

# Oxfordshire

## HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**John CARTWRIGHT, of Henley on Thames**

**Will proved 1532**

**Oxfordshire Record Office, Oxon Arch. Deac. Reg. 178.88**

*This document is in two parts: firstly a testament, dealing with personal property and secondly a will, dealing with real 'estate'. See also 179.178 for another Register copy of the will.      Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 Testam[en]t[u]m John Cartewright de Henley  
2 In dei no[mi]n[i]e Ame[n] The vj<sup>th</sup> day of apryell in the yere of o[ur]  
3 lorde god m<sup>l</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xxxij<sup>ti[eth]</sup> [1532] I John Cartewryzth of henely on  
4 themys in the cownti of Oxforth and dioc[ese] of lyncolln being  
5 hole and of good memory make this my testament and on this  
6 man[er] of wyse followyng Fyrst I bequeth my sowle unto all  
7 myghty gode to his mother Marye and to all the holy company  
8 of hevyne my body to be buried w[ith] in the church of Henley  
9 aforsayd before the auter of saynt Anne It[e]m I gyve to the  
10 mother church of lyncolln iiij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I gyve all my moveable  
11 gooddys to my wyffe and my Chyldren of ow[er] too bodys lawfully  
12 be gotten to be dellyveryd and equally to be devyded by  
13 eqwall porc[i]ons be the dyscrecyon of my Executores and over  
14 sear And yf the sayd Margery my wyffe do leve and kepe  
15 her selfe sole un maryed that then I wyll all the sayd  
16 moveables gooddys shall reste in the custodie of Margery my  
17 wyffe And she to delyver to the oversyzth [oversight] of my Executor  
18 and oversear suche porc[i]ons of stuffe as that my Chyldren  
19 shall have when they comythe to the age of dyscret[i]on after  
20 the parte & porc[i]on of a chyldys parte when it shalbe egally [equally]  
21 devyded by them and it shall happen that any of my Chyldren  
22 or thei shall come to lawfull age of dyscrec[i]on to depart to god  
23 that then the parte of my gooddys to him or her soo given to be  
24 devydyd and delyveryd a monges them longyst levyng by my

25 sayd wyffe Executors & over sear Also I wyll that suche my  
26 stuffe as shalbe for my Chylde[n]e iff my wyffe doo marry  
27 a gayne that then my wyffe to have here porcyon delyveryd  
28 to here in man[ner] & forme a bowe [*above*] sayd And all suche thynges  
29 as ar [*are*] nessessary standyng or hangyng in Chamburs or other  
30 places in the sayd house to stande and hange as to be <sup>for</sup> Implem[ent]ith [?]  
31 ther ramaynyng And yf it shall happen that all my  
32 sayd Chylde[n]e to depart to god or thei shall come to age  
33 of[?] dyscrecyon and Margery my wyffe to lyve sole unmarried  
34 that then all the sayd goods to remayne to Margery my wyffe  
35 and she to dyspos[e] it for the welth of my sowle my Chylde[n]e sowllys  
36 and all chrysten sowllys and yf it happen the sayd margery too  
37 marry and my chylde[n]e to depart to god or thei shall com[e]  
38 to age of lawfull dyscrecyon that suche gooddys as to my  
39 Chyldren wer delyvered to be dystribut[ed] then for my sowle  
40 ther sowllys & all chrysten sowllys by ye oversyzt [*oversight*] of my  
41 executors and oversear It[e]m I wyll that my Executors  
42 shall att the day of my buryinge geve to ev[er]y prest being  
43 w[ith]in the churche ther livyng e[ver]y of them iiij<sup>d</sup> and as  
44 myche [*much*] at ye day of my monyths mynde and w[ith] the charge  
45 of the churche by my Executors and oversears wyche  
46 I ordayne and make Margery my wyffe and Willi[a]m my  
47 sone my oversear of this my p[re]sent testament and last wyll  
48 followyng to se that all my detts to be payde and legaces  
49 to be fulfyllyd as thei shall answer afore god in all thynges  
50 accordyng to the p[re]mysses mayde

[*His will*]

51 This is the last wyll of me John Cartewryght mayd the  
52 day and yere abowe [*above*] wrytten Fyrst I wyll that Margery  
53 my wyffe shall have all t[ha]t my tene[me]ntes sett and beyng a gaynst  
54 the hye crose of the towne of Henley above sayd after man[ner]  
55 and condycyon folowyng that is to say that if Margery my  
56 wyffe do lyve sole & nott to marry, to have all the sayd

