

Oxfordshire

HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Alice ABELL, widow, of Henley on Thames

Will proved 1564

Oxfordshire Record Office, MS Wills Oxon 184.130

See also the will of Henry Abell 1564 184.131, and their joint admon 184.190

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1 Testam[en]tum Aluice [?] Abell
2 de henlye
3 In the name of god amen, the xxxth daye of Marche in
4 the yeareof o[ur] lorde god a thousande ~~fyfye~~ v hundred ~~fyfye~~
5 iij score & fowre I Alys Abell of Henlye uppon ~~Thye~~
6 Theames in the countye of Oxfovrthe wydowe beinge
7 sycke of bodye but of good and p[er]fytte remembrance thanks
8 be geve[n] to allmyghtye god doe in thys maner make my laste
9 wyll and testame[n]t ^{in maner & forme folowinge} Firste I bequethe my sowle to allmyghtye
10 god my maker & redeamer to be in the companye of the
11 electe in the glorye of god the father, & my bodye to be
12 buryede in the churche yearde of Henlye aforsayde right
13 unto the place where my late husband Henrye Abell
14 lyethe. It[e]m I geve to the pore mens box vj^s viij^d to
15 be ~~delivered~~ distributed where moste need ys. It[e]m I
16 bequethe to Johan[n]e berrye my syster my blacke Casocke¹
17 It[e]m I geve and bequethe to my cosyn Margarett Berry
18 my beste russet casocke. It[e]m I geve and bequethe to
19 Mr Wylllyame Barker p[ar]sonne of Henlye a newe cappe
20 that was my ~~laste~~ late husbandes. It[e]m I geve to Mr
21 barkeres wife my beste hatte. It[e]m I geve and
22 bequethe to Henrye Berrye my brother a blacke
23 cote and a canvas doblette. It[e]m I geve and bequethe

¹ Casocke: cassock, a long loose overcoat (CW & PE Cunnington & Charles Beard)

24 to my cosynne Rycharde Hopper a blewe cote
25 and to John Weston hys father in lawe a leatherne
26 gyrke[n]² whyche was my late husbandes It[e]m I geve and
27 bequethe to John Westones ~~wyffe~~ wyfe my cosyn a
28 newe redde petycote upper bodyed³ wythe chamlette,
29 and to her dowghter Johan[n]e Hopper a gowne clothe
30 blacke readye dressyd in my howse. It[e]m to Edwarde
31 medcalfes wyfe a russette frocke [*smudge*] and more to
32 the sayde medcalfes wyfe, a sylke hatte It[e]m
33 I geve and bequethe to Rose Pygott my mayde a
34 wosted kyrtle upper bodyed⁴ wythe chamlette & a redde
35 petycote upper bodyed wythe chamlette. It[e]m I geve and
36 bequethe to Elinor Pratte the pore woma[n] in the al
37 mes howse a fryse casocke. It[e]m I geve and bequethe
38 to Bennetes wyfe late Gyldenes wyfe my owlde blacke
39 kyrtle It[e]m I geve and bequethe to ^{owlde} mother Gavyn my
40 fryseradowe⁵ redde petycote It[e]m I geve and bequethe
41 to Richard Davyde of Henly a doble rayle⁶ It[e]m
42 I bequethe to Robert Wolleys wife a rayle whyche
43 coste me v^{s the ell} and a neckercher It[e]m all the residue of
44 my goodes and catells my detes payed and my lega
45 cies fulfilled I geve ~~and geve~~ and bequethe to Hen
46 ry Abell my sonne John Abell my sonne and Jo
47 han[n]e Abell my dawghter to be equally devyded
48 betwene them by the discretio[n] of myne overseers
49 And I wyll that my fore named iij children
50 namely Henry Abell, John Abell and Johan[n]e

² Gyrke[n]: jerkin

³ Petycote upper bodyed: a petticoat with a bodice attached, possibly in different material, used instead of a waistband to keep the petticoat up.

⁴ Kyrtle upper bodyed: similar to the petticoat, but possibly with the bodice in the same material.

⁵ Fryseradowe: frizado: a heavy worsted cloth

⁶ Rayle: a neckerchief, folded and worn around the neck, like a shawl.

51 Abell shalbe myne executors Joyntly together
52 of thys my laste wyll and testame[n]t And further
53 my wyll ys that Peter Braclye of Henly shall
54 have the custodye, kepinge, and bringing upp to
55 scole of Henry Abell my sone to gether wythe hys
56 portio[n] of goodes and catelles untill he shalbe of the age of
57 xxj^y yeares. And I wyll that Richarde Duntte of Henley
58 shall have the custodye of kepinge and brin[g]inge upp
59 to scole of John Abell together wythe all hys ^{portion[n]} of goodes and ca
60 telles untill he shall come to th[e] age aforsayde. And I wyll
61 that Roberte Wolleye of Henlye shall have the custodye and
62 kepinge of Johanne my daughter together wythe all her p[ar]te
63 of goodes and catelles untill she shalbe of th[e] age of xxj yeares
64 or untill the daye of her mariage yf it be before the sayde
65 age of xxj^{ti} yeares. And further thys my wyll ys that yf
66 any of my sayde chyldren doe dye before th[e] age aforsayde
67 that then hys or her p[ar]te so dyinge to remayne and be
68 equallye divydede amonge the reste of them whyche shalbe
69 then lyvinge And yf it fortune that all my sayde chyldre[n]
70 dye before th[e] age of xxj^{ti} yeares, or daye of mariage,
71 that then I wyll that all my sayde goodes then founde or to
72 be founde to be distributed equallye amonge my naturall
73 brotherne and systeres then lyvinge. It[e]m I ordayne and make
74 overseers of thys my laste wyll and testame[n]t Richarde
75 Duntte and Peter Bratley, and they to have for there
76 paynes my husbandes bequeste w[hi]ch ys x^s a pece. In
77 wytnesse whereof thys to be my laste wyll and testa
78 me[n]t I the sayde alys Abell wydowe have heare to sette
79 my hande and seale the daye and yeare firste a
80 bove wrytte[n]
81 In the p[re]sence of me Wyllyam Barker p[ar]sonne, John Taylor,
82 and Henry Abberye wythe others

There is no probate clause.

From the parish registers: Henry Abell was buried on 22nd March 1563[4]. In his will he mentions his children Henry, John and Johanne, and a child his wife, Alice, is carrying. Alice Abell, along with her son Henry, was buried on 2nd April 1564. Johanne Abell was baptised in March 1561[2] and married to Christopher Stockwell on 17th November 1583. She was buried on 6th March 1590. She would have been about 28 years old.

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