

SODBURY WILLS 1591 – 1603

1591/9

In the name of God, Amen. The 18th July in the 33rd year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc & in 1591 I Alexander Neale of Yate in the county of Gloucester, gentleman, being of whole mind & in good & perfect remembrance, thanks be given unto Almighty God, make & ordain this my present testament, containing herein my last will, in manner & form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker & redeemer in whom & through whom I trust only to be save for Jesus Christ's sake, who has bought me with his precious blood by that one oblation sufficiently offered up upon the Cross for my sins & for all them that unfeignedly believe in him & am full assured of a joyful resurrection (through his divine power) unto everlasting life. Item I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of Yate near unto my father & mother deceased. Item I give & bequeath to my son Thomas all my lands, tenements & hereditaments with the appurtenances situate, lying & being in Wickwar parish by the name of the Grange or the Fryern Closes or by any other name or names whatsoever called with all the rents, reversions & services of the same, to have & to hold unto him the said Thomas & to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten. And for default of such issue then to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of such issue then to my right heirs for evermore. Item I give & bequeath to Christopher my son all my lands, tenements & hereditaments with the appurtenances set, lying & being in Cromhall (called by the name of Cromhall Mills or by any other name or names whatsoever) with all the rents, reversions & services of the same, to have & to hold unto him the said Christopher & to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten. And for default of such issue then to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of such issue then to my right heirs for evermore. Item my will is that in consideration of my lands at Hawkesbury assured to my son Henry that my said son Henry shall pay unto my son Christopher £100 of lawful money of England within one year after my decease. Item my will is that in consideration of my manor of Weston Birt assured to my son Samuel that my said son Samuel shall pay £200 of lawful money of England in manner & form following. That is to say, to my son Thomas £20 within three months after my decease, to my son Robert £60 within three months after my decease, to my son Christopher £50 within two years after my decease. The residue of the £200 my will is shall be paid to my executors hereafter mentioned on the feast of St Michael the Archangel in the year of our Lord God 1592 next ensuing the date hereof. Item I give to the poor people of the parish of Yate 40s equally to be distributed by my executors or one of them. The residue of all my goods, chattels & debts after my debts paid, my funeral expenses performed & these my legacies contained in this my present testament fulfilled, I wholly give & bequeath unto Dorothy my wife & Robert my son whom I make & ordain my executors of this my last will & testament & for the execution of the same I make & ordain my brothers-in-law William Vele & Nicholas Thorne, gentleman, my overseers. And I bequeath to every of them for their labours in that behalf 20s. And I utterly revoke all & every other testaments, wills, legacies, bequests, executors & overseers by me in any wise before this time named, willed & bequeathed. In witness whereof I have hereunto sealed & subscribed, given the day & year first above written.
Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of William Neel, George Webbe
Probate: 6 September 1591

1591/10

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th June 1590 I Alexander Russell of Yate in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give unto my eldest son Henry the board in the hall and cupboard with benches, chairs there now standing to be delivered him at his mother's decease. Item I give unto George my son the sparked heifer of twelve months old. Item I give unto Henry the younger, my son, one black heifer of two years old. Item I give unto Joan my daughter one cow at my decease and one flock bed to be delivered at the day of her marriage. Item I give to the poor of Yate three shillings four pence. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto my wife Isabel Russell whom I make my whole executrix to pay my debts and to discharge my legacies. And I do appoint my overseers Thomas Walker and Henry Baynham. In witness whereof I have set my mark the day and year above written.
Witnesses hereunto: Thomas Baynham, Thomas Walker and Henry Baynham
Probate: 7 July 1590
1591 written beneath

1591/30

In the name of God, Amen. I Edmund Harroulde of the parish of Yate, being sick in body but, thanks be unto God, perfect in remembrance, make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I give to John my son after my decease the lease of my house at Cam in the parish of Wotton under Edge upon condition that his mother shall have it as long as the years do endure if she so long live, paying to the said John my son four pence every year. If the said John do decease before he be twenty and one years of age then to remain to Elizabeth my daughter. Item more to John my son my best crock after the decease of his mother. Item I give more to the said John one chilver hog. Item I give to Elizabeth my daughter one beast of two years old. Item I give to Margaret my daughter one beast of two years of age. And all my goods unbequeathed I give to Agnes my wife and do make her whole executor and to see all my legacies and gifts to be delivered. Made the 11th January and in the 32nd year of the reign of our Queen. Overseers to the same Edmund Neale and John Stock
Probate: 1 June 1591

1591/66

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th May 1591 I Joan Frie of Acton Turville in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being sick and weak of body but of good and perfect memory, thanks be God, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Acton Turville above named. Item I give to the church of Acton Turville above named 2s. Item I give and bequeath to Edmund Bettes a peck of wheat, to Elizabeth Eestmead a peck of wheat, to William Simms a peck of wheat and to Edward Braine a peck of wheat. Item whereas I owe to Thomas Frie my son seven pounds, six shillings and eight pence my will is that my executors do pay the said sum to him the said Thomas and also the sum of three pounds of current English money for to recompense his good will in lending of it unto me both which sums amount to ten pounds six shillings and eight pence. Item I give and bequeath to the same Thomas Frie's four children now living in money 20s viz. five shillings apiece. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Frie a cow and I give to his six children thirty shillings viz. five shillings apiece. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Frie my son my cart, my white mare and to his three children fifteen shillings

