

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**William BARNABY, yeoman, of Henley on Thames**

**Will proved 1588**

**Oxfordshire Record Office, Oxon. Arch. Deac. Reg 187.291**

*See also Wm Barnabye 1590, account Oxon MS wills 295/2/22*

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1. Testamentie Will[ia]m
2. Barnabye de Henley sup[er] Thamesin in
3. Com[itas] Oxon yeoman
4. In the name of God
5. Amen the xvijth day of August 1585 in the xxvijth
6. yere of the Raigne of o[ur] Sov[er]aigne Ladye Eliza
7. beth by the grace of god of England Franncce and
8. Ireland Queene Defender of the faith etc I
9. Will[ia]m Barnabye of Hendley uppon Thames in
10. the Countie of Oxford yeoman sicke in bodye
11. but of p[er]fect memorye (thanks be unto god) doe
12. make and declare this my last will and testa
13. ment in mann[er] and forme followinge First I
14. bequeath my soule to Jhesus Christ onelye sa
15. vio[r] and Redeemer and my bodye to be buried
16. in the p[ar]ish Church of Hendley afforesaid I
17. give to the mother Church iiijd and I will
18. and my mynd is that my Executor hereafter
19. named shall bestowe at my buriall unto the
20. poore people twelve bushells of wheate to be
21. baked in pen[n]y bread and half peny bread
22. It[e]m I devise will and bequest unto John
23. Barnabie my sonne All that my ten[emen]te in
24. Hendley afforesaid wherein I nowe dwell w[i]th
25. th[e] appurtenances two other Ten[emen]ts in Hendley
26. afforesaid whereof one is in the tenure or occu
27. pac[i]on of Rob[er]te P[or]ter [?] and th[e] other in the the

28. nure or occupac[i]on of John Troyne [*Tryne?*] glasier and  
 29. also one shopp in Hendley afforesaid now in the  
 30. tenure or occupac[i]on of John Bennett Draper  
 31. And also all that my ten[emen]te in Hendley affore  
 32. said now in the tenure or occupacon of James  
 33. Pococke w[i]th all and singular their appurtenances  
 34. to have and to hold all the s[ai]d ten[ement]s and p[re]  
 35. misses w[i]th their appurtenances unto the said  
 36. John Barnaby and his heires for ev[er] Also  
 37. I giv unto John Barnaby the younger  
 38. my lease and interestes of the two shoppes and  
 39. houses in Hendley afforesaid that I  
 40. have and hold of the right honorable the  
 41. Earle of Huntington and fortie shillings  
 42. in money to be paid unto him within one moneth  
 [p291v]  
 43. next after my decease and departure forth  
 44. of this world Also I give unto Leonard  
 45. Barnaby fortye shillings and to William Bar  
 46. naby xl<sup>s</sup> to be payd unto each of them  
 47. w[i]thin one moneth next after my decease  
 48. Also I will that my Executor hereafter na  
 49. med shall (as he hath p[ro]mised me) maine  
 50. taine and keepe Johan Helyar my now  
 51. servant w[i]th meat drinke lodgeinge clothes  
 52. and all other things necessarie meete and  
 53. decent for p[rop]er [?] duringe her liffe Or else  
 54. pay and deliv[er] unto the Warden of Hendley afore  
 55. said w[hic]h for the time shall be vj<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> of  
 56. lawfull english money to th[e] intent that the War  
 57. den and his brethren w[i]th the sayme money shall  
 58. and may p[ro]vide that the said Johan may be  
 59. honestly p[r]ovided for and kept duringe her  
 60. liffe as the said Warden and his bretheren  
 61. shall thinke meet and accordinge to their good  
 62. discret[i]ons. And also I will give and be

