

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Thomas PARSLow, gent, of Henley on Thames**

**Will, 1679**

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*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1   **In the name of God Amen: I**  
2   Thomas Parslow of Henley upon Thames in the Countie of Oxon gent being in good  
3   health  
4   of Bodie and of sound and perfect mynd and memory Praised be Almighty God therefore  
5   But knowing the frailtie and uncertaintie of this momentarie life, doe make and ordeyne  
6   this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, And principally before  
7   all other things I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker,  
8   assuredly  
9   trusting in and by the Merits Death and Passion of my onely Lord and Saviour Jesus  
10   Christ to have full and free pardon and remission of all my Synns and that after these  
11   dayes of mortalitie shall by God's Grace have rec'd any out[?] my Soul shall be rec'd into  
12   everlasting happiness in the Kingdome of Heaven, And my bodie I committ to the Earth  
13   to  
14   be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, so neare as conve=  
15   iently may be to my loving wife lately deceased; And as to such temporall Estate as  
16   it hath pleased God of his Goodness to lend mee the use of in this life I dispose  
17   thereof as followeth; Inpri[mi]s I give and bequeath unto John Parslow my Sonn and to  
18   the Heires and assignes forever All my Freehold-Land with th'appurtenances scituate  
19   lying and being in the Parish of Milton in the said Countie of Oxon which I pur=  
20   chased of Thomas Quartermain being by estimation One Yard-land, and is now in the  
21   tenure  
22   or Occupation of one Thomas Coke yoman or his assignes, Item I give and bequeath unto  
23   my  
24   said Sonn John Fortie pounds of lawfull English money; Item I give and bequeath unto  
25   his three Children Helena Mary and John the summe of tenn Pounds apeece, to be put out

21 to interest with the good liking of their Father by and with the consent and advise of my  
22 Executrix and Overseers of this my Will untill such legatees or legatee to whome such a  
23 proportion shall be payable attayne the age of One and twentie yeares; And in case  
24 any of them depart this life before his or her Age of One and twentie yeares Then the  
25 said legacie of tenn pounds and interest (that should have been payable to such legatee  
26 or legatees soe departing this life, had such legatee or legatees atteyned the age of One  
27 and twentie yeares) shall be divided amongst the Survivors of them, Provided noe  
28 Division be made of any share or proportion of any of the said legatees soe departing this  
29 life, untill the youngest Legatee that shall be then living attayne the Age of One and  
twenty  
30 yeares and then onely to such of them as shall be then surviving share and share alike.  
31 Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Parslow my Sonn and Mary his wife & their  
32 assignes All that mesuage or tenament with th[e] appurtenances scituate lying & being  
33 in Kingston upon Thames aforesaid in a certain Street called Bell Street as it is now  
34 in the tenure or occupation of the said Thomas my Sonn, To have and to hold to them the  
35 said Thomas <sup>Parslow</sup> and Mary for and during the Terme of their naturall lives and the  
36 life of the longest liver of them, And immediately from and after their decease  
37 I give and bequeath the same <sup>un</sup>to Thomas their eldest Sonn and the heires of his  
38 Bodie lawfully to be begotten forever. And for want of such Issue I give and bequeath  
39 the same to John their second Sonn and the Heires of his bodie lawfully to be  
40 begotten forever, And for want of such Issue I give and bequeath the same unto  
41 Henry their third Sonn and the heires of his bodie lawfully begotten forever  
42 And for want of such Issue I give and bequeath the same unto Mary and Anne  
43 their daughters and the Heires of their bodies lawfully begotten forever, And  
44 for want of such issue to the right Heires of the said Thomas Parslow for-  
45 -ever and to noe other use or intent or purpose whatsoever; Item I and bequeath  
46 unto the said Thomas my Sonn the summe of Thirtie pounds of lawfull English  
47 money: Item I give and bequeath unto the said Thomas John Henry Mary & Anne  
48 his Children the summe of tenn pounds apeece to be put out at interest with the good-  
49 -liking of their Father by and with the consent and advise of my Executrix & Overseers  
50 of this my Will until they attayne the age of One and twentie yeares, And in case  
51 any of them depart this life before his or her age of One and twentie yeares, Then the  
52 said legacie of tenn pounds and interest (that should have been paid to such of them soe