viz. five shillings apiece. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Tillie's two children ten shillings viz. five shillings apiece. Item I give and bequeath to Agnes Ponttinge my daughter, being the wife of Robert Pontting, my best bed, being a featherbed, the bedstead whereon it lies, the hangings and all the furniture belonging to the same bed as he stands, a pair of canvas sheets, and a pair of pillows in the coffer used to the same bed, my greatest brass pan a little broken at the rim, also my best gown and petticoat and to the said gown and petticoat the best of my apparel at her choice to make up one suit, a spice mortar, my brewing cauldron, half a dozen of the best pewter she can choose and a bullock of twelve months old. Item I give and bequeath to my son-in-law George Russell's children, excepted Gabriel and Jerome, to each of them 5s. Item more I give and bequeath unto Joan Russell, daughter to the said George, my best holland sheet, my best pair of pillows and my greatest brass pot. Item more to Margaret Russell, daughter to the said George and my goddaughter, a cow. Item more I give and bequeath to Katherine Russell, daughter to the said George, a cow and the bed I now lie on with a coverlet, a pair of blankets, a bolster, a pair of sheets & my next greatest brass pan viz. the greatest saving one. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Frie, the son of my son John Frie, a heifer of two years old. Item I give and bequeath to William Hutchinsonne, my servant, a heifer of two years old. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Frie, the son of my son Thomas Frie, if he the said Thomas my son do buy the house I now dwell in in Acton Turville abovenamed, to the said Thomas his son these parcels following viz, a yoting stone, a quern, the table board in the hall, the garners in the loft that hold the corn, which parcels if the house be not bought as is abovesaid, to remain to my executors and the said Thomas shall not have them. Item Elizabeth Player owes me 3s, John Eestmead 6d, Randolph Burge 10d which I forgive them the debt. Item to Margaret Woodman, the daughter of Francis Woodman, I give 12d. Memorandum that the seven pounds six shillings and eight pence is paid to the above named Thomas Frie by the hand of George Russell. Item all the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable whatsoever, my funerals, debts & legacies paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Gabriel Russell and Jerome Russell, sons to my son-in-law George Russell, whom I make my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament. And I appoint for my overseers George Russell my son-in-law and Edward Tiler, both of Tormarton in the county of Gloucester, and for their (*torn*) I give to each of them a bushel of wheat.

Witness to this will: (*torn*) vicar of A (*torn*)

Probate: 26 June 1591

1591/108

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th March in the 33rd year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc I John Ford of the parish of Wapley in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but of whole & perfect memory, laud & praise be to Almighty God, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first & before all things I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my maker, redeemer & sanctifier etc & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath unto Thomas my son my six oxen with all the implements belonging thereto and my wife to have the use of them during her life. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Marian one cow to be delivered unto her at the decease of my said wife. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary one cow to be delivered in like sort. Item all the residue of my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable, my debts being paid & my funerals discharged, I give & bequeath unto Katherine my wife who I ordain, appoint & make my full and whole executrix of this my last will & testament.

Debts which I do owe are these:

First I do owe unto my brother Thomas Forde £4

And I do appoint Robert Smithe and Thomas Ford my overseers.

These being witnesses: Robert Smith, Thomas Ford, John Mascals. Clerk, with others

Probate: 19 June 1591

1591/271

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th September 1590 I William Parker of Old Sodbury being of whole mind and good and perfect remembrance do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer . Also I do give and bequeath unto John Parker and William Parker my sons four of my best young beasts being two years old and the advantage. Also I do give unto the said John Parker and William Parker four of my youngest kine. Also I do give and bequeath unto Alice Parker and Joan Parker my daughters four of my best yearlings. Also I do give unto my said daughters two cow yearlings more going in the Common, also two kine. Also I give unto all my said children twenty sheep to be equally divided among them, provided always that if it shall happen any of my said children to decease before they shall come to lawful age that then their legacy by this my testament bequeathed shall remain unto the benefit of the rest of my children then living. And my will, full intent and meaning is that all the abovesaid legacies by me bequeathed shall remain in the hands and custody of Margaret Parker my wife until my said children shall accomplish the age of sixteen years and then to be delivered unto them and in consideration thereof to have their finding and all things necessary and competent for them my said children until they accomplish the age of sixteen years. The residue of all my goods, cattle, chattels and debts after my debts paid, my funeral expenses performed and these my legacies in this my present testament contained, fulfilled I wholly give and bequeath to Margaret my said wife whom I do make and ordain my sole executrix. And I do appoint John Darke and Thomas Bircombe to be the overseers of this my last will and testament and do give to either of them for their pains in that behalf 3s 4d.

These being witnesses: John Darke, Thomas Bircombe and William Ellery with others

Probate: 19 June 1591

1592/15

In the name of God, Amen. The 11th March 1591 in the 34th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, the Queen's Majesty as now is, Alexander Belsher of Yate in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body but perfect of remembrance, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I commend my soul to Almighty God my saviour and redeemer and my body to the earth. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Dorothy Purnelle one heifer of three years of age. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret Symons one heifer of the age of three years. All the rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I leave to Thomas Collins my father-in-law and to Robert Belsheer the elder my brother to dispose at their discretion.