57 ten[emen]tes with all th[e]app[ur]ten[a]nces for terme of her lyffe yeldyng  
58 ther of to the cheffe lorde of the fee after all dwe custome  
59 and of Ryght It[e]m I wyll to Margery my wyffe all th[a]t my  
60 seller of the tene[men]t whych I purchesyd of Thomas  
61 femuiere[?]<sup>1</sup> and the loftes over it with a convenient Rome to lay  
62 in her wod [*wood*] in the yard of the same and her dunge with  
63 halfe the garden of the same and fre [*free*] goinng and comyng  
64 to the same at all tymes during her lyffe in man[ner] and  
65 forme according to the p[re]miss And if that Margery my  
66 wyffe be dysposyd to marry that then I wyll all my sayd  
67 ten[emen]te sett and beyng a gaynst the hye crowse of the sayd town  
68 of henley be devydid in man[ner] and forme folowyng that is to say  
69 I wyll that John my sone to have the hall and the chamber  
70 over the hall and the chamber over the kechyne w[ith] the seller  
71 under the hall and Robert my sone to have the p[ar]ler nexte  
72 the strett [*street*] and the kychyne & the seller under the shoppe  
73 wyth too chambars, that is to say one of them R[?] over the shoppe  
74 and the other chambar over the p[ar]ler yelyng [*yielding*] ther to the chefe  
75 lord of the fee be twene the sayd John and Robert any of  
76 of ther parties v<sup>s</sup> and ev[er]y of them to mayntayne the Repa[re]c[i]on  
77 of the same by egall porc[i]on It[e]m I wyll that Willi[a]m my sone  
78 shall have all t[ha]t my shoppe of the same sayd ten[emen]t paying to the  
79 cheffe lord of the fee yerely iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> Also I wyll that John  
80 and Robert my sonnys have all that my ten[emen]t sett and beyng  
81 on the sowth p[ar]te of the hye strett sett and beyng betwene  
82 the ten[emen]t of me John Cartewrth now in the hold of John  
83 barrett p[ar]te est and the ten[emen]t of John fowle p[ar]te west  
84 and to ev[er]y of them a convenient rome to lay in ther wodd  
85 and dunge with ev[er]y of them to have halfe the yard  
86 of the same ten[emen]t to them and to thyr heyres for ever  
87 y[e]ldyng to the chyffe lord of the Fee ther by Equall

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<sup>1</sup> Ferminor in the other copy of the will, 179.178

88 porcyon devyded by twene them after all dwe ryght and  
89 a costome ther of It[e]m I wyll t[ha]t henry my sone shall have  
90 all that my ten[emen]t sett and beinge on the sowth p[ar]te of  
91 the hye strett now in the holde of John barrett w[it]h all the  
92 app[ur]tennace to the same frely, with owt any payment of  
93 any quiterent to the cheffe lorde whych quiterent to be  
94 payd owt of the ten[emen]t given to John and Robert  
95 by ther equall porcyons be twene them for ever It[e]m I  
96 wyll t[ha]t Willi[a]m my sone shall have all that my ten[emen]t  
97 sett and being on the sowth p[ar]te of the hye strett betwene  
98 the ten[emen]t late hue dygnams p[ar]te west and the ten[emen]t of  
99 grace gylday p[ar]te est to him and to his heires of his body  
100 lawfully be gotten for ever the cheffe lord of the Fee ther of  
101 after all due costume and ryght It[e]m I wyll to Thomas my  
102 sone and Syth my dowzter by twene them all that my  
103 orchards sett and being a agaynst the barne late levez [Lewis?]Redys p[ar]te  
104 Sowth and the grownde of John Josop p[ar]te Est and stretthith  
105 him selfe upon the ten[emen]t of Jamys halys p[ar]te west and the grownd  
106 of me John Cartwryght p[ar]te North w[it]h a garden grownde  
107 purchesyd of Thomas aldrman now in the hold off  
108 Mathew Saunder coke<sup>2</sup> to them and to ther heyres for ever  
109 the cheffe lorde of the Fee ther of after all dwe Ryght and  
110 costome for ever And also I wyll to margery my wyffe all  
111 that my forsayd landys, and ten[emen]t, wylyd for the terme of  
112 her lyfe with that she do nott marry but to lyve sole and  
113 iff she happen to marry that then my Chylderne to have  
114 all my sayd landys as is before to them wylyd in all thynges  
115 Accordyng to the p[re]missys And if it happen the sayd John  
116 my sone to dye with owt Issue of his body lawfully begotten  
117 that then all suche landys and ten[emen]t holy to remayne to Robe[r]t  
118 my sone and to the heires of his body lawfully be gotten

