

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Thomas ALEXANDER, fishmonger of Henley upon Thames      Will proved 1616**  
**Oxfordshire Record Office, MS Wills Oxon 1/4/5**

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1    **In the name of God Amen** the Fourteenth daie of July in the  
2    Fourth yeare of the raigne of our sov[er]aigne Lord James by the grace of god of England  
    Fraunce and  
3    Ireland Kinge defend[er] of the faith etc. And of Scotland the Nyne and thirtith An[n]o  
    d[omi]ni 1606  
4    I Thomas Alexander of Henley upon Thames in the Countie of Oxon Fishmonger beinge  
    in good  
5    health and p[er]fect remembraunce, all thankes and praise be given to god: doe ordeine  
    and make this my  
6    Testam[en]t, Conteyninge herein my last will, in man[er] and forme Followinge. First I  
    Com[m]ende my soule  
7    to Allmightie god my maker, and p[re]sh[er]ver, through whose sonnes death and  
    bloudsheddinge I trust to  
8    be saved. And my bodie to mother earth from whence it was borrowed, to be buried in  
    the Church-  
9    yarde of Henley afforesaide. Ite[m] I will and bequeath to Susan Brooker my daughter,  
    and to Annis  
10   Alexaunder my daughter in lawe, the yeaerlie rent of the howse wherein I nowe dwell <sup>to</sup>  
    be equallie  
11   devided between them, dureinge the tyme of the leasse of the same if they shall soe longe  
    live And after  
12   the deceasse of the saide Susan and Annis, my will is that Robert Brooker sonne of the  
    said Susan  
13   shall have and enioy the saide howse to him and to his heires <sup>successively</sup> forev[er] It[em] I  
    will and bequeath

14 to the Children of the saide Susan, and of Thomas Alexaunder my sonn, all my goodes  
and  
15 howshold stuffe w[hi]ch shalbe (at my deceasse then founde in my howse, and the same  
to be equally  
16 and indifferentlie p[ar]ted and devided at the discrec[i]on of my overseers whome I shall  
herein  
17 nominate and appointe (except three chestes whereof the biggest I bequeath to  
th[e]abovesaid Susan  
18 and the other twoe lesser to hir twoe daughters viz. Dorrothey and Mary eche of them one  
19 Ite[m] I bequeath to the said Susan the Christeninge sheete w[hi]ch hath ben longe  
remaininge in my  
20 howse. And if it shall happen that they the abovesaide Children, of th[e]one or of  
th[e]other, or  
21 aine one of them shall (at or after the p[ar]tinge and devidinge of th[e]afforesaid goodes  
beinge e-  
22 quallie and indifferentlie set out, as the said overseers shall thinke in their discrec[i]on  
fitt and  
23 necessary) ~~Then my will and intent is that his or their p[ar]~~ obstinatlie or willfully  
24 refuse the order of the p[ar]tinge and devidinge thereof as afforesaide. Then my will and  
25 intent is that his <sup>or</sup> their p[ar]te soe refuseinge, shalbe deteyned and w[i]th held from him  
or them  
26 and the same to be devided amonge the rest of the saide Children that shalbe then livinge.  
27 The rest of my goodes unbequeathed my debtes beinge paide and my fun[er]all expences  
discharged  
28 I will and bequeath to Robert Brooker before named whome I doe make my whole  
29 Executo[r] of this my last will and Testam[en]t. And I doe request John Goode and  
Florence  
30 Lynney my good neighbo[u]rs to be my Sup[er]viso[r]s to see this my will duely  
p[er]formed and to eche  
31 one of them I will and bequeath Fyve shillinges in lewe of their paines therein, to be  
32 paide by my Executo[r], at the tyme of devidinge and p[ar]tinge as abovesaide. In witnes  
whereof  
33 I have hereunto set my hand and seale the daie and yeare above written. 1606

Thomas Alexander

his m[ar]ke

In the p[rese]nce of us, and this word successively  
in the thirteenth lyne interlyned      Tho:[mas] Fenn  
James pocock

*[Summary of the Latin probate clause]*

Date of probate:	13 May 1616
Place of Probate:	Oxford
Executor:	not named
Court official:	Master James, substitute
Inventory value:	£9. 7s. 2d

*Note: From the parish registers, Thomas Alexander was buried on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1606[07].  
This matches the dates in his will and inventory. Probate was not granted until ten years  
later, in May 1616, assuming the dates as written in the probate clauses are correct.*

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