Witnesses unto this my present will and testament: Robert Belsher, junior and Elizabeth Harrowlde

Probate: 7 June 1592

1592/29

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd August 1592 in the 34th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc, I Edward Tilly of Littleton within the parish of Tormarton in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but of whole and perfect memory, laud and praise to Almighty God, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First & foremost I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker, redeemer & sanctifier, trusting to be saved by the merits, death & passion of our lord & saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in the church of Littleton aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Margaret my wheat rick that is now in my backside. Item I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Margaret one bond sealed & delivered by the hands of John Butler & John Fisher of Marshfield being the date of the 22nd August in the 33rd year of her majesty's reign containing the sum of five pounds thirteen shillings four pence due at St Lawrence's Day last past as by the said bond more at large may appear, whereof the said John Butler has paid unto me 66s 8d. Item I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Margaret the 33s four pence now in the hands of Thomas Bullocke of Marshfield, glover, due at Michaelmas next coming. Item I give & bequeath unto my four other children viz. John, Robert, Richard & Alice five pounds apiece to be paid unto them at the age of 16 years. Item my will is that my wife shall have the use of the same to bring them in godly learning & exercise so soon as they shall be able to learn. Also if it happen any of them to die before they shall come to the age aforesaid my will is that his or her part or portion to remain to them that shall be then living equally to be divided amongst them. Item I give & bequeath unto my said daughter Margaret one sheet & one pillow. Also I do ordain & account John Mulgrove of the parish of Westbury to oversee, direct & guide as well my said daughter Margaret as also all those legacies which I have bequeathed her to be delivered to him to her best use. Item I give & bequeath unto my son William my old wain, one yoke & one string, one sallow with shear & coulter. Item I give & bequeath to my said son William five acres which I had of John Hook, land in the north field which is yet to be fallowed. Item my will is that my said son William shall pay no rent for the acre which he has of me in my bargain at Tormarton. Item I give & bequeath to my said son so much more corn in quantity next adjoining to his said acre in Tormarton. Item I give & bequeath to my sister Marian one quarter of barley, half of it to be paid out of this crop, the other half out of the next crop. Item I give & bequeath unto her daughter one ewe. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth forty shillings to be paid to her at Michaelmas 1593. Item I give & bequeath to the church of Littleton 12d. Item all the rest of my goods & chattels as well moveable as unmoveable, my legacies being paid & my funerals discharged, I give & bequeath unto Margaret my wife whom I make my sole & whole executrix to see this my last will & testament fulfilled, executed & done etc. Also I give & bequeath unto my uncle Beard the three shillings four pence which he owes me. Item I ordain & appoint my overseers of this my last will & testament John Read & John Fry.

Debts which I do owe are these

First I do owe to Nicholas Smith of Marshfield 2s 10d

Debts which are owing to me are these

First Robert Alie of Wick owes me at Michaelmas 13s 4d

John Butler of Marshfield, shoemaker, owes me for an acre of corn due at the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady 22s

Thomas Baker of Marshfield owes me to be paid at Michaelmas 6s 9d

The said Thomas owes me for half a half acre of wheat to be paid at the Purification of Our Blessed Lady 6s 8d

These being witnesses: John Read, John Fry & Richard Michell, clerk

Probate: 17 March 1592

1592/128

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th August 1592 Margaret Warner of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body but perfect in remembrance, thanks be to Almighty God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God my saviour and redeemer and my body to the earth. Item I give and bequeath to the poor people of Chipping Sodbury 20s. Item I give and bequeath to Alice Pemarkton my daughter £3. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Collins, the wife of Andrew Collins, 20s. Item I give and bequeath to Eleanor Byrde 20s. Item I give and bequeath to Walter Byrd 10s. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Warner, my husband's godson, 10s. Item I give and bequeath to Margaret Fearnley 10s. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Fearnley, my husband's godson, 10s. Item I give and bequeath to my son Henry Warner's five children 33s 4d to be equally divided amongst them. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Fearnley my daughter 10s. Item I give and bequeath to my son Richard Warner's other three children 10s to be equally divided amongst them. Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert Warner's seven children 46s 8d to be equally divided amongst them. Item I give and bequeath to Eleanor Byrd my gown with the velvet cape. Item I give to Margaret Warner, the daughter of Robert Warner, my best frieze gown. Item I give and bequeath to Mary Warner, the daughter of Robert Warner, my best hat. Item I give and bequeath to Anne Warner my best petticoat. Item I give and bequeath to Margery Warner, my daughter-in-law, my best cloak. Item I give and bequeath to John Jones's wife of Chipping Sodbury one smock, one partlet and a kerchief of dowlas. Item I give and bequeath to Margery Warner one holland kerchief and one partlet. Item I give and bequeath to Margaret Warner one holland kerchief. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Collins one smock and one dowlas kerchief. Item I give and bequeath to Alice Collins, the daughter of Andrew Collins, one petticoat. Item I give and bequeath to Anne Warner, the daughter of Robert Warner, one kerchief. All the rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Robert Warner my son whom I make my whole and sole executor to see this my will performed. Also I desire Christopher Kyngscot, George Fearnley and Henry Warner to be my overseers and for their pains I give to either of them 2s. These being witness: Richard Noris and Thomas Marshe
Probate: 17 March 1592

1592/229

In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd September 1591 in the 34th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth I William Russell of Codrington in the parish of Wapley and in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, do make and ordain my last will and testament as follows. First I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God and my body to the earth from whence it had his beginning to be buried by the discretion of my executrix. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Russell, the daughter of my brother George Russell, two kine viz. one red cow and one spotted with white. Item I give and bequeath unto Grace Russell, my brother John Russell's daughter, one red heifer. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Atkines, my sister's daughter, one red yearling. Item I give and bequeath unto Mr Nicholas Dimery one dun ambling hog colt for a remembrance of my goodwill. All the rest of my goods and chattels not bequeathed I give and bequeath unto Joan my wife whom I make and ordain of this my last will and testament my sole executrix. Given the day and year above written in the presence of those whose names are subscribed. And do make Mr Giles Dimery overseer of this my last will and testament.
Witnesses hereunto: Giles Dimerie, Sybil Dimery, Annis Packker, Nicholas Dimerie
Probate: 2 May 1592

