unto the mother church of Gloucester 4d and unto Old Sodbury church 4d and also unto Little Sodbury church 4d and unto the poor man's box 1½d. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joan a cow & 2 weaning calves, a cauldron, 2 pewter dishes and 2 saucers. Also I give unto William Abrydges my godson 12d and unto Henry Stonburne my godson 12d and also I give unto Anne Abrydges 2s. All other things not given or bequeathed I will that Christian my wife have whom I make my executrix.

Witnesses: John Clarke, priest, John Abrydges, William Blake

Probate: 2 October 1561

1562/107

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th May 1562 I Sannder Turner of Chipping Sodbury within the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body & having a good & perfect remembrance, after this manner & form following I make my last will & testament. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried within the church or churchyard of Chipping Sodbury foresaid. Item I give & bequeath to Richard my son my osset* loom with all things that belong to the same. Item I bequeath to William my second son a colt colour black of 3 years of age & 6s 8d. Item I give to John my third son 26s 8d. Item I bequeath to Edith my daughter a flock bed, a bolster & a pair of sheets, a crock & a pan, 2 platters, 2 candlesticks, a coverlet & a quern. Item I give to the poor 13s 4d. Item it is my will that all such goods which I have given & bequeathed to my children shall remain & be in the custody of Margaret my wife & she shall have & enjoy the profit thereof till they be of the age of 18 years. Item Margaret my wife shall pay or cause to be paid to my foresaid children to every of them 26s 8d at the foresaid 18 years of age & 12d of money to be yearly paid unto every child for the increase thereof which said money came of the gift of John Hoper of Yate, their grandfather. And if it happen that any of my children to die before the day of marriage that then all such goods as I have given them shall remain to the longest liver of them and if they do die all before the day of marriage that then the foresaid goods shall go to the use of Margaret my wife. Item it

is my will & my last will that Margaret my wife shall have & enjoy the house that I dwell in in Horse Street during her life during the years thereof and after the decease of my wife the said house shall remain to Richard my son & after the decease of Richard to William my son & after the decease of William to John my son and after the death of John my son Edith my daughter shall have & enjoy the foresaid house during the years specified in the indenture. Item I give & bequeath all my other goods unbequeathed to Margaret my wife moveable & unmoveable wheresoever it may be found, I being brought home honestly of the same which said Margaret I make my sole executrix to receive & pay my due debts & to use all such goods as God has loaned me to his will & pleasure & for the salvation of my soul. And my overseers shall be Edward Hyll & John Haynes.

To this bearing witness: John Bishoppe, Edward Hyll, John Haynes & Edmund Tayler.

Richard Turnar of the age of fourteen years old

William Turnare of the age of 12 years old

John Turnare of the age 10 years

Edy Townare of the age 7 years old

Probate: 31 August 1562

* osset=a type of cloth

1562/123

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd January 1562 I Thomas Atkyns of the parish of Wapley and in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body, whole in mind and perfect of remembrance, make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give to every one of my children a sheep, that is William Atkyns, Robert, Thomas, Margaret, Eleanor, Isabel. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give to Margery my wife whom I make my whole executrix. John Pyrreman my brother-in-law and John Whycwel my supervisors.

These being witness: Thomas Brorehurst, vicar there, John Forde, Thomas Bampton with others

These be the debts that he owes

To Anthony Poule

20s

To Thomas Bampton

6s 8d

Probate: 25 February 1562

1563/19

In the name of God, Amen. 1563 I Denise Browne, widow, of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, being sick of body but whole in mind, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I do commit my soul to the mercy of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I give and bequeath between my son's children Edward Browne a heifer. Item I give to John Parker 2 bushels wheat. Item I give to the forenamed John Parker a bullock, a bed with appurtenances, 10 cheeses, a quern. Item I give Ellen, daughter of James Darke, a crock, a posnet and a little pan, a yearling, a spruce faucet. Item I give to my son Edward Browne's children 3 platters, that is to James, Joan and Denis. The rest of my goods I do give to my son James Dirke whom I do make my whole executor and to pay and receive my debts.

Dated 12th February.

Witness at the making hereof: John Putche, Maurice Ucle, Edward Browne and George Moris, parson of Yate

Probate: 20 October 1563

1563/106

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th November 1562 I Robert Isaac of the parish of Tormarton, husbandman, being in perfect mind & memory, do ordain & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my souls in the hands of God who has redeemed me with his precious blood & my body to be buried within the churchyard of Tormarton. Item I give & bequeath to the relief of the poor 6s 8d. Item I bequeath to every one of my children's children one sheep. Item I give & bequeath to Agnes, the daughter of Thomas Edwards, one cow or else a heifer & 2 platters. Item I give & bequeath to William Isaac my son one quarter of wheat, one cow & a bullock, a crock & a pan & 2 quarters of barley. Item I give to John Isaac my son 2 quarters of barley. Item I give & bequeath to every godchild that I have one sheep apiece. Item I give to the church of Marshfield 12d. Item I give to my parish church of Tormarton 20d. Item I ordain Thomas Morgan & Thomas Edwards to be my overseers & to have for their pains a sheep apiece, the best they can choose. The rest of my goods unbequeathed I give & bequeath to Edward Isaac my son whom I ordain & make my sole executor.

Witnesses at the making hereof: Mr Edward Wykes, parson, Thomas Morgan & Thomas Edwards with others

Probate: 21 June 1563

1563/130

In the name of God, Amen. In the 2nd April 1563 I Thomas James of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I do bequeath my soul to the mercy of Almighty God my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I do give and bequeath all my goods and chattels to my wife Katherine James whom I do make my whole executrix and after her days I will that my goods shall be distributed between my 4 sons Nicholas, Ralph, Edmund and William.