63. queath unto John Elmes gentleman Clement  
 64. Woodroffe Ralph Wilkes John Bennett Francis  
 65. Burke Thomas Wheler shoemaker Willi[a]m  
 66. Freeman William Stockwell th[e] elder Jeff  
 67. rey White and Thomas Camfeild the two messu  
 68. ages or Ten[emen]tes w[i]th their appurtenances w[hi]ch I  
 69. purchased and bought of John Gravett [?] situ  
 70. ate and beinge together in Hendley afforesaid  
 71. in a street their called new street on the  
 72. South side of the same streete betweene the  
 73. Ten[emen]t of Johan Wolley Widdow on the East  
 74. p[ar]te and the ten[emen]te wherein one John Thorne  
 75. now dwelleth on the West p[ar]te in breadth and  
 76. extendeth in length from the streete affore  
 77. said on the North p[ar]te unto the landes or Ten[emen]ts  
 78. of John Kenton or of one Stynton [?] on the  
 79. South p[ar]te To have and to hold the  
 80. said two messuages or Ten[emen]ts with their  
 81. appurtenenaces unto the sayd John Elmes  
 82. Clement Ralph John Bennett Francis  
 83. Thomas Wheeler Will[ia]m Freeman Will[ia]m  
 84. Stockwell Jefferye and Thomas Cam  
 85. feild and their heires  
 86. to the use of them and their heires for ev[er]  
 [p292r]  
 87. uppon hope trust and Confidence that they their  
 88. heires and Assignes and ev[er]y of them shall  
 89. and will for ever receave and take the whole  
 90. Rentes Issues and p[ro]fittes thereof and also  
 91. pay yelde and distribute the same halfe  
 92. yearlie to any amongst the pore Inhabitantes  
 93. of the said towne of Henley at the feaste  
 94. of th[e] annunciac[i]on of the blessed Virgin Marie  
 95. and saynt Michael th[e] archangell by iiij<sup>d</sup>  
 96. to ev[er]y suche of them as shallbe thought most  
 97. neede and meette of releif by the discre

98. c[i]ons of the Warden Burgesses and Bridgemen  
 99. of the said towne of Hendley for the time  
 100. beinge Also I will that after the de  
 101. ceases of eight of the said devises that  
 102. the other two ov[er]livinge the sayed eight  
 103. shall lawfully convey and assine the  
 104. sayd two messuages or ten[emen]ts with their  
 105. appurtenances to such other ten or twelve  
 106. Inhabitants of the sayd towne of  
 107. Henley and their heires and Assignes  
 108. to the further p[er]formance of this  
 109. my will to the ayde and releiff of the  
 110. poore of the sayd towne of Henley in forme  
 111. afforsaid for ev[er] as by the said warden Bur  
 112. gesses and Bridgemen of the sayd towne  
 113. for that time shalbe thought most trustie  
 114. and meet for and to the same And also  
 115. my will and mind is that the like  
 116. assurance and Covenanncce shall be had  
 117. and made of and in the said p[re]misses in  
 118. forme afforesaid for ev[er]more to the aide help  
 119. and releif of the poore Inhabitanes of  
 120. the saide towne for the time beinge. Also  
 121. I will to the said Warden Bridgemen  
 122. Burgesses and Co[m]mun[alitie] the some of xiiij<sup>li</sup>  
 123. vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to be payd unto them w[i]thin  
 124. six weekes next after my decease to the  
 125. entente the same shalbe employed and  
 126. bestowed by them uppon or towards the  
 127. makinge and erectinge of one stone  
 [p292v]  
 128. Arch in and to the Bridge of Hendley afforesaid  
 129. w[i]thin one yere next after my decease or  
 130. at some[?] as time may Convenientlie seite [suit?] for  
 131. the same And whereas I the saide Will[ia]m  
 132. Barnabye heretofore by my deed of

