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HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Robert BURGESS, of Henley upon Thames

Will 1545

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Testamentu[m] Roberti burges de Henley

1. In the name of god Amen the xxvj daye of Aprill In [th]e
2. yere of ovr Lord god 1545 & in the xxxvijth yere of the Raigne
3. of o[ur] soveraigne Lord henry th[e]ight by the grace of god Kyng
4. of Ingland Fraunce and Yerland defender of the faith & in
5. erth of the churche of Ingland & allso of Ierland supreamed
6. I Robert burges of Henley upon Thames in the countie of
7. Oxon beyng hole of mynd & parfet remembrance thankes be to
8. god Albe it sycke of bodye ordeyne & make my Testament
9. & last wyll in maner and forme folowyng Fyrst I bequeth
10. my sowle to allmyghtie god my maker & redemer and my body
11. to be buryed in the p[ar]ishe churche of Henley aforesaid before the
12. roode there and I gyve to the mother churche of Oxon iiij^d and
13. allso to the hygh alter of Henley iiij^d It[e]m I gyve & bequeth all my
14. landes and Tenementes within the Towe of Henley aforesaid
15. or eles where within the countie of Oxon with their app[ur]ten[a]nces
16. to Johan my wyffe for terme of her lyffe if the same Johan so
17. longe do kepe her selffe sole & unmaryed and after the decease
18. of my wyffe Johan I wyll & gyve all the said landes and
19. tenementes with their appurtenaunce Except suche landes and
20. tenementes which here after by this my Testament & last wyll
21. I shall wyll declare and gyve to others unto Edward Kemyse
22. & agnes his wyffe and to the heyres of their tow bodyes betweene
23. them lawfully begoten for ever and I gyve & bequeth after
24. the decease of the said Johan my wyffe or after her maryage
25. a tenement with th[e]appurtenances lying in the high streete of
26. henley now in the tenure of walter Lecy unto Robert Marten

27. sonne to Wyllyam Marten to have & to hold to the same Robert
28. and the heyres of his body lawfully begotten & for defalt of
29. suche Issue the same tenement shalbe & remayne unto the
30. said Edward Kemyse & agnes his wyffe and to their heyres
31. as before said Allso I gyve to Johan Marten a tenement
32. lying in the same strete now in the tenure of Thom[a]s Warmston
33. to have & to hold the said tenement to her & her heyres with
34. lyke remaynder as is next before said It[e]m I gyve & bequethe
35. to Elyn Marten one tenement in the said high strete now in
36. the tenure of John Nott to have & to hold the same tenement
37. with th[e]appurtenances as is before said It[e]m I gyve & wyll
38. to Margaret Marten one tenement in the said hygh strete
39. of henley now in the tenure of reynold drew called the
40. Walles to have & to hold to her & her heyres w[ith] lyke remaynder
41. as before said Provided that the said Johan my wyffe shall
42. have hold & enioy all the said tenementes duryng her naturall
43. lyffe upon suche condic[i]on as before is declared It[e]m I gyve to
44. Johan my wyffe one packe of corses¹ beyng now redy made in
45. my howse and I gyve to Edwarde Kemyse & wyllyam marten
46. one other packe of Corses to be sold by the said Edward It[e]m
47. the resydew of my goodes and catalles moveable & unmoveable
48. after my debtes payed and my legaces fullfylled I gyve
49. to the said Johan my wyffe and Edward Kemyse whome
50. I doo make and ordeyne my executors of this my Testament
51. and last wyll to dyspose the same after their most
52. best discressyons And I make my supervisor of my said
53. Testament and last wyll Wyllyam Lovelace
54. gentleman to see this my said wyll & Testament in every
55. thyng to be p[er]formed accordyng to the premisses In wytnesse
56. whereof to this my said Testament and last wyll I have
57. caused these men to be present to bere wytnes as their
58. names here after folowith Wyllyam Lovelace Rychard

¹ packe of corses: 'corses' is probably kerseys, a coarse narrow cloth. A pack is 10 whole cloths [Colin Chapman]

[Summary of the Latin probate clause]

Date of probate: 24 October 1545
Place of Probate: not shown
Executor: not shown (Joan Burgess and Edward Kemys named in will)
Court official: Dr. Walter Wryght
Inventory value: [4 score and 16 pounds] £96 16s. 2d.

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