

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Richard SMYTHE, of Henley upon Thames**  
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**Will 1545**

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- Testamentu[m] Ricardi Smythe de Henley
1. In the name of god Amen the v<sup>th</sup> day of September in
  2. the yere of o[ur] lorde god m ccccc xliiij [1544] et Anno regni Reg[iu]s
  3. henrici octavi xxxvj<sup>th</sup> I Richarde Smythe of Henley uppon
  4. Thamys in the Cowntie of Oxon beyng in the Kynges
  5. wars at the Syege of boollame<sup>1</sup> doo make my testament
  6. and last wyll as followith Fyrst I bequethe my soole
  7. to allmightie god o[ur] lady and all the sayntes in heaven
  8. and my body to buryed in chrysten buryall yf I doo
  9. dye gyvinge to the pryste my gostly father for so doynge
  10. ij<sup>s[?]</sup> Item I doo gyve to Elyzabeth my wyfe all my goodes
  11. moveable Item to the sayde Elizabeth I gyve my twoo
  12. howses sett and lyeinge in Henley before sayde wiche I doo
  13. dwell in for terme of the naturall lyfe of the sayde Elizabeth
  14. w[ith]owt dooyng eny wast And after the decease of the
  15. sayde Elyzabeth I will and bequethe and by thys p[re]sent
  16. testament and wyll doo gyve and grawnt the sayde
  17. twoo howses to remayne and desende in rev[er]sion to [Richard]
  18. Smythe of Abyngton and to his heyres forever more
  19. haveinge one a yere a diryge & a masse sayde for
  20. ever for the sooles of me the sayde Richarde Smythe
  21. and Elizabeth and all chrysten sowlles All the rest
  22. of my goodes I gyve and bequethe to Elyzabeth my
  23. wyffe whome I doo make my executrice to dyspose of

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<sup>1</sup> boollame      probably Boulogne, as this was in progress at this time

24. all things to the wealthe of my sowle And I doo
25. make my Cosyne Richarde Smythe of Abyngton
26. my oversear to see this my wyll effectually executed
27. and doone accordyngly These bearynge w[it]nesse henry
28. powre John Ashbry of Hott Deane James Sherche
29. of Astone Will[ia]m Jones of saynte georges p[ar]ishe in so[uth]
30. warcke<sup>2</sup> John dytlyne of the same and other moo

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 22 April 1545  
Place of Probate: Henley  
Executor: Elizabeth Smyth  
Court official: Dr. Wryght  
Inventory value: £18 10s.

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<sup>2</sup> so[uth]warcke                      probably Southwark in London