133. feoffment bearinge date the eleventh day  
 134. of September in the xxiiijth yere [1580-81] of the  
 135. Raygne of o[ur] said Sov[er]aigne Ladye the Queenes  
 136. Ma[jes]tie Have geven and graunted unto  
 137. James Tusser gentleman , Thomas Morgan  
 138. John Lewes Ralph Bolt and John Kenton  
 139. of Hendley afforesaid yeomen all those  
 140. my foure Ten[emen]ts with Orchards gardens  
 141. or Backsides thereunto adioyninge w[i]thall and  
 142. singular their appurtenances whatsoever[er] situate  
 143. lyinge and beinge in Hendley afforesaid  
 144. and Rutterfeild [*Rotherfield*]. The one of the Ten[emen]tes  
 145. afores[ai]d beinge in the tenure or occupac[i]on  
 146. of John Cranford or his Assignes in  
 147. Hendley in a street their called the  
 148. high streete and betweene the Ten[emen]ts  
 149. of Joane Hide widdow on the East p[ar]te  
 150. and Augustine Knapp on the Weste p[ar]te And  
 151. an other of the same Ten[emen]ts in the tenure  
 152. or occupac[i]on of Anthony Bachelor in  
 153. Rutterfeild afforesaid and betweene the  
 154. Ten[emen]t of Eliza  
 155. beth Springall Widdow on the east p[ar]te  
 156. and John Thorne on the West p[ar]te And  
 157. one other Ten[emen]t in the tenure or occupa  
 158. c[i]on of Richard Symons or his assignes  
 159. in Hendley afforesaid and in a streete their  
 160. csllled Fridayes Streete and betweene  
 161. the Ten[emen]ts of John Lewes on the East  
 162. p[ar]te and Will[ia]m Gravatt on the West  
 163. p[ar]te And also one other Ten[emen]t in the  
 164. tenure or occupac[i]on of John heyborne  
 165. in Hendley aforesaid and beinge in  
 166. Frydayes Streete aforesaid and the parsonadge  
 [p293r]  
 167. Way on the East p[a]rte, and the Ten[emen]t of John

168. Marsham on the weste p[ar]te . To have and  
 169. to hold the same foure Ten[emen]ts orchardes  
 170. gardens and backsides and other the p[re]misses  
 171. w[i]thall and singular their appurtenances unto  
 172. the said James Tusser, Thomas Morgan  
 173. John Lewis, Ralph Bolte and John Ken  
 174. ton and to their heires and Assignes for  
 175. ev[er]. As by the same deed it doth and  
 176. may appeare, And where also other the  
 177. decease of the said John Tusser I  
 178. the said Will[ia]m together with the s[ai]d Tho  
 179. mas Morgan, John Lewis, Ralph Bolte  
 180. and John Kenton as feoffees to me of the  
 181. said messuages landes Ten[emen]ts and here  
 182. ditaments by o[ur] deed bearing date the sixte  
 183. daye of September in the five and twent  
 184. ith yere [1582-83]of the raigne of o[ur] said Sov[er]  
 185. aigne Lady Elizabeth have geven graunt  
 186. ed and confirmed unto Mychaell Wolley  
 187. Richard Dunte, John Assenden Ellize  
 188. Webb, Henry Freeman, John Thorne  
 189. Will[ia]m Bodkyn, James Pococke, John Parkes  
 190. John Chiles [?], Thomas Tryne Will[ia]m Longe  
 191. well Ralph Wilkes Thomas Feild Will[ia]m  
 192. Wheatley and Rob[er]te Bryan Inhabitants  
 193. and Burgesses of the said towne of  
 194. Hendley uppon Thames and to their  
 195. heires sand assignes for ever to the use  
 196. of them and their heires snd Assignes  
 197. for ev[er]; One Anniuytie or yerely rent  
 198. of foure poundes of lawful money of  
 199. England yssuinge and goinge forth  
 200. of all the said foure messuages or ten[emen]ts  
 201. and other the p[re]misses in the sev[er]all  
 202. tenures holdings or occupac[i]ons of the said  
 [p293v]

203. John Cranford Anthony Bachelor Richard  
204. Symons and John Heyborne and out of  
205. all the landes Ten[emen]ts and hereditaments to the  
206. same messuages and ev[er]y and any of them be  
207. longinge or appertayninge to be payd at the  
208. feastes of the yere most usuall That is  
209. to say at the feast of St Michael th[e] ar  
210. changell and th[e] annunciation of o[ur] Lady by  
211. even porc[i]ons; The first payment thereof  
212. to beginne at the feast of St Micheall  
213. th[e] archangell next after the date of  
214. the same deed uppon hope that they the  
215. said Mychaell Wolley Richard Dunnt John  
216. Assenden Ellize Webb Henry Freeman John  
217. Thorne Will[ia]m Bodkyn James Pococke  
218. John Parkes John Stiles(?) Thomas Tryne  
219. Will[ia]m Longwall Ralph Wilkes Thomas  
220. Feild Will[ia]m Whatley and Rob[er]te Bryan  
221. their heires and Assignes should and  
222. would yerelye from thenceforth for ev[er]  
223. employe give and bestow the said some  
224. of <sup>li</sup>iiiij<sup>d</sup> uppon the poore of Hendley afore  
225. said in deedes of Charitie and otherwise  
226. as hereafter is expressed That is to  
227. say xvij<sup>s</sup> <sup>d</sup>iiiij<sup>d</sup> to be payde to the Warden  
228. Bridgemen and to their Successors  
229. for ev[er] for and towards the maintenance  
230. and repayringe of the bridge and  
231. twentie dozen of Bread to be geven  
232. yerelie for ever uppon good Fryday in the  
233. fore noone of the same day to and a  
234. mongst the poorest people of the same  
235. towne of Henley uppon Thames and  
236. ten Smockes readdy made to tenne of  
237. th[e] oldest and poorest woomen of the  
238. said towne each smocke of the value

