

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**John POWELL, gent of Henley on Thames**

**Will proved 1610**

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*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 In the Name of God Amen the Fifteenth day  
2 of Aprill Anno Domini one thousand sixe hundred and nyne and in the yeres of the  
3 Raigne of o[ur] soveraigne Lorde James by the grace of god kinge of England France  
4 and Irelande the seaventhe and of Scotland the twoe and fortithe I John Powell  
5 of Henley uppon Thames in the Countie of Oxon gent beyng sicke in bodye but of  
6 good and perfect memory (thankes be given unto god therefore) calling to my  
7 remembrannce the unsteadfastnes of this transitory life, knowing that nothing  
8 ys more certeyne than deathe and nothing more uncerteyne than the tyme and hour  
9 of deathe Do make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner and  
10 forme folowing First I bequeathe my soule to Almightye god my Creator and Redemer  
11 trusting assuredlie to be saved by the onlie merittes deathe and passion of o[ur] Saviour  
12 Jesue Christe sufficient for me and all mankynde, and my bodye to be buried within  
13 the parishe churche of Henley aforesayed whereas yt shall seeme most fitt meete and  
14 convenyent to my executrix and overseers hereafter named And as for my Landes  
15 and tenementes goodes and chattells Debtes and ymplements of household I  
16 assuring my selfe that my welbeloved wife Joyce Powell of whome I have had good  
17 expereince of her motherlie love and care unto my children and hoping that she will  
18 contynewe the same love and care bothe for their education and preferrment as they  
19 shall come to yeres of discretion Therefore and for the better enhablinge her to performe  
20 the same First I give and bequeathe unto her and to her heires for ever All my Landes  
21 and tenementes whatsoever which I have in Henley uppon Thames aforesayed as allso all  
22 other my Landes meadowe and pasture whatsoever I have in the parishe of Remn[em]ham  
23 in the Countie of Berks And for the better hope I have of her for the preferrment  
24 and education of my said children I likewise give and bequeathe unto her my said  
25 welbeloved wife All my goodes and chattells moveable and unmoveable Debtes

26 and readye money: and do likewise ordayne and make her my sole executrix of this  
27 my last will and testament And I do praye and make my welbeloved freind Cope  
28 Doyleie esquire and Henry Pecke John Harte and William Lewes gent my overseers  
29 of this my last will and testament . Item I give unto the pore of Henley Twentie  
30 shillinges of lawfull money of England to be payed unto them by my sayed Executrix  
31 within one monethe after my decease. In witnesse whereof I the saied John Powell  
32 have hereunto sett my hande and seale the daye and yere first abovewritten. John  
33 Powell. Sealed and delivered in the presence of us as his last will and testament  
34 Henry Doyleie William Lewys Signum Roberti Langman Sig[nu]m Alicie Baker  
35 Signum Francisce Stephens vidua

36 Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram  
37 venerabili viro Magistro William Birde legium Doctori Curie Prerogat  
38 Cantuarrensis Magistro Custode sive Commussaris legitime constutuat  
39 Decimo nono die mensis Februarii Anno Domini iuxta cursum et factum  
40 Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo sextentesimo nono Iuramento Jocose relicte dicti defuncti  
41 et executrics in eodem testamento nominat Qui commissa fuit Administrato bonorum  
42 In?? et creditorum eiusdem defuncti de bene et fideliter administrandum etc ad sancta  
43 Dei evangelia Jurat  
44 The one and twentieth daye of November Anno Domini 1609

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 21<sup>st</sup> November 1609 [?]

Place of Probate: London

Executor: Joyce [Jocose], the widow

Court official: William Bird,

Inventory value: not given

From the parish register: Mr John Powell, gent

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