1593/35

in the name of God, Amen. The 22nd December 1593 I Henry Belsyre, son of George Belsyre late of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, deceased, sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Farr my sister 40d. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Worlock my sister 40s. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas my brother £3, a fustian doublet, a coffer and a dagger. Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Edith Belsyre one annuity or yearly rent of ten shillings of currant money to be paid yearly during the life of my said sister Edith by my brother John, his executors or assigns at the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady the Virgin yearly as aforesaid. Item I give unto my brother Edmund six pounds to be given him at the age of 21 years. If he die before he be of the full age then this £5 to be divided equally among the rest of my brothers and sisters. Item I give unto John Shermon 15s and all the rest of my apparel. Item I give unto Jo[hn] Garney's servant Edith 6s. Item I give unto John Garney's children 5s. Item I give my brother's servant Cicely Wood 13s 4d. Item I give unto the poor of Yate 6s 8d. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto my brother John Belsyre whom I make my whole executor to receive my debts and to pay my legacies. And to see this my will performed I do appoint my overseers John Sarney and Thomas Hyett and for their pains I give them 12d apiece. In witness of truth I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Debts owed me

Robert Neale, tanner, owes me £11 at Michaelmas next

Simon Neale owes me at Our Lady day in Lent next £10 12d

Edward Knight owes me due already £7

George Hallyer owes me 16s

John Sarny owes me 26s

Witness: Simon Neale, Thomas Hyet, John Sarney

Probate: 23 March 1593

1593/88

Memorandum that John Nele, late of the parish of Yate in the diocese of Gloucester, lying sick yet being of perfect memory about the 23rd February last past, asked by Thomas Collins of the same parish whether he would make his wife Joan his executrix, said I will and further said she, meaning his wife, shall have all I have which is but little and I will give nothing away from her, or words to this effect.

Probate: 12 September 1593

1594/1

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th March in the 36th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc, I Agnes Burke of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give unto John Bowlton and John Sarnye and to their assigns all the interest and term of years that be to come unexpired of and in those grounds with the appurtenances called Wall Close, Bray Castle and Longmeade together with the lease thereof lying within the Lordship of Wickwar, reserving and excepted out of the same grounds the first year's rent and profits thereof after my (*torn*) decease to be paid unto my executrix (*torn*) that end and use to discharge & redeem a bond (*torn*) Edward Knight, Giles Dymmyer and (*torn*) John Bowlton stand bound

unto T (*torn*) Mowrford for payment of the sum (*torn*) pounds as by their bond, oblig (*torn*) does appear. Also I give unto (*torn*) Bowlton a pair of blankets (*torn*) give unto John Sarnye and (*torn*) wife a flock bed, a white c(*torn*) bedstead & the say hangings (*torn*) gown, my felt hat lined (*torn*) smock, a kerchief, a partle(*torn*) cloth, six table napkins (*torn*) and a pair of sheets. Item (*torn*) Mary Mowrford a (*torn*) cover partial gilt as (*torn*) years old, a featherbed (*torn*) one charger, one (*torn*) cloth of diaper a (*torn*) of diaper napkins (*torn*) Item I give and bequeath unto Edward Knight all the glass, all the wainscot, a table board with all the benches, stools, boards, a malt mill, a bark mill, a cheese wring, a bedstead in the parlour, an old cupboard in the parlour, all my planks, the stained cloths and green cloths that be in the parlour, in consideration whereof Edward Knight shall pay unto my son George Bucke forty shillings of currant money within one quarter after my decease and shall pay also unto John Sommers of Wickwar which I owed unto him five shillings. Item I give unto George Bucke my son a colt, my third best helling, a flock bed, a stone cruse covered with silver and gilt and a pig. Item I give unto Anne Knight my best crock. Item I give unto Henry Bayneham and Mary his wife a bread cloth wrought with blue, my great charger, two silver spoons, a fine napkin. Item I give to Alexander Bayneham my godson in money eight shillings. Item I give unto Susanna Bayneham a handkerchief. Item I give to Elizabeth Bayneham a kerchief. Item I give unto Sarah King a spice mortar. Item I give Anne Hathway a partlet. Item I give unto Edward Webbe a platter. Item I give unto Richard Dole's son William a platter. Item (*torn*) give unto Collis Wythers my servant (*torn*) flock bed, a pair of sheets, a candlestick (*torn*) money three shillings four pence, a helling (*torn*) uckett, a platter, a pottinger, a saucer (*torn*) table cloth, the worst feather pillow (*torn*) coat, a petticoat, a partlet, an old (*torn*) and a buffin* apron. Item I give (*torn*) poor of Yate six shillings (*torn*) Item to the poor of Rangeworthy (*torn*) four pence. Item to the poor (*torn*) three shillings four pence. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed, my debts and legacies being paid, I give and bequeath unto Joyce Bucke my daughter whom I make my whole executrix to receive my debts and to pay my legacies. And I do appoint to see this my last will performed my brother Mr Richard Cole of Bristol. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of: Edward Knighte, John Sarnye and Henry Bayneham

Debts owing me

John Bowlton owes me	£14 10s
Edward Knight owes me at Our Lady's day next	£6 2s
John Harding owes me at Our Lady day next	40s
Sum of debts	£22 (<i>torn</i>)