Witness at the making hereof: George Moris, parson there, William Syfford, Austen Panghtnell with others

Probate: 22 June 1563

1563/145

In the name of God, Amen. In the 28th March 1563 I Thomas Wayler of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but of good mind and of perfect remembrance do make my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I do bequeath my soul to the mercy of Almighty God my maker & saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I do give & bequeath to Amy Trye one heifer. Item I do give and bequeath all my goods moveable & unmoveable beside the legacy to my wife Marion Wyler whom I do make my sole executrix for to pay & receive my debts. And I do appoint Thomas Belsir my trusty overseer that this my last will may be fulfilled to the pleasure of God & wealth of my soul.

These bearing witness at the making of this will: Thomas Belsir, George Morris, parson there

Probate: 22 June 1563

1563/178

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd May 1563 I William Doell of Yate (*torn*) county of Gloucester, husbandman, whole of mind & perfect of remembrance but sick in my

body, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul unto the mercy of God & my body to Christian burial. Item I give & bequeath to William Doell my son all that my grounds, pastures & meadows called Fryern Close, Wall Close & Bray Castle with all their appurtenances & all manner of grounds or pastures which I now hold by indenture lying or being within the parish of Wickwar in the county aforesaid for the term of years which I have yet to come. And if the said William happen to decease before he be of a lawful age to dispose the same then I give the foresaid premises to Edith Dole my daughter always provided my wife to have the use of it during her natural life. Item I give & bequeath to Alice Somars my daughter-in-law all that my [pasture called the Lye which I hold by an indenture lying & being in Hambrook adjoining with a field called the East Field in the parish of Stoke in the county aforesaid which pasture I did sell for the sum of £5 6s 8d & did not receive the money nor deliver the pasture yet but if this bargain be demanded my will is that the foresaid Alice Somers shall have the money which it is sold for. And all the rest of my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath then wholly to Anne my wife who I do make my whole executrix to see me buried & to pay my debts.

Witness to the same: Alice Beynam, the wife of Robert Beynam & Alice Barbar, the wife of Steven Barbar and Alice Phippes, widow

Probate: 8 May 1563

1564/6

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd February 1564 I Alice Frye, widow, of the parish of West Littleton in the county of Gloucester do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God our heavenly father, purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the chapel of West Littleton. And as concerning all my worldly goods as here follows, first I bequeath unto the chapel of West Littleton in money 6s 8d, also I bequeath unto the parish church of Tormarton barley 2 bushels and unto the parish church of Marshfield 2 bushels and unto Dyrham church one bushel of barley. More I bequeath unto the poor of Tormarton & Littleton 4 bushels of barley. Also I bequeath unto & every godchild of mine 4d and also I bequeath unto Thomas Fowle one ewe. More I bequeath unto my man William Barrett 8 bushels of barley. Also I bequeath unto Annis my servant one sheep and unto Anthony Corewey one sheep and also unto William Node one sheep. More I bequeath unto Isabel Nete £10 and also a flock bed, a bolster, one pair of sheets and one pair of blankets, a platter & a pottinger & a candlestick and also a coverlet and my middle crock and also I bequeath unto the same Isabel Nete the cow that is with Anthony Jervys at Dyrham. More I bequeath unto Richard Frye one cow and 4 sheep and also I bequeath unto Margaret Poore one cow and also unto Margaret Frye one cow. More I bequeath unto my daughter Edie in money £6 13s 4d and also I bequeath unto my son Thomas Frye £6 13s 4d. Also I bequeath unto Edward Chistrion my godson 2 ewes and unto his wife Joan my russet frock. And also I bequeath unto Joan Frye my daughter-in-law my red kirtle with my best petticoat. And also I bequeath unto Joan Fowle my red petticoat with worsted bodice. Also I bequeath unto Thomas Frye's children, that is to say William, Fabian and Barbar & Anne, to each of them one sheep. And also I bequeath unto John Johns's wife's children, that is to say Frances and Joan & Amy, to either of them one sheep. And I bequeath unto Margaret Powells children, that is to say Joan & Alice & Margaret, to each of them one sheep and unto Alice Byshop's child Annis one sheep. Also I bequeath unto Thomas Frye the younger one bullock of 2 years old. And also all the rest of my goods unbequeathed and my debts paid I give and bequeath unto John Frye whom I make and ordain my whole executor and also I appoint Thomas Frye & Thomas Fowle to be my overseers.

In witness hereof: Thomas Wyllyams, Thomas Fowle, Harry Alesope & Thomas Frye
Also I the said Alice Frye do acknowledge myself to owe these debts following:

To Isabel Nete	£20
To William Barrett	£7
To Anthony Corewey	£3
And the following is owing unto me the said Alice Frye	
Nicholas Allowey owes me for 6 weighs of wool	
in money the sum of	£4 16s
Thomas Ap Morton of Tormarton owes me	10s
John Johns of Buckenry owes me	£4
John Caravell owes me	13s 4d
Thomas ap Powell 8 bushels of barley	14s 8d
Richard Modye a quarter of barley	14s 8d
Simon Broderybbe	15s 8d
Thomas Tayler 12 bushels	22s
William Player 4 bushels	7s 4d
Ambrose Yles 4 bushels	7s 4d
Robert Vymer 4 bushels	7s 4d
Margaret Hemyng	7s 4d
Probate: 1 January 1564	

