

I Richard Machyn of Cheltenham being of sound mind and good memory, [but] being at the hour of my death [general pieties, but particularly hoping for the intercession of St Erasmus¹]

I leave my body to be buried in the church of Cheltenham, before the image of St Christopher.

I leave to the high altar there 20d for tithes forgotten.

I leave for every light in the said church 20d.

I leave for the establishing [*or*: costs] of the middle aisle of the same church 10 marks. I wish my best horse to be sold [for this purpose] and if it can be sold for more than 10 marks, then the residue to count for the maintaining of a lit lamp before the image of St Erasmus.

I wish one candle of 7 lbs to be made for burning before the image of St Erasmus, to be lit at the discretion of my executors.

I wish 4 [services] to be celebrated for my soul and the souls of all the faithful departed and for the good state of my parents.

I leave to my father my bay horse and 1 black saddle, with all its gear, and my velvet doublet and my blue gown trimmed with white budge [*boge* - superior lambskin]

I leave to my father my tunic of tawny camlet which is edged around with black velvet, and my black garment [*vestem*] trimmed with white lambskins [*agnellis*], and another *vestem* striped with black lambskins.

I leave to my mother my best pendants/chains [*pendiculas*] of silver-gilt, with the big stones, having 16 setts. I also leave her another pair of *pendiculas* of amber.

I leave to my parents all my wearing apparel [*indumenta*].

I leave to my wife Elizabeth £20. I also leave to Elizabeth my 2 silver-gilt mazers, two coverlets of ‘verder’, 1 pair of linen sheets, 1 feather bed with all its parts, in my chamber here in Cheltenham and in my chamber in London.

I leave to John Person my servant 96 sheep and my tunic of tawny trimmed with white lambskins. Item my doublet of white camlet.

I wish my wife Elizabeth to have hold and possess for the term of her life all my lands in Prestbury and Redmarley and elsewhere in the counties of Gloucs and Worcs while she remains single.

Residue of all my goods not bequeathed I leave to Thomas Machyn my father and Thomas Machyn my brother, whom I appoint my executors. And to my brother Thomas I leave all my sheep not bequeathed above, and a certain bond of John Outrich made to me in the sum of 8 marks.

And I wish that [something] my brother should not be burdened towards my executors [sense of last clause unresolved]

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¹ **Saint Erasmus of Formia**, also known as **Saint Elmo**; venerated as the [patron saint](#) of [sailors](#) and [abdominal pain](#). Also one of the [Fourteen Holy Helpers](#), saintly figures of Christian tradition who were venerated especially as intercessors.