Probate: 12 March 1594

* *buffin*= a coarse cloth

1594/19

In the name of God, Amen. I Christopher Clarck of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, yeoman, the 14th August in the 35th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc 1593, being sick in body but of perfect memory, God be thanked, do make my last will & testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my only saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid. Item I give unto my son John Clarck the sum of five pounds of currant English money to be paid unto him by my executrix hereafter named at the age of 21 years. Item I give and bequeath unto Grace and Margaret my two daughters each of them £5 of like currant money to be paid at each of her or their day or days of marriage or at the years of 21 by my said

executrix which first shall happen. Item whereas my said executrix to be named is now with child my will is that if that child or children to be born by God's appointment shall be living at the age of one & twenty years, or if it be a maid child one or more if she or they fortune to be before that age married, that then my said executrix shall truly pay to each such child or children the sum of £5 which first shall happen. And my will is further that if any of my said children born or to be born shall depart this mortal life before they happen to receive their legacies that then my will and intent is that such legacy or legacies shall come and remain to these my child or children as shall survive & be then living. Item I give moreover to my son John two pair of tuckers shears to be dd [given] at the years of discretion by my said executrix. Item I give to the poor people of Chipping Sodbury 3s 4d to be equally divided at my burial. Item whereas I have obtained before this time of one John Barnefield of Nailsworth in the parish of Horsley in the said county of Gloucester, husbandman, a lease for divers years yet to come of certain grounds and pastures in Horsley aforesaid, which said grounds & pasture I have let & mortgaged out to one James Bieke of Nailsworth aforesaid for the sum of £8, now my will is that Thomas Clerck my brother shall have use & dispose the grounds & pasture & the lease of the same to the best use & behalf of my said son John, he my said brother paying the said £8 before specified to the said Byeke out of the profits of the said grounds & pasture in as convenient time as he may. Item lastly all my debts, goods & chattels residue, not before given nor bequeathed, my debts, legacies and funerals paid & discharged, I give and bequeath to Jane my well-beloved wife whom I make & ordain my executrix to see this my last will & testament truly performed & finished. And I request Thomas Clarck my brother and Henry Speckman my brother-in-law to be my overseers and aiders to my said executrix in the performing of the same and I give each of them for their pains therein 12d.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day & year above written in the presence of: J Streat, Anthony Hellier, John Clarcke, Thomas Clarcke

Debts owing to me Christopher Clerck

Richard Wakeley of Stroud 12s

William Branden of Stroud 20s

Probate: 14 May 1594

1594/20

In the name of God, Amen. I Katherine Collins do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. Item I bequeath unto my sister Dorothy Collines £5. Item I give unto John Trueman's three children £4 by equal portions. Item I give unto the children of John Ocford thirty shillings of the same money that John Goodman do owe me. Item I give unto Randolph Walter 10s out of the same money his father do owe me. Item I give unto Eleanor Tumline 5s out of the same money that Walter do owe me. Item I give unto Ann Trueman a brass pan. Item I give unto Dorothy Trueman a pair of hooks. Item I give Alice Ocford a brass pot, a silver pin. Item I give Harry Ocford a little brass pot. Item I make my brother Thomas Collins my whole executor.

The debts owing to me

Richard Walter do owe me 17s 4d

John Hill do owe me 7s

Arthur Webe do owe me 6s

Edie Persces do owe me at Holyrood Day last 6s

The witnesses: William Neale and William Blacke

I give Margaret Longe a smock and a kerchief, Ann Malis petticoat and smock, Annis More a coat

Probate: 15 May 1594

1594/126

In the name of God, Amen. The 30th January 1593 I Robert Poule of Wapley within the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body notwithstanding of good & perfect remembrance, thanks be unto Almighty God, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first & principally I give & bequeath my soul to the mercy of Almighty God my maker and redeemer & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley aforesaid. Also I give & bequeath unto my son John three kine & a heifer of three years age, three ewes, three hogs and my best bed with his appurtenances and one brass crock and the best brass pan and also 3 of the best pewter dishes. And I will the same to be paid & delivered unto my said son at the time when he shall accomplish the age of fourteen years. Item I give unto Edith Foules one yearling. Item I give unto William Jacobe my best brass crock. The residue of all my goods and chattels after these my legacies and other debts with my funeral discharged & performed I give & bequeath unto Katherine my wife whom I do make & ordain my full & whole executrix of this my last will & testament. Also I do constitute & ordain my trusty & well-beloved friends John Gefferd and Thomas Ponett to be my overseers of this my said will.

These being witnesses: John Mascall, clerk, and Hugh Clowtsun with others. Given the day & year first above written.

Probate: 15 May 1594

1595/74

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th July 1594 I John Walker of Yate in the county of Gloucester, sick & weak in body but whole of mind & of perfect memory, do make this my last will & testament wherein first I commend my soul into the hands of God & my body to earth. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Alice three kine & a heifer, three couples of ewes & lambs, my best brass pot & best pan, three chargers, three platters, three pottingers, the bedstead in the parlour, one flock bed & coverlet, one pair of sheets & two candlesticks. Item I bequeath & give to my daughter Dorothy three kine & a heifer, three couples of ewes & lambs, my next best brass pot & second pan of brass, two candlesticks, three platters, three chargers, three pottingers, one featherbed, a bolster, one pair of sheets & a coverlet provided that the bedstead with the beds & their appurtenances aforesaid shall be delivered after the decease of my wife immediately. Item I give & bequeath to my son John two yokes, two strings, one bullock of three years age. Item I give & bequeath to my wife & my son John my wain. Item I give to Henry West a heifer three years old. Item the residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to my wife Annis Walker who I make my sole & whole executrix to fulfil this my last will & discharge my funeral expenses & do constitute, ordain & appoint my trusty & well-beloved Giles Dymerie & William Hancocke my overseers that this my last will be justly executed as appertains.

