

Oxfordshire

HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Humphrey NEWBERY, maultster, of Henley on Thames

Will, 1666

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1 **In the name of God Amen**

2 The sixteenth day of March in the seaventeenth yeare of the raigne of
3 our soveraigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God King of England
4 Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c, Annoq[ue] Domini
5 one Thousand six hundred sixty fower I Humphrey Newbery of Henley
6 upon Thames in the County of Oxon maultster being of sound & perfect
7 memory Thankes bee unto Almighty god and considering the certainty
8 of death and the uncertayntie of the tyme of death doe make and
9 ordayne this my laste will and Testament in manner and forme fol-
10 lowing That is to say First and principally I commend my soule into
11 the hand[e]s of Almighty God assuredly trusting Through the merritt[e]s
12 of Jesus Christe my Saviour to have remission of all my sinnes And my
13 body to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in such decent sorte
14 as to my executor shall seeme fitt and for such worldly good[e]s as it
15 hath pleased God to lend me I dispose thereof as followeth Imprimis
16 I give and bequeath toward the erecting and building of an Almes-
17 house in the Towne of Henley upon Thames aforesaid for Tenne poore
18 people to live in the som[m]e of Two hundred Pound[e]s. Item I give devise
19 and bequeath towards the mayntenance of Tenne poore people to be from
20 tyme to tyme elected and chosen by the Warden Minister and Burgesses of
21 the said Towne of Henley upon Thames for the Tyme being or the
22 maior parte of them All that my messuage or Tenement in Henley
23 upon Thames aforesaid wherein I now live standing and being in the
24 streete called Hartstreete, one messuage or Tenement at the Crosse where-
25 in one John Moncke now liveth, one messuage or Tenement at Duck[e]s

26 streete end wherein one James Archer now liveth in, one messuage
27 or Tenement nere or thereunto adioyning wherein one Cornelius
28 Bland now liveth, one Messuage or Tenement nere or thereunto adioyn-
29 ng wherein one Symon Lynney now liveth, And one messuage or
30 Tenement nere or thereunto adioyning wherein one Mary Kene now
31 liveth withall and singular outhouses Cutting[e]s backsides shoppes sellar[e]s
32 and appurtenances to the said Messuages or Tenement[e]s belonging or
33 appurtayning And alsoe all that peece or parcell of meadow ground
34 or pasture Rotherfield Grayes nere or adioyning to a certaine field
35 called South field contayning by estimac[i]on three acres bee it more or
36 lesse late in the Tenure or occupac[i]on of Clement Woodrofe with
37 all and singular hedges ditches fences mounds proffitts com[m]odities
38 and appurtinences thereunto belonging, To the Wardens Bridgemen
39 and Burgesses of the said Towne of Henley upon Thames aforesaid
40 for the tyme being and their successors To have and to hold all and singular
41 the said messuages land[e]s Tenements and premisses with the appurtenances
42 and every parte and parcell thereof with the rent[e]s issues and proffitt[e]s
43 thereof from and after the decease of Jane Newbery my mother To
44 them the said Warden Bridgemen Burgesses and their successors for-
45 ever, To be from tyme to Tyme forever by the said Warden Bridgemen
46 Burgesses and their successors and the minister for the tyme being dis-
47 posed of letten and imployed to the best advantage from tyme to tyme
48 to bee weekly and equally distributed to the reliefe and mayntenance
49 of such Tenne poore people of the said parish of Henley upon Thames
50 as shalbe successively elected and chosen as aforesaid to inhabit & dwell
51 in the said Almeshouse. Item I give and bequeath unto John Bigge
52 Joane Bigge Mary Bigge and John Bigge [sic] children of my kinsman
53 John Bigge of Ouborne [Wooburn] in the County of Bucks the somme of five
54 Pound[e]s a peece to be paid within one yeare after my decease. Item I give
55 and bequeath to my kinswoman Barbara Prase of Cookham in the Coun-
56 -ty of Berks the somme of five pounds To be paid as aforesaid item I give
57 and bequeath to my kinsman William Reading of Henley upon Thames a-
58 foresaid Carpenter the somme of five pound[e]s To be paid as aforesaid Item

59 I give and bequeath to my loving friend William Atkins of Henley upon
 60 Thames aforesaid yeoman the somme of five pound[e]s To be paid as
 61 aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto the poor of Henley upon
 62 Thames The somme of Tenne pound[e]s to be given in bread The one halfe
 63 within Two dayes after my decease The other to be given within one yeare
 64 after my decease Item I give and bequeath for a stone to be layed upon
 65 my grave in my Lady Peryams Chancell. Item I give and bequeath unto
 66 Robert Jeffes and Barbara Jeffes the somme of five pound[e]s a peece to bee
 67 paid as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Blackman Tho-
 68 Blackman and Barbara Black [*sic*] and Mary Blackman children of my kins-
 69 man Richard Blackman of Waltham in the County of Surrey Brewer the
 70 somme of five pound[e]s a peece Item I give and bequeath to my funerall
 71 expences the somme of Thirtie poundes Item I give and bequeath unto
 72 Hezekiah Kitchen and Hannah Kitchen children of my kins^{wo} man Barbara
 73 Kitchen of London The somme of five pound[e]s a peece to be paid as above said
 74 Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Boler of Henley upon Thames afore-
 75 said the somme of Tenne pound[e]s to buy him a ring. Item I doe nominate
 76 constitute and appointe Richard Blackman of Waltam [*sic*] in the County
 77 of Surrey my loveing kinsman executor of this my last will and testa-
 78 ment and give unto him all my estate reall and personall not herein &
 79 hereby disposed of Item I nominate constitute and appoynt Richard Love-
 80 lace of Killham in the parish of Wargrave in the County of Bucks esquire
 81 Richard Stevens of Henley upon Thames aforesaid gent Thomas Clayton
 82 of the same gent William Jeffes of the same gent and George Smith
 83 of Parmor¹ in the County of Buck[e]s gent overseers of this my last
 84 will and Testament And doe give and bequeath to the said Richard Love-
 85 lace and Richard Stevens the summe of five pound[e]s a peece for their
 86 paynes And to the said Thomas Clayton William Jeffes and George
 87 Smyth the somme of Three pound[e]s a peece for their paynes In witnes where-
 88 of I the said Humphrey Newbery have hereunto sett my hand and seale
 89 The sixteenth day of March in the seaventeenth yeare of the raigne

¹ Parmor: in Hambledon parish

90 of our sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of Eng-
91 land Scotland France and Ireland king defender of the faith &c Annoq[ue]
92 Domini one Thousand six hundred sixty fower Humphrey Newbery Signed
93 sealed and published by the within named Humphrey Newbery as his
94 last will and Testament in the presence of Richard Stevens James Sale

[Summary of the Latin probate clause]

Date of probate: 1st May 1666

Place of Probate: London

Executor: Richard Blackman

Court official: William Mericke

Inventory value: not given, but £972 7s 4d in the inventory

From the parish registers: 'Humprey Newbrey' died of the plague and was buried in August 1665. Widow Newbrey [possibly his mother] was buried a few days earlier.

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