

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**John ASHLEY, of Henley upon Thames**

**Will 1544**

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Testa[men]t[um] Joh[anne]s Asheleye de Henley

1. In dei no[m]i[n]e amen the x<sup>th</sup> daye of december In the yere of o[ur] lorde god 1544
2. in the xxxvi yere of the Regne of o[ur] soverayne lorde Kynge Henry the viij<sup>th</sup> sup[re]ame
3. hed under god of this his churche of England that I John Aschlye holl in mynde
4. sycke in body and good in remembrance make my last wyll & testament in
5. man[ner] and forme folowyng Fyrst I bequethe my sowll to allmyghti god,
6. to o[ur] lady saynt marie and to all the holly company in hevin and my body
7. to be buried w[i]thin o[ur] the p[ar]yshe churche of Henley afore the Image of
8. saynt John the Baptest next unto my wyffe w[i]thin o[ur] lady chauncell It[em]
9. I gyve and bequethe to the holly and blessyd sacrament of the hyalter w[i]thin the
10. foresayde churche of Henley for tythes neglygently forgott xij<sup>d</sup> It[em] I gyve and
11. bequethe to the fore sayde churche for brekyng of the grownd where as my body
12. shalbe for the dewtye parteynyng to the churche a vestment of blacke sarcenet<sup>1</sup>
13. a challys a corporys<sup>2</sup> a booke and all that belongeth for a prest to syng w[i]thall
14. w[hi]ch ornamentes I wyll that they shall remayne to the alter of o[ur] Lady w[i]thin
15. the foresayde chappell It[em] I gyve and bequethe to ix god chyldren ix sylver
16. spoones It[em] I gyve and bequethe to Elizabeth Saply my servant a fetherbed w[hi]ch
17. she lyeth in as hyt standeth Also I gyve to the foresayde Elizabeth a brasse
18. pott a pan my dysshis of pewter and ij hoges It[em] I gyve and bequethe to Agnes
19. Kyms wyffe to my godson Edward Kyms a payre of bedes of sylver It[em] I
20. gyve and bequethe to Robert Rawlynson a cofer It[em] I gyve and bequethe
21. gregore sapinstey ij latten basons and ij platters It[em] I gyve and bequethe to
22. to Edward Kemys my godson a Counter<sup>3</sup> and a cofer moreover I wyll yt hee
23. shalbe the ov[er]sear of this my last wyll and Testament to se that yt be p[er]formed

<sup>1</sup> sarcinett      fine, soft silken fabric

<sup>2</sup> corporas      linen used during Mass to cover bread and wine

<sup>3</sup> counter      desk or table for counting money

24. and fulfilled and he to be recompensed for his payne takynge as my kynsman  
25. thynketh most expedyant for his owne dyscharge, the resydew of my goodes  
26. unbequethyd my legacy fulfilled and my dettes payde I gyve and bequethe  
27. to Thomas gylbert my kynsman whome I make my full executor of this  
28. my last wyll and testament and he to bestowe hyt as he thynketh  
29. best for the wealthe of my sowle thes be w[i]tnes of this my last wyll  
30. and testament to be trew gawyne granger paryshe p[re]st M[aste]r Edwarde  
31. Kyms gregory sapenstey w[i]th others

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate: 21 January 1544  
Place of Probate: not shown  
Executor: not named ( Thomas Gilbert named in will)  
Court official: Dr. Wryght  
Inventory value: £42. 2s. 3d.

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