Bearing witness: Giles Dymerie, William Hancocke, Matthew Bennett & others

Probate: 8 May 1595

1595/99

In the name of God, Amen. The 15th January 1594 and in the 37th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc I Lawrence Farre of Chipping Sodbury in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be given to Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following. First i

commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury above named. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Farre my son a narrow loom with the furniture. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Farre my son a narrow loom with the furniture. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable, my debts and legacies paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife who I make sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Probate: 8 May 1595

1595/106

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th August 1595 I Matthew Bennet of Yate in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick of body but of perfect remembrance, thanks be unto God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I do give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto Matthew Hamlyn all the wainscot, a bedstead and the cupboard which is in the parlour. Item I give and bequeath unto Alice my wife all the whole interest of all my grounds called Inlands, set, lying and being in the parish of Wickwar which I do hold of Richard Webbe of Wotton by a lease for certain years yet to come with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to have and to hold unto the said Alice and to her assigns for and until she the said Alice or her assigns have sowed and carried away two crops of corn upon and from the said ground, she the said Alice or her assigns to pay the rents and dues that are due for the same premises during all the time that she shall so enjoy the same. All the rest of the years which shall be to come and unexpired afterwards of the same premises called Inlands to remain to John Bennette for & during the end & term of the said lease. And also all the years of one other parcel of ground called Chashill my will is that the said John Bennette shall have also. Item I give and bequeath unto William Rode one sheep. Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of Yate 3s 4d. Item all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give and bequeath unto Alice my wife whom I do make my whole executrix to pay and to discharge all such debts which I owe and to receive and take all such debts which are owing unto me.

The debts which I owe are these

First I owe unto Thomas Walker £5 6s 8d

I owe unto John Walker £3

Debts owing unto me

Richard Batten of Wickwar owes unto me 30s

These being witnesses to this my last will and testament: William Hancock, John Burges, John Walker

Probate: 23 September 1595

1595/130

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd March 1594 and in the 37th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc I Robert Davis of Acton Turville in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be given unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my last testament concerning therein my last will in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Acton Turville above named. Item I will and bequeath to Humphrey Davis, William Davis, Elizabeth Davis and Anne Davis, children of my son Robert Davis, my crop of corn now sown in the lower field. Item I

give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth and Anne all their grandmother's linen and woollen and the bed which I lie on with the appurtenances. Item I give and bequeath to John Davis and Joan Davis, the children of the said Robert Davis, to each of them two sheep that shall be appraised better worth than 5s each. Item I give and bequeath to Susanna Davis, the daughter of my son Thomas Davis, two sheep worth 5s apiece. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth and Anne above named the bed in the Ship with the appurtenances. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable, my debts and legacies paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Robert Davis my son whom I make whole executor of this my last will and testament. Probate: 8 May 1595

1596/14

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th December in the 36th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc I Dorothy Collins of Yate in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body but of a sound and perfect memory, do ordain and make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commit my soul into the hands and tuition of Almighty God, my creator, redeemer and sanctifier and my body from the earth from whence it had beginning. And as touching my temporal goods I give and bequeath them as follows. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Collins my brother one cow colour fallow. Item to Henry Ockeford and Katherine Ockeford, the children of John Ockeford, to each of them one sheep after they be shorn. Item to Dorothy Peerse one platter and one cheese. Item to Agnes Wallis one cheese. Item to Dorothy Purnell one cheese. Item I give and bequeath unto Edie Trueman, Anne Trueman & Dorothy Trueman to each of them fifty shillings, which said children are the children of John Trueman of Pucklechurch. All the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Trueman, wife of the same John Trueman, whom I institute and appoint my sole executrix to accomplish this my last will and testament according to the purport and meaning of the same.

In the presence of William Neale and Robert Blake with others

Probate: 17 June 1596

1596/56

In the name of God, Amen. This 13th July 1596 I John Turner being of perfect mind and good remembrance, thanks be given to Almighty God therefore, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul into the hands of the Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate at his will and pleasure. Secondly I give unto my son Robert my wains with all my plough harness whatsoever. Also I give unto him one chest which stands in the parlour and five bedsteads with all my table boards, forms and stools with all my wainscot and glass in consideration whereof he the said Robert shall pay unto my daughter Ellen ten pounds of good currant money at two years end next after my decease. Thirdly I give unto my son William one ox and one mare to be delivered to his use at the end of one whole year next after my decease. Fourthly I give unto my son Nicholas nine sheep, two bullocks of one year of age and the advantage and four weaning calves to be delivered unto his use at the end of one whole year next after my decease. Item I give unto my three daughters six kine and three heifers to be divided betwixt them by even portions. Item I appoint my wife to pay twenty pounds, that is to say ten pounds to my daughter Ellen to be delivered unto her at the end of two years next after my decease and the other ten pounds to be delivered unto my other two daughters Alice and Agnes at the age of sixteen

years by even portions. And all the rest of my goods either moveable or unmoveable unbequeathed I leave and give unto my wife Mary whom I make my whole executrix. Witnesses: Thomas Burnell, John Davis, Thomas Burnell the younger
Probate: 9 September 1596

