

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Hercules HALL, shoemaker of Henley on Thames**  
**Oxfordshire Record Office, Arch. Reg. 187.129**

**Will 1582**

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 Testamentum Herculie Haull de Henley  
2 In dei no[min]e Amen the xxx<sup>th</sup> daie of December in the  
3 xxv<sup>th</sup> yeare of the raigne of oure soveraigne Ladie  
4 Queen Elizabeth [1582] &c. I Hercules Hall of Henley  
5 upon Thames in the countie of Oxon shoemaker  
6 being sicke in bodie but of good and p[er]fect memorie  
7 thanks be unto god therefore doe make and ordaine  
8 this my last will and Testament in mann[er] and  
9 forme followinge First I bequeath my soule  
10 to almightie god my creator and my Redem[er] trusting  
11 assuredlie to be saved by the onely merittes death  
12 and passion of owre saviour christe Jesus suffici  
13 ent for me and all man kinde and my bodie to be  
14 buried in the churchyard of Henley where yt  
15 shall seeme most convenient to my Executors  
16 It[e]m I geve and bequeath to the pore people of  
17 Henley abovesaid xx<sup>s</sup> to be distributed by my  
18 Executors It[e]m I geve and bequeath unto  
19 my mother Elizabeth Craye the some of  
20 Tenne poundes of good and lawfull monie of  
21 England to be paide unto her w[ith]in sixe daies  
22 after my decease It[e]m I geve and bequeath unto  
23 my brother W[illia]m Hall the some of tenn  
24 poundes more of like lawfull monie of England  
25 to be paide unto him by my Executors w[ith]in one

26 whole yere after my decease and the saide  
27 Elizabeth to give the use of the same  
28 Tenne poundes untill yt shalbe payable by  
29 my last will and Testament and yf  
30 yt happen the saide W[illia]m Hall to die before  
31 he shall receave the saide somme of x<sup>li</sup> that  
32 then I will and my meaning is that the saide  
33 Elizabeth my mother shall have the saide  
34 tenne pounce to her owne proper use for  
35 ev[er] It[e]m I geve and bequeath unto my father  
36 in lawe Richard Craie the some of l<sup>s</sup> and  
37 my best cloke and my best hatt It[e]m I geve  
38 and bequeath to Will[ia]m Seale [?] the some of  
39 x<sup>s</sup> and my best hose and doblet It[e]m I doe  
40 make and ordaine Executors of this my last  
41 will and Testament W[illia]m Goodinge of Henley  
42 aforesaide Carpenter and <sup>ye said</sup> Elizabeth Hall [*sic*] my  
43 mother. All the rest of my goodes and cattells  
44 herein before not geven and bequeathed my  
45 Debtes and Legacies paide and Funerall charges borne  
46 and disbursed I geve and bequeathe unto the said Elizabeth  
47 Craye my mother. In witnes whereof I the sayde  
48 Hercules Hall have hereunto set my hand and seale  
49 the daie and yere above written Further I will and  
50 doe authorise the said W[illia]m Gooding and Elizabeth  
51 Craie to receave of Richard Craie before named the  
52 some of twenty poundes w[hi]ch he oweth unto me  
53 w[ith]in sixe daies after my decease witnesses p[rese]nt at the  
54 ensueing signinge and deliverie of this will W[illia]m Gooding  
55 Will[ia]m Seale Thomas Wheles and Frances burke  
56 Scriven[er] Hercules Halls Marke X

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1582[83]  
Place of Probate: Oxford  
Executor: Edgar Turvild [?] for Elizabeth Craie and Wm Goodinge  
Court official: Thomas Glasier  
Inventory value: N/a

*From the parish registers: Arcelaus Hall was buried in January 1582[83]. This is probably Hercules Hall.*

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