53 departing this life had they atteyned the age of one and twentie yeares) shall be  
54 divided amongst the survivours of them, Provided noe division be made of any share  
55 or proportion of any of them soe departing this life, untill the youngest of them that  
56 shall be then living atteyne the age of One and twentie yeares, and then onely to such  
57 of them as shall be then surviving share and share alike: Item (notwithstanding  
58 any former Settlement or reservation to the contrary) I freely give and bequeath  
59 unto my daughter Mary Goodwin All those my mesuages or tenements hereafter  
60 in these presents mentioned, with the lands meadowes pastures and Wood-grounds  
61 thereunto belonging with their and every of their appurtenances (that is to say)  
62 All that my mesuage or tenement called or Knowne by the Name of Monckhornes  
63 with all the Houses edifices buildings barnes stables wayes waters easm[en]ts and  
64 appurtenances thereunto belonging, and all th[e] arable lands meadowes pastures and  
65 wood-grounds thereunto belonging and therewith used occupied and enjoyed demised  
66 or letten as they are now in the occupation of John Wheeler yoman or his assignes  
67 and were purchased to mee and my heires of William Knolleys Esqr and are scituate  
68 lying and being in the Parish of Henley aforesaid and Rotherfield Grayes in the  
69 said Countie of Oxon or some or one of them, And alsoe all that my mesuage or tene-  
70 -ment with th[e] appurtenances which I lately purchased of Clement Parkes and John  
71 Parkes scituate lying and being in Henley upon Thames aforesaid in a certaine  
72 Street there called the North- Street alias Bell-street on the West side of the  
73 same Street, and is now in the occupation of William Rakestraw the elder or his  
74 assignes, To have and to hold the said mesuages or tenements lands and premises and  
75 every part and parcell thereof with th[e] appurtenances unto the said Mary  
76 Goodwin my daughter and her hairens and assignes for ever, Provided nevertheless  
77 and upon the Condition onely That in case shee my said daughter depart this life  
78 without issue of her bodie lawfully begotten, That then shee give settle or dispose of  
79 the same unto and upon such of her owne Relation or Relations bearing the Name  
80 of a Parslow as shee likes best, or otherwise suffer the same to descend to the heire  
81 at Law; Item I doe likewise give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary the  
82 summe of thirtie pounds of lawfull English money; Item I give and bequeath unto  
83 my Brother Richard the summe of Fortie shillings, in case hee be living at my  
84 decease; Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Parslow and to her  
85 heires and assignes forever All those Closes or parcells of Land with the

86 Barne thereupon erected with their and every of their apputenances as they are sci-  
87 -tuate lying and being in the Parish of Renmenham in the Countie of Berks and are  
88 nowe in my owne Occupation, And all other my Goods and chatills Cattell and person-  
89 -all estate whatsoever and wheresoever (my debts being payd and my legacies within  
90 one yeare after my decease being discharged and disposed of) I give and bequeath  
91 the same unto my said daughter Anne whome I make constitute and appoint full  
92 and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. And I doe hereby nullifie  
93 and make void all former Wills whatsoever at any time by mee heretofore made, And  
94 I doe desire my loving Neighbours Mr Thomas Cleyden and Mr John Smith to be  
95 Overseers of this my Will; In witness whereof I the said Thomas Parslow to this  
96 my last Will and Testament conteyned in five sheets of Paper have to the bottom of  
97 the first foure sheets thereof set my hand and to the fifth or last thereof my hand &  
98 Seale the eight and twentieth day of February in the One and thirtieth yeare of the  
99 Reigne of Our Soveriagne Lord Charles the second of England Scotland France and  
100 Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c: Annoq[ue] Domini One thousand six hundred  
seventy  
101 Eight: Tho: Parslow:/ Sealed subscribed published and declared to be the last Will and  
102 Testament of the said Thomas Parslow in the presence of us: Robert Monday; Thomas  
103 Randall: John Smith: /

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 17<sup>th</sup> September 1679

Place of Probate: London

Executor: Anne Parslow (daughter)

Court official: Leo Jenkins

Inventory value: not given, but £1566 0s 0d in the inventory

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