1564/53

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th April 1564 I John Dod otherwise called John Dyer, poor husbandman of the parish of Little Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, make my testament and last will in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God through the merits of our saviour Jesus Christ and my body unto Christian man's burial. Also I give unto the mother church of Gloucester 4d. Also I give and bequeath unto Anne Stonburne, my daughter's child, a speckled cow, a red coverlet that was her mother's, the new pan, the great crock, the latten chaffing dish and a pewter platter. Also I give Richard Stonburne a mare colt of 2 years old, a yearling ox calf and 1 sheep and I give unto William Stonbourne a black mare colt of three years old, a black cow and 1 sheep. Item I give unto Katherine, my son's child, a pewter pottinger. Also I give unto Ellen Witchwell my daughter-in-law a black cow and an old pan. Item I give unto Anne Abridges, her daughter, a little crock. Item I give unto my young daughter 2 kine, the one of them a young red cow, and 2 sheep. Also I will that my wife Joan have half my crop of corn to her part and the other half to be parted in even portions among the 6 children, that is Henry Stonbourne, John Stonbourne, William Stonbourne, Richard, Anne and my youngest daughter Alice Dyer. Also I will that Joan my wife have her biding in my little house till the time be that John Stonbourne be able to marry and to occupy it himself. Also I will that my quern stand still as an heirloom to them that shall be steadholder for ever so long as it shall endure or last. Also I will that my yoting stone which cost me 8s be sold & parted amongst the 6 children abovesaid in even portions. Also I will that John my son have my wain and my plough harness, strings, drags & eaythes, giving unto the 6 children every one of them 5s apiece. All other goods not given nor bequeathed I will unto Joan my wife whom I make my executrix and John Clarke, clerk, and John Dyer my son supervisors that this my testament and last will be fulfilled. Witnesses to the same: Sir John Clarke, parson, John gayle, Thomas Berser, Thomas Parker, Henry Stonbourne with others
Probate: 9 May 1564

1564/66

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th November 1558 I Margery Maylett, widow, within the parish of Yate and diocese of Gloucester, do make my last will and testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul to the mercy of Almighty God & to all the company of holy saints in heaven and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I do give to Anne Turnor my cousin a petticoat, a smock and my best kerchief. Item I give to Anne Kyrkeman a pan, a crock, a coffer & a forcet. The residue of my goods moveable or unmoveable I do commit to the discretion of my executor George Kyrkeman whom I do appoint to be my executor, to pay & receive my debts for discharge of my soul.

Witnesses at making hereof: John Colyns, George Moris, parson there, with others
Probate: 25 October 1564

1565/26

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th January 1565 I Harry Alesope of West Littleton in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick of body but thanks be to God of perfect mind and memory, make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our heavenly father, purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of West Littleton. And as concerning all my worldly goods as follows. First I bequeath unto the poor of West Littleton 2 bushels of barley & also to the church of West Littleton 12d. Item I bequeath unto Margaret my daughter a cow yearling heifer and 2 sheep. Item I bequeath unto William my son 4 sheep also I bequeath unto John my son my wain and my sullows & strings and also a cow and a yearlin, paying unto Philip Alesopp 20s. The rest of all my goods unbequeathed, my debts being paid, I give & bequeath unto Joan Alesope my wife and unto John my son whom I do make & ordain my executors. Item I do ordain & will that my wife shall at her latter end do and bestow her half of the goods as half the plough & half of all the rest, the wain & plough gear only excepted, what she will as in helping of her children as she shall see cause.

In witness hereof: William Byrett, John Parsto, Richard Smyth, Thomas Williams, Philip Alesop

Probate: 28 May 1565

1565/85

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th July 1565 I Robert Adams of Chipping Sodbury, yeaman, being sick in body but good & perfect in memory, thanks be to Almighty God, do here ordain & make my last will & testament containing in manner and form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury in the north side of the church. Item I give to my sister Dorothy Wylcoxes one little brass pot & 2 platters, 2 pottingers, 2 saucers, a candlestick & 40s of money. Item I do bequeath to John Adams, the son of my brother Richard Adams, a saltcellar of silver, a dozen of silver spoons, 4 brass pans, a little kettle, 2 brass pots, 3 latten basins, 2 brazen ewers, 6 candlesticks & 4 pewter dishes, 10 platters, 4 pottingers, 8 saucers & a saltcellar and also 2 feather beds, 4 feather pillows & 12 pair of sheets, a cupboard, 2 boards, a pair of racks, an iron bar for the chimney & 3 hangings to be delivered after the decease of his father Richard Adams. Item I do give to Thomas Barkeleye of Sodbury aforesaid one dun colt without any mark of white upon her. Item all the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give to my brother Richard Adams whom I constitute and make my whole executor.

Debts owing to Robert Adams. First Peers of Kilcot owes me £4 13s 4d to be paid at the feast of St James next ensuing. Item Humphrey Cullemore owes me for a mare 39s to be paid 6d by the week till the money comes up. Also he does owe me 12s for

thorns. Item William Frankecomme the elder of Old Sodbury owes me 13s 4d which I lent him out of my purse in ready money. Also he owes me 11s for the graze of 6 oxen fortnight, allowing him 3s for the carriage of 3 loads of thorns. Item Robert Wyrrell owes me 18s 8d to be paid 12d a week till the full sum comes up. Item John Manne owes me 12s for 3 quarters rent. Item Thomas Harryes of Lacock owes me 18s. Item William Roper in the parish of Lacock owes me 24s. Item Mr Paul Hawle in the parish of Corsham owes me 10s 4d.