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<sup>2</sup> Samerooke in the other copy of the will 179.178

119 for ever, the cheffe lord ther of after all due ryght and  
 120 custome and for defawte of Issue of the sayd Robert of his  
 121 body lawfully be gotten that then all his sayd landys and  
 122 ten[emen]tes before to him wyllid holy to remayne to henry his  
 123 brother my sone, and to the heires of his body lawfully be  
 124 gotten for ever, the cheffe lordys of the Fee ther of after all  
 125 Custome and of ryght and for defawt of Issue of the sayd  
 126 henry my sone of his body lawfully be gotten, that then I  
 127 wyll all suche landys and ten[emen]t to him willyd holy to Remayne  
 128 to Willi[a]m my sone and to the heires of his body lawfully be  
 129 gotten for ever the cheffe lordys of the Fee ther of after  
 130 all due custome and for defawt of Issue of the sayd  
 131 Willi[a]m my sone of his body lawfully be gotten that then  
 132 I wyll all my sayd ten[emen]tes and landys hole to remayne to  
 133 thomas my sone & syth my dowzter, and to the heires of ther  
 134 to bodys lawfully be gotten, for ever more the cheffe lordys  
 135 of the Fee ther of all due right and Custome Also  
 136 I wyll if Willi[a]m my sone of the Issues and p[ro]ffytts of the sayd  
 137 te[neme]ntts to hym wyllid that is to say the ten[emen]t of antyme dungles  
 138 shall kepe and fynde for ever [a] yerly obit with dyryge and  
 139 masses sayd and songe wythin the church of Henley the day  
 140 of my Anniv[er]sary ther to dystribute to p[re]stes clerkes lyztes [*lights*] and  
 141 other pore people vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> or to whom the same sayd ten[emen]t shall  
 142 come to and for the defawte of the yerely obitt not to be kepte  
 143 accordyng to this my last wyll that then I wyll all the sayd  
 144 ten[emen]t holy to Remayne to the warden and bridgemen and to the  
 145 Successors for ever thei to kepe for me the sayd obitt wyth  
 146 ~~the~~ the p[ro]fyittes of the sayd ten[emen]t my father and mother  
 147 sowllys my <sup>wyffes sowle my</sup> Child[e]rn sowlys and all chryste sowlys thei  
 148 havynge for ther tyme labor therin ev[er]y of them iiij<sup>d</sup>  
 149 And if it shall happyn that all my sayd Chelderne to  
 150 depart to god w[ith] owt yssue of ther bodys lawfully be  
 151 gotten and borne that then I wyll all my forsayd landys

152 and ten[emen]t hole to remayne to the warden and brydgemen  
153 and to ther successors for the maynetenance of the brydge  
154 for ever kepyng the forsayd obbit And further more  
155 I wyll that my feoffees shall suffer and all thinges to  
156 be donne According infulfyllyng of my last wyl in as  
157 large man[ner] at the lawe ther in according to the  
158 p[re]miss wher uppon I make my feoffees lewez [Lewis]Rede the  
159 warden of the town of Henley upon temys and to his  
160 successors for ev[er] and to the brydegge men of the same  
161 John fowle and John goffe and to ther successors forev[er]  
162 Robert Kenton and henry linem[Lewin?] and Robert burges and  
163 ther heires for ev[er] the cheffe lordes of the Fee ther  
164 off all due Ryght and accostome. Also I ordeine and  
165 make my Executores Margery my wyffe of this my  
166 p[re]sent testam[en]t and last wyll and Willi[a]m my sone  
167 over sear that my dettes to be payde and legaces  
168 to be fullyllyd The Resydewe of my gooddys I  
169 wyll it shalbe dystributyd to Margery my wyffe and  
170 to my chyldr[e]ne according to the p[re]mysses And forther  
171 more desyering in the way of cheryte if it shall plaes  
172 good master forteskeue [Fortescue] knyght to helpe ayde and comforth my  
173 wyffe and my Chyldr[e]n in all ther right as I and thei  
174 shall pray for him to this my p[rese]nt testam[en]t and last wyll  
175 wyttnese S[ir] Richard Wollus Curat Willi[a]m browne clerke  
176 of the p[ar]ysshe and Thom[a]s lewez Notorye w[ith] other mo[re]  
177 And I the sayd John Cartwryght to this my p[re]sent  
178 testam[en]t and last wyll hath publyshyd my name wyth  
179 my owne hand the day and yere above wrytten

*There is no probate clause*

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