239. of ij<sup>s</sup> and the residue of the said  
240. Annuyitie to be payd and deliv[er]ed  
241. by the said grauntes quarterlie as to  
[p294r]  
242. them or the moste p[ar]te of them should be thought  
243. most needfull uppon the poore people of  
244. the almeshouse their As by the same deed  
245. more at large yt doth and may ap  
246. peare And whereas sithence the graunt  
247. of the said Rente I the said Will[ia]m Bar  
248. nebye together with the said Thomas  
249. Morgan John Lewes Ralph Bolte &  
250. John Kenton by o[ur] deed bearing date  
251. the seaventh day of September in the  
252. said xxv<sup>th</sup> yere of the Queenes Ma[jes]ties  
253. Raigne have deliv[er]ed demised enfe  
254. offed and confirmed unto the Warden  
255. Bridgemen Burgesses and Co[mmun]ialtie  
256. of the said towne of Hendley Uppon  
257. Thames and to their Successors for  
258. ev[er]. All the fores[ai]d foure sev[er]all messua  
259. ges or Ten[emen]ts and all other the p[re]misses  
260. w[i]th their appurtenances in the sev[er]all  
261. teanures or occupac[i]ons of the said John  
262. Cranford Anthony Bachelor Richard  
263. Symons and John Heyborne to have  
264. and told the said sev[e]rall messuages  
265. and p[re]misses to the said Warden Bridge  
266. men Burgesses and Co[mmun]ialtie and their  
267. succesors for ev[er] And for asmuch as  
268. the same feoffment soe had and made  
269. was onelie uppon trust and Confidence  
270. w[i]thout any money to me payd or other  
271. Considerac[i]on towards me had or  
272. made by the sayd Warden Bridgeman  
273. Burgesses and Co[mmun]ialtie And for that



274. also the same foure messuages or Ten[emen]ts  
275. and other the same p[re]misses are of  
[p294v]  
276. more and above the yerelie valew of iiij<sup>li</sup>  
277. wherewith the same p[re]misses are alreadie  
278. charged by reason of the sayd graunte  
279. of iiij<sup>li</sup> yssueinge oute thereof that is  
280. to say of the yerelie valew of foure m[ar]kes  
281. ov[er] and above the sayd foure poundes And  
282. for that also that my purpose mind will  
283. and entent is further to helpe and  
284. releive the poore of the sayd Almshouses  
285. in Hendley afforesaid I will devise and  
286. bequeath to the said Warden Bridgemen  
287. Burgesses and Co[mmun]ialtie the sayd foure  
288. messuages or Ten[emen]ts and other the  
289. p[re]misses with their appurtenances now or late  
290. in the sev[er]all teanures or occupac[i]ons of  
291. the sayd John Cranford Anthony Ba  
292. cheler Richard Symons and John  
293. Heyborne To have and to hold to them  
294. and their Successors for ev[er] uppon  
295. trust and Considerac[i]on that they  
296. and their Successors shall of  
297. and w[i]th the yerelie rentes yssues  
298. and p[ro]fittes of the same Messuages  
299. or Ten[emen]tes and other the p[re]misses  
300. yerelie for ev[er] distribute and give unto  
301. the poore people of the almshouse  
302. in Hendley afforesaid the some of  
303. foure m[ar]kes of lawfull english money  
304. quarterlie by equall and even porc[i]ons  
305. in such mann[er] and forme as the said  
306. Residew of the sayd iiij<sup>li</sup> is to be payd  
307. distributed and deliv[er]ed them by the  
308. sayd Mychaell Wolley Richard Dunte