These being witnesses whose names follow: William Deacon & Humphrey Cullemore, being overseers, and John Guydyng being minister of Chipping Sodbury with others

Item Edward Pheylar of Torrington owes me 5s.

1565/96

In the name of God, Amen. The 11th January 1564 I Thomas Whyte of the (*torn*) Wapley in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick (*torn*) of good and perfect remembrance, do make this my last (*torn*) and testament in manner & form following. First (*torn*) principally I bequeath my soul to Almighty God (*torn*) my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley. Item I give to my younger sons five oxen to be equally divided betwixt them. Item I give to Robert Smyth my son-in-law 2 sheep. Item I give to Dorothy Smyth, the daughter of the same Robert Smyth, one bullock of 2 years of age. Item I give my bed that I lie upon to Robert Smyth's children Simon and Dorothy. The rest of all my goods not given and bequeathed, my debts and legacies paid, I do give and bequeath to my son John Whyt the elder whom I do make my whole and sole executor. Also I do constitute & ordain Thomas Faye and Robert Smyth to be my overseers of my last will and testament.

Witness hereunto: Thomas Brewhurst, vicar there, Thomas Faye, Robert Packer
Probate: 28 May 1565

1565/105

In the name of God, Amen. The 11th September 1564 I Thomas Pontyng of Acton Turville, being of good & perfect memory but sick & feeble in body, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God & my body to Christian burial. Item I bequeath to Alice my daughter a heifer & 4 sheep & a pair of andirons after my mother's life. Item I bequeath to Agnes my daughter a heifer and a bedstead. Item I bequeath to Joan my daughter a bullock & a flock bed & a little brass pot. Item I bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter a bullock. Item I bequeath to John my son a crossbow and a longbow and a jack and 2 silver bars and a dagger. Item I do make Denise my wife my whole executrix of this my last will & testament to whom I do give & bequeath all the residue of my goods moveable & unmovable & she to pay my debts.

Witness at the making hereof: William Netleton, clerk, John Plenent, John Gaye, John Whyte with others

Probate: 28 May 1565

1566/62

In the name of God, Amen. The 5th January 1565 and in the 8th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England etc I John Rus(*torn*) of Yate in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick of body but of good & perfect remembrance, thanks be to Almighty God, do make my testament and last

will in manner and form following. First I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give and bequeath to Al(*torn*) and Maud my children to each of them a ewe. The rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable with my debts that are owing unto me I give and bequeath to Marian my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will & testament.

These witnesses: John Walkar, John Russell the elder and Alexander Russell
 Probate: 19 June 1566 for John Russell

1566/104

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th April 1566 I Nicholas Waker being sick of body but whole and perfect of remembrance thanks be to Almighty God make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to the ground to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give and bequeath to James Waker my son 4 oxen and harness to them and I will that he should have my house. Item I give to Annis my daughter a ewe and a lamb. As for all other my goods unbequeathed I give and bequeath to Ellen my wife whom I make my whole and sole executor to pay my debts and to take my debts. Overseers of this my will I make Richard Broune and Robert Short and William Corbat

Thomas Pave owes me 15s

William Tanner owes me 6s

Probate: 20 June 1566

1566/146

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th February 1565 I Thomas Robyns, being of perfect mind & memory, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my redeemer by whose precious death I hope to be saved & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Tormarton. Item I give to the poor of Tormarton 3s 4d and to the church of Tormarton 3s 4d. Item I give & bequeath to my mother the black cow with her calf. Item I give & bequeath to my wife a cow & the corn in the barn, also 3 acres of wheat. Item I will that my plough shall sow her lands & she to find the seed. Item I give to my uncle William Robyns 9s & to my cousin Robert his son 9s which my uncle owes me. The rest of my goods not bequeathed I give & bequeath to my brother George whom I make & ordain my sole executor. Item I ordain Thomas Voule of Marshfield & Thomas ap Morgan & William Kylborye to be my overseers & for their pains I give 10s apiece.

Witnesses hereof: Edward Wykes, parson of Tormarton, Thomas Edwards & Lawrence Rapson with others

Debts that I owe

First I owe to Thomas Typper of Marshfield	20s
To John Harford	6s
To Robert Kyrret	6s 8d
To Thomas Weston	11d
To Edward Kylbery	12d
Sum	34s 11d

Debts due to me

First Jubbes of Marshfield owes me	£3 13s 4d
William Clement the younger owes me	13s 4d
Thomas ap Morgan owes me	26s 8d
My father-in-law	20s

Harry Stanburne	2s	
Edward Frankecome	4s	
Edward Seylard		20d
My brother George	40s	
Sum	£9	12d

Probate: 27 March 1566

1566/147

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd January 1565 I Thomas West of Tormarton, being of perfect mind & memory, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to God my saviour by whom I hope to be saved & by none else & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Tormarton. Item I give to the poor men's box 4d. Item I give & bequeath to my son Edward West my wain with all harness that thereto belongs & also one great malting stone. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret West my best great pan & 40s in ready money. Item I give & bequeath my best pot to Thomas West my son & 40s in ready money. Item I do ordain that my wife shall have the use of the said goods until my children shall come to lawful discretion. Item I will that if any of my children do depart this life before the years of discretion then the longer liver shall enjoy the same. Item I do ordain that if it shall happen my wife to marry again that then my will is that the overseers of this my last will shall take sufficient bonds of my wife's husband that shall be for the sure performance of my said children's legacies. The rest of my goods unbequeathed I give & bequeath to Avice my wife whom I make & ordain my sole executrix. Item I ordain Mr Edward Wykes, sir parson, & Thomas ap Morgan my overseers of this my last will & testament.

