

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Alice BARTELETT, widow, of Henley on Thames**  
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**Will, 1531**

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 Test Alicie bartelett de Henley t<sup>o</sup> xliiiij<sup>o</sup>  
2 In the name of God Amen the xvth day of January in the yer[e]  
3 of o[u]r lord god m<sup>l</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xxx<sup>ti</sup> I Alice bartelett widowe beyng  
4 hole & stedfast of mynd & memory make my testame[n]t  
5 & last will in man[ner] & forme folowing First I bequethe  
6 my sowle to Almyghty god to the blessed virgyn o[u]r lady  
7 seynt mary And to the holy c[o]mpeny off heuyn my  
8 body to be buried in the churche yard at henley It[e]m to  
9 the mother churche of lincoln ijd It[em] to the hy awt[er]  
10 of henley iiij. It[e]m I give to Alice Coston<sup>1</sup> the dowght[er]  
11 late of Thom[a]s Coston my son of the cyte of lyn<sup>2</sup> thies  
12 p[ar]celles of good[es] folowinge First I will & gyve to the  
13 said Alice Coston ij federbed iij bolsters vj pillowes vj pey[er]  
14 shetes a pey[er] blankettes ij the best cou[er]ynges iiij pillowberys  
15 a Celer[?] and a test[er] payntyd, ij payntid clothes in the cha[m]ber  
16 a hanging of grene say<sup>3</sup>, iij payntid clothes in the p[ar]lo[ur]  
17 my best violett gowne, my best tawny Kyrtil, a pey[er]  
18 of hokes silu[er] & gilte, a harte of sylu[er] & gilte, a pyn of sylu[er]  
19 ij silu[er] sponys, iij table clothes. ij towellys v napkyns  
20 iij of the best quosshions. In the hall a payntid clothe  
21 a cubbord, a folding table In the chamber a table &

<sup>1</sup> Coston: the writer of the register copy has indicated that one or more letters in the surname were left out. The transcription here is the name as written, and no attempt is made to guess at the correct surname.

<sup>2</sup> Lyn: it is not clear which city is referred to here: perhaps London? Or Lincoln?

<sup>3</sup> Say: a light woollen cloth

22 a pey[er] of trestyllys. a bedstede w[ith] iiij other bedsteddes  
23 xij platers viij podingers x sawcers, iiij bell  
24 candilstikkes & a long candilstik aft[er] the olde fasshion  
25 a salte of tyn cou[er]yd a new charg[er] my pewt[er] pottes  
26 a laver of laten a basyn of pewter wrought  
27 It[e]m a coffer in the chamber above & a coffer in the parl[ou]r  
28 a chafyngdisshe ij brasyn pottes, a litle pott & a posenett  
29 vj worte pannys a gret ketyll of xij gallons, &  
30 a ketyll of iij gallons. A pey[er] of cubirons, a pey[er]  
31 of tonges iij broches. a bultyng vessell iij fattes &  
32 a grydyron, v tubbys a dosen a pece iij worte  
33 covers, a furnesse off brasse a gret brandyron  
34 a frying pan[ne], a fyre pyke, ij hanginges of yron  
35 for pottes Also I will to the said Alice Coston all  
36 those iij tenementes of the which one of them ys  
37 nowe in ~~the~~ my holdynge A nother in the holding off  
38 John Anstye & the thurde in the holding of John  
39 Miller sett & beyng in the northstrete of the towne  
40 of henley w[ith] all thappu[r]ten[a]nces & to the heires off her  
41 body lawfully begoten And fo[r] defaulte of suche  
42 Issewe to remayne to Richard Massam & John  
43 Shereode of henley, they to bestowe them as they  
44 shall think most best to the welthe of my sowle.  
45 And I orden & make John Shererode my sole  
46 & true executo[r] to whom[e] I gyve for his labo[ur] &  
47 diligence to this my last will truly to be p[er]formyd  
48 iijs iiijd & I make Richard Massam to be  
49 ou[er]seer of the same to whom also I gyve iijs iiijd  
50 And I will that the said Richard Massam &  
51 John Shereode shall sett & make money of a  
52 kyrtillclothe of puke<sup>4</sup> off myne & off all other

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<sup>4</sup> puke: almost black woollen cloth

53 my goddes moveable & on moveable the legacyes  
54 res[er]vyd & the money theroff to be bestowede att  
55 ther[e] discrec[i]on for the welthe off my sowle my  
56 housbondes soule & for all cristyn sowles thies beryng  
57 witenes John Dyer curatt Jamys Miller John  
58 Anstye & John Hunter w[ith] other[.].  
59 Valor Inuent[] - vj li xiiij s Ffeod[um] iijs vjd

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 28<sup>th</sup> April 1531  
Place of Probate: Oxford  
Executor: not named  
Court official: Nicholas Wilson  
Inventory value: £6 14s 0d and to pay 3s 6d

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