309. and other the sayd grauntes  
310. of the sayd yerelie rente of iiij<sup>li</sup> Soe  
311. that my mind will and entente is  
312. that the poore of the sayd Almshouse  
313. shall yerelie receave and have for  
[p295r]  
314. ev[er] to their releife and maintenance  
315. the some of iiij<sup>li</sup> out of the sayd foure  
316. Messuages or Ten[emen]ts to be payd  
317. deliv[er]ed and distributed to them  
318. quarterlie by even porc[i]ones in mann[er]  
319. and forme followinge That is to  
320. say by the sayd Warden Bridgemen  
321. Burgesses and Co[mmon]ialtie foure m[ar]kes  
322. by the sayd grauntes of the  
323. sayd yerelie rent xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> And  
324. the Residew of the Rentes yssues  
325. and p[ro]fittes of the same foure Messua  
326. ges or Ten[emen]tes and other the  
327. p[re]misses (yf any shalbe) foure shillings  
328. thereof deducted and allowed to  
329. the sayd Warden and Bridgemen  
330. of the sayd towne of Hendley for  
331. the tyme beinge for their paines  
332. and travell in this behalf to be  
333. taken viz: to the Warden two  
334. shillings and to the Bridgemen  
335. ij<sup>s</sup> equallie to be devided between  
336. them my mind will and entente  
337. is shalbe for ev[er] hereafter yere  
338. lie distributed by the them at  
339. and by their good discrec[i]on and  
340. direcc[i]on for and towards the ne  
341. cessarye rep[ar]ac[i]ons of the Church  
342. and Bridge of the towne of  
343. Hendley afforesayd And further

344. I will and my mind and desi  
345. er is That all such farth[er] Act  
346. and Actes thinge and things  
347. shalbe made donne and suffered  
348. aswell by my heires as by  
349. the sayd Warden Bridgemen  
350. Burgesses and Co[mmun]ialtie and  
[p295v]  
351. their Successors as by Thomas Mariett  
352. Esquier shalbe devysed advysed or  
353. thought needful for th[e] assurance  
354. of the p[ro]misses and p[er]fectinge  
355. of my will and bequestes herein  
356. conteyned or menc[i]oned for the re  
357. leife of the poore The Residew  
358. of all my goodes and Chatteles un  
359. bequeathed my debtes payd my  
360. funerall Charges borne and the  
361. legacies and bequestes in this my  
362. p[re]sente will performed I fullie and  
363. whollie give unto the sayd John  
364. Barneby my sonne the w[hi]ch John  
365. Barneby my sonne I doe ordeyne  
366. and make full and sole Execu  
367. tor of this my will and testament  
368. And I doe also ordeyne and make  
369. ov[er]seers of the same William Mercer  
370. Gent and John Lewes they to  
371. see my will p[er]formed And I  
372. doe give to either of them for their  
373. Paines vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> And I humblie de  
374. sier the sayd Warden Bridgmen  
375. Burgesses and Co[mmon]ialtie to suffer  
376. this my will to be Registered and  
377. written in their booke of willes  
378. In witnes whereof I the sayd

379. Will[ia]m Barnebye have hereunto putt  
380. my seale and to ev[er]y lease here  
381. of have made my marke in the  
[p296r]  
382. p[re]sence of them whose names are under  
383. written viz: Thomas Morgan Warden  
384. of the towne of Hendley John Lewes  
385. Will[ia]m Stockewell Thomas Camfeild  
386. Will[ia]m Stevens John Tyrer and  
387. John Barneby Signum Testatoris  
388. Signum Thomas Morgan  
389. p[er] me Joh[an]em Lewes Will[ia]m Stockwell  
390. Thomas Camfeild John Tyrer John  
391. Barnebye Signum Will[ia]m Stevens

*[signum means that these signatories could not write – their signum is copied into the will]*

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 20<sup>th</sup> July 1588

Place of Probate: not given

Executor: William Mercer [*generoso?*] and John Lewes

Court official: John Drewrie

Inventory value: not given

*From the parish register: William Barnaby was buried May 1587*

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