Witnesses hereof: Roger Danncyn, Edward Butlar, John Isaake with others
 Probate: 27 March 1566

1567/160

In the name of God, Amen. The 30th May 1567 I Thomas Atwood of Old Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, yeoman, sick in body but perfect of remembrance, do make my testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Old Sodbury aforesaid. Item I will and give to the poor folk of Old Sodbury 6s 8d to be at home at their houses. Item I will and give to the poor folk of the borough of Chipping Sodbury 13s 4d to be bestowed at home at their houses at the discretion of the bailiff and other the burgesses there. Item I will and give to the poor folk of the parish of Westerleigh 6s 8d to be bestowed at home at their houses at the discretion of my overseers. Item I will and give to the poor folk of the parish of Doynton 6s 8d to be bestowed at home at their houses at the as is aforesaid. Item I will and give to Harry my son all such state and years as I have and hold by indenture of my house in Old Sodbury and to the heirs male of the said Harry lawfully begotten. And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Arthur my son and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten. And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Anne my daughter for the term of her life if she so long does live. And if it happen the said Anne to decease her natural life before the years be expired that then I will and give the remainder to Joan my daughter for the term of her life if she so long live does live. And if it happen the said Joan to decease her natural life before the years be expired that then I will and give the residue of my years unexpired to my brother William Atwood and to his executors and assigns during the years aforesaid if any fortune to be unexpired after the decease of my said children. And be it provided always that this my last will is that Henry, Arthur, Anne and Joan neither the heirs male of Henry and Arthur or any of them shall not give, sell, neither alienate to frank or hinder any of

these gifts that be in remainder as is aforesaid and if he or they or any of them shall so do that then my will and intent is that he that so does shall forfeit his estate and clean void of this gift and be to the next remainder according to this my last will. Item I will and give to Henry my son ten wethers and ten ewes of the best sort and my grey colt of 2 years of age at Westerleigh and they to be in the keeping of his mother for the behalf and profit of the said child until such time as she marry and then the said goods to be ordered for the profit of the said child fit and advice of my overseers. And further I will and give to the said Henry half of all manner of my household stuff as bedding, pewter, brass and treen vessels to be equally divided after my decease and then left in keeping of his mother for term of her life and after her end and determination of her life to be delivered to the said Henry as is aforesaid. And further I will and give to the said Henry as standards to abide in my house of Old Sodbury a yoting stone, a chest that I put corn in and a silt trough and the quern in the kitchen with all the table boards and forms and stools belonging to the same and the bedstead of my house to be delivered after my wife's decease and determination of her natural life as is aforesaid. Item I will and give to Arthur my son a score of sheep of the best sort whereof ten of them to be wethers and ten of them to be ewes and my rowell colt at Westerleigh of 2 years of age and my great crock and my coffer that I kept for my own occupying. Item I will and give to Anne my daughter twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England and a bed with all the furniture to the same belonging and appertaining to be paid to the said Anne within these three years after my decease. Item I will and give to Joan my daughter twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England and a bed with all his furniture to the same belonging and appertaining to be paid to the said Joan within these 3 years after my decease. And if it happen the said Anne or Joan to decease her or their natural life before the day of their marriage that then the longest liver of them two to have the legacies of the others. And further if they both happen to die before the days of their marriages as is aforesaid that then their 2 legacies to be equally divided between their 2 brethren Arthur and Harry by even portions. Item I will and give to Arthur and Harry my sons 2 silver spoons apiece. And further if the said Arthur or Harry do happen to decease his natural life then the said legacies to remain wholly to the longest liver of them and to his assigns. Item I will and give to Alice Smith a cow. Item I will and give to Joan Dangeild my servant a cow. Item I will and give to William Clarke my servant a sheep. Item I will and give to Robert Pleyer my servant a sheep. Item I will and give to Richard Hopkins my servant a sheep. Item I will and give to every one of my godchildren a sheep to be delivered after midsummer next after the date hereof. And of this present my last will and testament I make Maud my wife my sole and whole executrix to see this my last will performed and my body to be buried and my debts and legacies paid accordingly to this my last will. And I make my overseers to see this my last will performed Thomas Roswell, William Atwood, Arthur Pleyer, Arthur Vyser, Robert Fowrd and Robert Brutton.

Witnesses to the same: William Hort, Harry Weere, William Francis and William Atwood with others

Debts owing by Thomas Atwood at the time of my decease as follows:

First I owe to William Camb	£16
To Robert Franncus	£3 3s 4d
To Anthony Summers	20s
To Arthur Visser for timber	40s
To Robert Pleyer my servant	20d
Robert Brutton for an ox	53s 4d
To the said Robert for a bullock	45s
Sum total	£28 3s 4d

Debts owing due to me Thomas Atwood at the time of my decease as follows:

First Nicholas Smyth of ? in the parish of ?	£4
Thomas Hollister of Westerleigh owes unto	

me for a bay colt	40s
My sister Joan Woode of Doynton and 14 bushels of barley	13s 4d
John Skotte of Westerleigh for seed barley	3s 10d
Sum Total	£7 10d

