

## Cheltenham: will of William Lane, 1501 (Worcs RO)

‘Will of William Lane’

[*Latin*] In the name of God, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1500, I William Lane appearing in danger of death do make my testament in the following manner. Firstly I bequeath my soul to almighty God, [one word uncertain] and the company of heaven, and my body to be buried at the holy sepulchre of the blessed Mary of Cheltenham.

Item I bequeath to the high altar of Cheltenham aforesaid 8d.

Item I bequeath to the mother church of Worcester 4d.

Item I bequeath to the reliquary lights in the church of Cheltenham 20d, viz to each of them 4d.

Item I bequeath to the repair of the church, in the south side, 6s 8d.

[*English*] Here is my last will, that I give and bequeath my house with appurtenances after the decease of Helenor my wife unto Helynor my daughter the wife of John Sylam, and after the decease of Helenor my daughter then the foresaid John shall stand as void, and then the foresaid house with the appurtenances by my gift to be young John Sylam, and if the young John depart without heir of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that it ?come unto the next rightful heir of kin, that is to say of John Frenche.

Also I will that Reinold my brother have 1 green gown and a horse sorrel ?ballid?

Also to every child of my brother Reinold 1 bushel of malt.

Also to John Sylam a horse ?scowed?

Also to Thomas White 12 bushels of barley.

Also to Margret Tirlow the red mantle.

Also to William Hermitt a kendall<sup>1</sup> coat with a doublet.

Also to my servant Agnes 1 bushel of barley.

Also to James Fortey 1 bushel of malt.

Also I make my wife Helynor my true and full executrix to fulfil my testament and my will and recover my debts owing unto me and to pay my debts; and for the more surety I make my brother Reinold Lane overseer, the day and year above written.

These witness hereof: George Hurst, Thomas White, Thomas Shakespere, with many others.

This testament proved before us John Mogriche having a bachelor's degree .....Silvester .... in the parish church of Tewkesbury, 12 May. [*presumably 1501*] [other words, apparently attesting to validity of will and administration ... ] Given under seal of office on day and place aforesaid.

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<sup>1</sup> A green cloth, from Kendal