1596/67

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st May 1596 in the 38th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc I John Read of Littleton within the parish of Tormarton in the county of Gloucester, being somewhat grieved in body but of whole and perfect memory do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and foremost I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker, redeemer and sanctifier etc and my body to the churchyard of Littleton aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to my son John thirty pounds in money. Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Anne thirty pounds in money. Item my will is that my wife Edith shall have the occupation of both their sums (if she keep herself widow) until they come to the age of twelve years, bringing them up as becomes children of honest conversation. But if it happen she do marry before they do come to the age aforesaid that then my will is that both the said sums shall be paid and delivered into the hands of George Russell, Robert Morsley of Dirham, John Jones my son-in-law and to William Read the son of Richard Read or to any three of them in and upon the day of the said marriage or contract to this end & purpose only, that they shall use it or set it forth for the said children to such gain and commodity as the laws of our realm do permit. And the said sums with such increase as shall arise thereof to remain unto the appointment and direction of the parties abovesaid (or to any three of them as is aforesaid) until such time the said children shall be tried and found fit, able and sufficient (by the parties abovesaid whom I trust & put in my stead in this case) to use it themselves or by my said overseers may be seen a necessary preferment by the way of marriage or otherwise. Item my will is that if either of them do die before his or her portion be, by my overseers, delivered as is aforesaid, that then I will that ten pounds of the party so dying shall be equally distributed unto the children of John Jones my son-in-law and the residue to remain to the longest liver of my said children. Item I give and bequeath unto my son John my silver bowl, half a dozen of silver spoons, three of the best and three of the worst, my great pot or crock and my second best pan. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John my crossbow, my hand gun and one jack. Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Anne my silver salt with the cover, half a dozen of silver spoons, three of the best and three others, my best pan & my third best pan, my second best pot and my best candlestick, half a dozen of platters, three of the best & three others, my best bed with all that belongs to him, one prince chest, my round table and three of my best coffers. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son and daughter two wains, two rick stathells, one malt mill and one yoting stone. Item I give and bequeath unto my son John my cupboard in the chamber, all which legacies, gifts and bequests shall be divided and delivered in such order and time as my said overseers see best for their profits. Item I give and bequeath unto the three children of my daughter Grace which I do keep my house forty shillings apiece. Also my will is that my wife shall keep them & bring them up honestly & orderly and in such sort as my overseers shall well like of until they be able to get their own livings and if it do happen she do put them away at any time before, being done by my overseers consent, and that they shall see any way that may be to their better preferment, then I give and bequeath them, or any of them so departing, four pounds apiece to be employed in such sort and manner as my overseers will, of their own compassion, have regard for the poor children's good. Item I give and bequeath unto John Jones's children three quarters of barley, one half to be paid at harvest next after my decease and the other half at the harvest

following. Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Edith all those implements which John Jones conveyed from my house in Marshfield into his own custody viz. one table board, one dais board, two crocks, one of them I bought of the town of Marshfield, two pans with two wain-loads of timber. Item my will is that if the said John will hold himself content & will not trouble or vex my said wife, nor any other whom I have put in trust about this my last will under pretext of claiming such things or sums of money whereof he has no right unto, that then the said John shall have and enjoy the goods above named as his own without any molestation or challenge of or by my executrix. Otherwise all those bequests above-named to his children to be utterly frustrate, void and stand of none effect and the said goods in the custody of the said John Jones to remain & come unto my said executrix as it is afore bequeathed. Item I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right or of conscience to any person or persons be well & truly contented & paid by my executrix hereafter named. All the residue of my goods & chattels as well moveable & unmoveable I give and bequeath unto Edith my wife whom I do make and ordain my whole & sole executrix of the execution of this my last will & testament, irrecoverable to be performed and done in manner & form aforesaid. And I do make and ordain my trusty & beloved George Russell, Robert Morsley, John Jones and William Read, or any three of them as is aforesaid, overseers hereof. And finally I utterly revoke and annul all & every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests, executors and overseers by me in any wise before this time made, named, willed or bequeathed.

These being witnesses: George Russell, William Read, Richard Michell, writer
Probate: 1 August 1596

1597/14

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st February in the 40th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth that now is, I Anthony Powell of Wapley in the county of Gloucester, yeoman, being weak in body but of good and perfect memory, laud and praise be given to God therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and for following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret £6 13s 4d. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Annis £6 13s 4d. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne £6 13s 4d. Item I give and bequeath unto my three daughters all my brass and pewter equally to be divided amongst them and my wife to have the use of it as long as she keeps herself widow. And my will is to give unto my three daughters three beds with their appurtenances equally to be divided amongst them and my wife to have the use of them as long as she keeps herself widow. And my will is that if either of them do die that it [be] equally divided amongst the rest. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas's daughter one calf. Item I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law Richard Ward's daughter one calf. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Christopher all my tools, one crossbow and two racks and a heifer of one year old. All the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed, my debts and legacies being paid, I give and bequeath unto my wife Alice whom I make and ordain whole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses: Giles Dimery, gentleman, John Mascoll and Christopher Powell

Debts owing by me Anthony Powell

First I owe unto William Ball £6

I owe unto William Ponting £1 13s 4d

Probate: 2 March 1597

1597/15

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th September 1597 I Bartholomew Gainer of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, wheeler, being of whole mind and in good & perfect remembrance, laud and praise be given to Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein this my last will in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my maker, sanctifier and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid. Item all my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable, my debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife whom I ordain and make whole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Probate: 17 September 1597

1597/21

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th December 1596 and in the (*torn*) year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc I Edward Springhold of Old (*torn*) in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being in whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance, (*torn*) praise be unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament concerning (*torn*) will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my maker, redeemer and sanctifier, my body to be buried in the church of churchyard of Old Sodbury aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to Margery Springhold my daughter in money £5. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Springhold my daughter in money £5. Item I give and bequeath between them the said Margery and Elizabeth my daughters six silver spoons. And my will is that Thomas Powell, clerk, now vicar of Old Sodbury above named and (*torn*) Adie my son-in-law, to have the keeping of their stock until the said Margery and Elizabeth come to the age of 21 years unless the said Thomas Powell and John Adie see reason and cause to the contrary at their discretion. All the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable not bequeathed, my debts, leg(*torn*) and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife whom I ordain and make whole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I ordain and make the above named Thomas Powell and John Adie overseers of this my last will and testament.

