

Oxfordshire

HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Robert FREEMAN, Innholder of Henley-upon-Thames Will – proved 1671

Oxfordshire Record Office, MS Wills Oxon reference, 23/2/14

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1 In the Name of God Amen y^e Fowerth day of March Anno D[omi]ni 1670: And in y^e
2 Three & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our sov[er]aigne Lord Kinge Charles y^e second
3 over England etc I Robert Freeman of Henley Upon Thames in y^e County of Oxon
4 Inholder: beinge weake in body but of a sound minde and in p[er]fect memory I praise
5 Almightye God therefore Yet knowing [that] death to all men is most Certaine the
6 tyme and place most uncertaine doe make & ordaine this my last will & Testam[en]t
7 in mann[er] & forme followinge: Revokeinge hereby all former wills by me made
8 First & principally I Comend my soule to Almightye God whoe gave it me
9 & my body to the Earth from whence it came trustinge assuredly to be saved by the
10 merritts death & passion of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer: And as for my
11 estate in Lands goods & Chattells I give devise & bequeath as followeth:
12 Item: I give and bequeath unto my sonne Robert Freeman Fiftie pounds of Currant
13 Englishe money to be p[ai]d unto my said sonne Robert when hee shall accomlishe
14 or come unto y^e age of One & Twentie yeares by my executrix hereafter named
15 And my will & desier is [that] the said moneys shall within six months after my
16 decease be placed out by my overseers hereafter named for the best use and
17 benefit of my sonne Robert All y^e Rest and Residue of my goods Cattells
18 Chattells plate Jewells Ready money debtes & money oweinge & all and
19 singular my goods & houshold stuffe whatsoev[er] I give & bequeath unto
20 my Loving wife Dorothie Freeman for y^e bringing up of my s[ai]d sonne Robert
21 And I doe make & ordaine my said wife Dorothie full & sole executrix of
22 this my last will & Testament: And I doe nominate request & appoynt
23 [doc. damaged] Loving friends Richard Theede & Adam Springall of Henley upon
24 Thames in y^e County of Oxforde gentlemen to be overseers of this my last
25 will & testament in trust for my wife & sonne And for their Care & paines
26 to be had & taken therein I give each of them Tenn shillings a peece to
27 buy them wrings: In witnes whereof I the said Robert Freeman have

28 hereunto sett my hand & seale Dated y^e day & yeare above written
29 Sealed published & declared by the Robert Freeman
30 said Rob[er]t Freeman to be his his m[ar]ke
31 last will & testam[en]t in y^e p[re]sence of

Henry Tathow

his m[ar]ke

Tho: Floyde scr[iptor]

[Summary of the Latin probate clause]

Date of probate: 11th May 1671

Place of Probate: Henley-upon-Thames

Executrix: Widow – Dorothie Freeman

Court official: Henry Alworth

Inventory value: £85 9s 2d

From the parish registers: Mr Robert Freeman, buried 10th March 1670[71]. In July 1671, Dorothy Freeman, widow, married James Farmer, by licence. James Farmer was an innholder and was buried on January 8th 1671[2]. No further record of Dorothy Freeman/Farmer can be found in the registers. James Farmer's inventory contains the same rooms and items as Robert Freeman's: it seems he took over the inn when he married Dorothy.

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