Probate: 11 December 1567

1569/139

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Collyns of the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I do bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Yate. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorothy Collyns the sum of twenty marks sterling. Item I give to the same Dorothy two kine. Item I give to my daughter Katherine Collyns 6 pounds sterling and two kine. Item I give to my son-in-law and to my daughter Margaret Ocforde three pounds in money and two kine. Item I give to John Ocforde, son to Robert Ocford, a cow and another cow to William Ocforde, son to the said Robert, which two kine now be in the custody of Robert their father and the said Robert to have the keeping of the said kine and to deliver the same kine to the same children at their full ages of 13 years by the discretion of Thomas Collyns of Yate and Thomas Collyns of Sodbury. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Anne Collyns 6s 8d. Item I give all my pewter to my son Thomas Collyns, Dorothy, Katherine and Margaret Ocforde, my daughters, to be equally divided betwixt them. Item I give to Dorothy a tick bolster and one of the best candlesticks. Item I give to Dorothy a plough chain and another plough chain I give to Katherine. Item I give to the poor people of Yate 10s. Item to the poor people of Sodbury 10s to be delivered to them at the discretion of my executors. Item I do except and reserve my household stuff to my own use and to my appointments hereafter. The residue of my goods besides and the legacies excepted and household stuff I give to my son Thomas Collyns whom I make my sole and whole executor to receive my debts and dispose my goods to the pleasure of God and wealth of my soul.

Dated the 30th June 1565.

Witnesses at the making hereof: George Moris, parson there, John Cowper, Thomas Collyns of Sodbury with others

Item Thomas Gorthyn of Westerleigh do owe unto me	22s 8d
Item Thomas Tylton of Badminton owes unto me	5s

Probate: 8 June 1569

1569/147

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th February 1569 I William Deacon of Chipping Sodbury borough within the diocese of Gloucester, glover, sick in body and whole and perfect in mind and memory, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make, ordain and constitute this my testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following. First I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker and creator and to Jesus Christ his only son my redeemer and to the Holy Ghost to the very Comforter, three persons and one God in essence, trusting only to be saved by the merits of the death and passion of our saviour Jesus Christ in shedding of his most precious blood upon the altar of the cross for my sins and offences and for the sins and offences of the whole world as many as do believe in him and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury, my debts being paid and my funeral expenses performed. Item first I give and bequeath to Marie my wife and to William Deacon my son all my goods moveable and unmoveable to be divided equally between them. And if it shall happen the said William Deacon my son to decease

before he do serve and fully accomplish the term and time of eight years that then my said son William Deacon's part and portion to remain to Marie my wife. And my will and mind is that my son William Deacon's part and portion be set out to and for his mother's advantage during the said time of his term and service. Item my will and mind is that there be some recompense made unto my foresaid son that I laid upon the wench's house at Thornbury, the which comes to eight pounds and odd money as appears upon the bill of account. Item I do make, ordain and constitute Marie my wife and William Deacon my son executors of this my last will and testament as well to pay my debts as to receive the debts that is owing me. Item I do make, ordain and constitute John Allweye of Upton and Richard Neale of Horton overseers of this my last will and testament and of William Deacon my son. And I utterly revoke and disannul all other wills, testaments, executors, overseers written, made, constituted and appointed by me in any wise heretofore.

These bearing witness: William Helye, curate there, Peter Crewe, John Hyll, John Clarke, Edmund Askew with others

The debts that I William Deacon of Chipping Sodbury, glover, do owe:

I do owe to John Allweye of Hawkesbury Upton	37s
I do owe to John Hyll of Chipping Sodbury	8s
I do owe to Goodman Deacon of Marshfield, linen draper	2s 6d
I do owe to John Brown of Chipping Sodbury, butcher	12d
I do owe to Humphrey Collymore of Chipping Sodbury	14d
I do owe to Thomas Belsire of Yate	2s 8d
I do owe to Mr Wyekes of Dodington	2s 8d
Sum total	45s

The debts that is owing unto me William Deacon of Chipping Sodbury, glover

First John Lyde, glover, does owe unto me	30s
Thomas Bate do owe unto me	14s
William Crosse, smith, of Chipping Sodbury do owe unto me	2s 8d
Thomas Frankelyne als Personadge do owe unto me	18d
Sum total	48s 2d

Probate: 10 November 1569

1570/30

In the name of God, Amen. I Edward Brown of the parish of Yate, sick in body, whole & perfect in mind & memory, laud & praise be to God, the 8th September 1570 do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I beseech our saviour Jesus Christ to receive my soul in whose blood shedding I trust to be saved. And such goods as God has lent me to be divided as hereafter follows. Item I give & bequeath to Francis my son 2 horses & 2 sheep. Item I give to Thomas my son 2 horses & 2 sheep. Item I give to Edmond my son 2 horses & 2 sheep. Item I give John my son 2 horses & 2 sheep. Item I give to Dorothy my daughter 4 sheep. I give to Edie my daughter 2 sheep. The rest of my goods not bequeathed I give unto Edie my wife whom I do ordain & appoint to be my full executrix to see this my last will fulfilled, my debts paid & my body honestly buried.

These being witness: Edward Betts, Joan Ansell with others

Debts to be paid

To Mr Burke	33s 4d
To Thomas Baynam	20s
To Anthony Somers	17s
To Robert Shorter	3s 4d
To William Chambridge	3s 4d
To Robert Bertheley	10s
To John Coke	2s 8d

1570/61

In the name of God, Amen. The 1st May 1570 and in the 12th year of our most dread sovereign lady's reign Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and supreme governor of this realm as well in causes ecclesiastical as temporal, I John Batten of the parish of Dodington and in the diocese of Gloucester, sick in body & whole of mind and soul, make my last will or testament in this form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, 3 persons & one God, & my body to be buried in the churchyard of my parish church next unto my wife late deceased. Item I give and bequeath to be distributed to the poor in the time of my burial 12d. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret Batten 2 kine & a flock bed. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anne Batten one cow & a flock bed. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Alice Batten one cow and a bed with the bedstead or framed bed that I do lie upon, a cupboard with part of the vessel standing on the said cupboard. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth a cow & my best coverlet and my chest. Item I give & bequeath to my son Robert one cow. Item I give & bequeath to my son Edmund one cow.

