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HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

John SMITH, bargemaster of Henley upon Thames

Will 1715

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1 In the Name of God Amen
2 I John Smith of Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxon Barge-
3 Master being weake in body but of sound understanding doe
4 make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner
5 and forme following and first I commend my soul into the hands
6 of Almighty God my Creator And my body I committ to the Earth
7 to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix herein
8 after named Imprimis I give and devise unto my loving Wife
9 the house wherein Richard Bolt now liveth in Henly afores[ai]d
10 during the Terme of her naturall life And from and after
11 her decease I give and devise the said house unto my daughter
12 Elizabeth Sheppard wife of John Sheppard During the Terme of
13 her naturall life and after her decease I give and devise the
14 same house to Solomon Smith of London Whelewright Item I give
15 unto my son John Smith the sum[m]e of Five shillings Item I give
16 unto my son Richard Smith Two houses in New Street in Henley aforesaid
17 the one wherein M^r Peter Stopes now lives and the other wherein M^r
18 Isaac Gilpin now lives to him and his heires for ever Item I give to
19 my son Richard Smith all the Furniture in the Roome where he
20 now lyeth Item I give to my son Thomas Smith the house wherein
21 he now liveth in Henley aforesaid and the House in Friday streete
22 in Henley aforesaid wherein Mr. William Benwell now liveth during
23 the Terme of his naturall life and after his decease I give and devise
24 the same to the aforenamed Solomon Smith and his heires for ever
25 Item I give to my sons Richard Smith and Thomas Smith all my
26 Boates and Tackle^{Sales} Oares Lines Sacks and whatsoever else belongs to

27 the said Boates to be equally divided betweene them share and
28 share alike Item all the residue and Remainder of my Personall
29 Estate not herein before disposed of (after my Debts and Funerall
30 Expences shall be paid and satisfied) I give to my loving Wife
31 whom I make sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament
32 and my sons Richard and Thomas I make Overseers of the same
33 In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the
34 second day of December in the yeare of our Lord God 1715. John
35 Smith. Sealed and delivered by the said Testator in the presence
36 of us who subscribed our names as Witnesses in his presence. Gregory
37 Stevenson Tho[mas] Corderoy Joseph Randall

[Summary of the Latin probate clause]

Date of probate: 2 January 1715
Place of Probate: London
Executor: Anne Smith, widow
Court official: John Bettesworth

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