Debts that I do owe

Item I do owe to Hooke of Marshfield £4. Item I do owe unto Thomas Ricardes, servitor to Mr Robert Wyckes 40s. Item I do owe to my son-in-law John Gowlette 4s 6d.

Debts owing to me

Item Richard Heynes of Nettleton in the county of Wiltshire, butcher, owes me for a cow sold to him 20s. Item Richard Koxe of Wraxall owes me for hay that I sold to him 2s.

All the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable unbequeathed I will my two brethren Francis Batten & Thomas Batten whom I do ordain and make my executors to have them & they to dispose them as they shall think best to the glory of God & to the comfort of my poor children & overseer of this my last will I do constitute & appoint my neighbour John Barrow.

In witness hereof: Sir Harry Tounsende, my ghostly father, John Barrow, Robert Raffe with others

Probate: 20 September 1570.

1570/90

In the name of God, Amen. I John Reade of Chipping Sodbury the 20th March 1569, sick in body, whole & perfect in mind & memory, laud & praise be to God etc. First I give myself to Almighty God & to his dear son Jesus Christ in whose blood shedding I trust to be saved. And such goods as God has lent to me to be divided as hereafter follows. First I give to Margery Hill, the wife of George Hill, the table board frame & form. Item I give her the mill wholly as it stands & the furnace. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Elizabeth my wife who I make my whole executrix to see this my will fulfilled, my debts paid & my body to be buried.

These being witness: Edmond Ascu, Thomas Barber with others

Probate: 12 October 1570

1570/145

In the name of God, Amen. The 14th July 1569 I Robert Ockeforde, being sick in body but of a good and perfect remembrance, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried within the churchyard of Yate. First I give unto my eldest son Thomas a brazen pan being the best saving one. Item I give unto him the best brazen pot save one. Moreover I give unto him a flock bed, a coverlet, a blanket and a sheet, a broach, the best saving one, 2 platters, a pottinger and a coffer. Item I give unto my son John a brazen pan being almost as good as the pan I gave unto Thomas. I give unto him a broach being the third. Item I give unto him a platter and one pottinger, the least brazen pot and a coffer. Item all these goods to be in the custody of my wife until they come to the age of twenty years and then to be delivered. Item I make my wife Margaret my whole executrix to receive my debts and to pay all such debts as I justly do owe.

Witnesses unto this testament: Richard Wever, curate, Thomas Tayler, Thomas Collyns and Ralph Couper

Debts which Robert Ockforde did owe

I owe unto Thomas Collyns	4s 7d
I owe unto Ralph Couper	10s 2d
I owe unto John Hill the younger of Sodbury	10s
I owe unto Clement Collymore	11d
I owe unto Richard Walters	16d
I owe unto William Dyer	5s
I owe unto Richard Browne the younger	6s 8d
I owe unto William Kembrydge 6 bushels of wheat	
I owe unto Thomas Collyns a bushel of wheat	

Probate: 6 March 1570

1570/200

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Holder of Chipping Sodbury the 26th August 1570, sick in body, whole & perfect in mind & memory, laud & praise be to God. First I beseech our saviour Jesus Christ to receive my soul in whose blood shedding I trust to be saved and such goods as God has lent me to be divided as hereafter follows. First I give to Joan my daughter 2 kine & a bed with necessaries thereunto. Moreover I give her the greatest crock & the pan with the broken edge & the second great broach, the aumbry in the hall. Item I give her 3 sheets & a bearing sheet. Item I give her a charger & a latten basin, a chaffing dish & 6 pieces of pewter with a quart pot & a new candlestick. Also I give her kneading cowl & the black coffer in the hall. Also I give her one stand, a pail with other trumperies that she already has. Also I give her a posnet & a pottle pan, a table board in the hall with a form & a pillow. Item I give her a mare & a colt. Item I give to Thomas Weret, the son of John Weret my son-in-law, a ewe with a lamb & a weaning calf. Item I give Mary Weret a cow & one ewe with a lamb. Item I give to Joan Wyllyams, my son-in-law's child, a cow & one ewe with a lamb. Item I give to Anne Wyllyams my daughter a bullion brass pot. Item I give to Richard Holder my son if ever it be his fortune to come into the country 26s 8d & John Weret to pay 13s 4d and my daughter Joan the other 13s 4d. Item I give to Jane Weret, the wife of John Weret, the lease of my house after the death of my wife. Item I will that John Weret shall yearly give to Anne Wyllyams my daughter 6s 8d during the years of the lease. Item I give to Jane Weret my great broach. The residue of my goods I give to Anne my wife during her natural life and that, as she leaves at the hour of her death, to be divided equally between my children. Item I give to my 3 daughters, that is to say Jane, Joan & Anne, 20s apiece, the which Joachym of Wapley owes me. Item I do ordain & constitute Anne my wife to be executor to see

this my last will fulfilled and my body brought to earth and I request John Hill & Thomas Beynam to be my overseers.

These being witness: Thomas Powell, Robert Chefers

Probate: 6 March 1570

1570/213

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th January 1569 I Thomas Belsyre of the parish of Yate in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. First give and bequeath towards the buying of Edmund Burchall's house unto my godson Thomas Burchall three pounds. Item I give the rent of my two houses at Wickwar for five years unto my daughter Dorothy towards her marriage, being forty shillings y the year, and after five years be expired I give the same rent unto my daughter Margaret for other five years and after those five years I give the same two houses wholly unto my son Robert the younger and his heirs so that he pay unto my son William the sum of six pounds, thirteen shillings 4d out of the same lands when he comes to the age of twenty and one years. And if my son Robert die without heirs male the same houses to remain to the rest of my sons living. Moreover I give to my two daughters each of them a bed with the appurtenances. Item I give unto my son Alexander half a dozen of silver spoons, half a dozen of cushions & a pair of andirons which were my uncle's and a chest which was my uncle's and two kine at the discretion of my overseers. My overseers shall make him up six sheep to them he has. Item I give unto my son George six pounds, thirteen shillings 4d in money or cattle at the discretion of my overseers, one cow and ten sheep. Item I give unto my son William one cow and ten sheep provided always that if any of the said children before named do die before they come to the age of twenty and one years that the part of him or her so deceased to remain to the survivors at the discretion of my overseers. Further I give to my son William all my right and title that I have in one house at Sodbury now in the tenure of John Saye. Item I give unto my godson Thomas Burchall one sheep. Item I give unto Thomas Belsyre the son of Edmund Belsyre my godson one sheep. Item I give to Elizabeth the daughter of George Belsyre one sheep. Item I give a cow that is with Goodwife Nealme to my brother Alexander if my overseers think it good. Item I give unto my brother John a bushel of hard corn and a cheese. Item I give to my brother William my best coat, a doublet, a pair of hose, a shirt and my sword. Item I will that my brother Edmund shall have the keeping of the advowson of Thornbury and of my writings of my lands at Wickwar. Item I will that the commodity of such bond that is forfeited upon the heir of Sylvester Pagett to be divided among my children according to the discretion of my brother Edmund. Item I will that the commodity of such lands as were left unto me and my cousin George by my uncle Alexander Belsyre be divided amongst my children according to the discretion of my brother Edmund and the writings thereof to be in the safe custody of my said brother. Item I give all my goods and chattels unbequeathed unto my wife Joan and Robert my eldest son to be my whole executors and to pay my debts so that my son Robert do suffer his mother quietly to occupy the livings bought unto him during her widowhood or else to have no portion of the goods and chattels and his mother to be full executrix. Item I do appoint my brother Edmund Belsyre and my cousin George Belsyre and to be umpire and judges in any matters of controversy amongst my children and executors and they to look no other in law upon this my doing.

Witnesses unto this testament: John Nealme, Martin Neale, Edmund Burchall and Richard Weyver, curate

Debts that I Thomas Belsyre do owe. First I do owe unto my sister Elizabeth for her cattle and the money bequeathed unto her of her mother ten pounds. Item I do owe unto my brother William nine pounds two shillings.

Debts owing unto Thomas Bellsyre. First George Whitbone owes unto me 11s 2d. Item I laid out for our church when I was a churchman more than I received 13s 4d for the which money I have a cloth of the church's which they shall have paying the money.

Probate: 2 November 1570

1570/214

In the name of God, Amen. I William Cambrydge of the parish of Yate the 18th October 1570, sick in body, whole & perfect in mind & memory, laud & praise be to God. First I beseech our saviour Jesus Christ to receive my soul in whose blood shedding I trust to be saved. As such goods as God has lent me to be divided as hereafter follows. Item I give Richard my son 2 kine and 2 sheep. Item I give to Margaret my daughter one cow & 2 sheep. Item I give to Robert my son one yearling and 2 sheep. Item I give to Edward my son one yearling and 2 sheep. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Joan my wife who I do appoint to be my sole executrix to see this my will fulfilled, my debts paid & my body to be buried.

These being witness: Robert Shorte, John Somers, Elizabeth Partryke

Debts William Cambrydge owes

To his sons Edward & Robert	40s
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Edward Colymore	10s
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Debts due to the said William

William Sommers	5s 8d
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William Tanner	6s
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1570/232

In the name of God, Amen. I William Belsyre of Yate in the county of Gloucester do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I will and give unto Alexander my brother 4 sheep in Thomas Baynam's hands and 5s in the hands of Thomas Nelme. Item I will & give my brother John Belsyre 5s. Item I will and give my cousin Martin Nelme being debt. Item I will and give unto William Barshowld my godson a lamb with his father. Item I will and give my nephew William Belsyre a wether sheep being in the hands of his mother. Item I will and give unto Edmund Burshowld, my brother-in-law, all my wool & yarn and 5s that the minister's wife owes me. Item I give unto Goodwife Nelme 6s 8d in her own hands. Item I give George Burshowld a lamb. The rest of my goods unrequested I leave to be distributed by my brother Edmund Belsyre who I make my sole executor, trusting that my cousin George Belsyre and he will see it divided according as I have declared unto him.

Debts owing unto me William Belsyre

First in the hands of my master Alexander Nele 14 nobles

In the hands of Thomas Baynam forty shillings	40s
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In the hands of my sister-in-law Joan Belsyre nine pounds,
two shillings and 4s besides

in the hands of William Munkes	9d
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I will and give unto my brother Edmunds 2 pounds 2s and unto my cousin George Belsyre 2 pounds other 2s.

Made and delivered in the presence of these witnesses: Edmund Burshowld, my brother-in-law, George Belsyre, my cousin and John Cooke, junior

Probate: 3 December 1570