Debts that I owe

First to Henry Adie	£12
To John Hill	£7 14s
To Joan Packer	10s
To Thomas Bircome	28s 10d
To John Bircombe	16s
To my two daughters twenty three sheep that my father gave them	
To Edward Adie	9s
To the parson of Old Sodbury	34s

Debts owed unto me

First Thomas Bishoppe owes me 14 bushels of barley	
William Bishoppe owes me	2s 10d
John Sifford of Yate owes me	4s 8d
Thomas Parsonage owes me	4s 10d
Thomas Witchell of Kineton owes me for a pick axe	
George Dunston owes me for an oak	6s 8d

Witnesses to this will: Thomas Powell, vicar of Old Sodbury above named, John Adie Maurice Bennett, John Gwin, Eleanor Clarcke with others

No probate recorded

1597/70

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd April in the 25th year of the Queen's Majesty's reign that now is, I Joan Pruet of the parish of Wapley in the diocese of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, thanked be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Item I give and bequeath unto John Pruet one cow and half an acre of wheat. Item I give and bequeath unto Christopher Pruet one cow and half an acre of wheat. Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Pruet one cow and half an acre of wheat. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Alice Pruet my coffer and all that is in him. Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Pruet the younger one calf. Item I give and bequeath unto Alice Pruet the best bed with his appurtenances. Item I give and bequeath unto Joan Pruet the second bed and my will is to give my maid a petticoat. Item I give and bequeath unto Christopher Orforde one heifer of one year old. Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Pruet a ewe and a lamb. Item all the rest of my goods and cattle moveable and unmoveable I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Pruet whom I make my whole executor of this my last will and testament.

Appraised by John Mascoll and Andrew Jacobe

No probate recorded

1597/136

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th January in the 49th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth that now is, I John Winter of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, shoemaker, being weak in body but of good and perfect memory (laud and praise be given to God therefore) do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. Viz, first I commend my soul to Almighty God, my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to the poorest people of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid five dozen of penny white loaves to be equally distributed amongst them. Item I give & bequeath to Edmund Tayler als Evans my son-in-law all the years which I have in the Garret with all the timber boards & standing gear belonging to the said Garret conditionally that he will pay to Ralph Hobrow of Badminton in the county of Gloucester, shoemaker, the forty shillings which he did lend unto me. Item I give & bequeath to the same Edmund Tayler als Evans the bargain which I hold of Agnes Laurence during the whole term of her life upon this condition, that he will pay her two pence every week during her lifetime and discharge all other duties whatsoever are due to be paid out of the same bargain during the whole term of her life. Item I give & bequeath to the same Edmund Tayler als Evans my iron-bound coffer. Item I give & bequeath to Margaret my daughter my trough called my silting trough immediately after the decease of Katherine my wife. Item I give & bequeath to every one of my son-in-law Edmund Tayler als Evans's three children one calf apiece of my three calves. Item I give & bequeath to Edith Tayler als Evans, the daughter of my son-in-law Edmund Tayler als Evans, a little black coffer. Item I give & bequeath to my son John Winter the coverlet which was his mother's, the cupboard, the table board with the frame, the wainscot, the form & the bench in the hall of the further house, my yoting stone, all my hurdles which serve for sheep coops, the tallet in the barn, the pales with all other implements belonging to the said further house, a candlestick that was his uncle's, a charger, my best shirt, my best coat, a curing pan, a quern mill & a chair conditionally that he will for the same acquit & discharge my wife Katherine of the forty shillings which I borrowed of him & suffer her cattle to be foddered in the stall of the further house until the third day of May next coming and that he will not wrongfully molest & trouble her for anything during her life with conditions that if he do not perform, my will is that Katherine my wife shall have all the aforesaid things bequeathed unto him to pay him the said forty shillings. Item I

give & bequeath to my son John all the leases & knives belonging to my shop. Item my will is that the table board with the frame & press in the chamber of the house wherein I dwell shall remain therein to the use of the longest liver successively. Item I give & bequeath to Edmund Iles my best shirt saving one. All the rest of my goods & chattels moveable & unmoveable unbequeathed, my debts & legacies being paid, I give & bequeath to my wife Katherine whom I make & ordain whole executrix of this my last will & testament. Item I make & ordain Mr Giles Dymery & Mr Thomas Burnell overseers of this my last will & testament.

Witnesses hereunto: Edward Iles, Christopher Phillips & William Cable.

Debts owing by me John Winter

First I owe to John Trewman	£7	
To Richard Horred		16s
To Coventry of Horton	£7	
To William England of Eyford	£1	
To Ralph Hobrowe	£2	
To John Winter my son	£2	
To Mr Burnell of Chipping Sodbury	£2	

Probate: 25 February 1597

1597/174

In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Alsopp of Littleton within the parish of Tormarton, being sick in body but of sufficient memory etc do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker etc and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Littleton aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to the church of Littleton one bushel of barley. Item I give and bequeath unto John Beaker my son-in-law thirty sheep, some to be delivered at St Edward's tide next after my decease and the residue at St Edward's tide then after following to be appointed, chosen and delivered at the discretion of Philip Alsopp & William, my brothers. Item I give and bequeath to the said John Beaker my two bullocks now in my custody at Littleton. Item I give & bequeath unto my sister Edith Hedidge every month one bushel of barley to be paid by my executor until the Annunciation of Our Lady next following. Item I give & bequeath unto Margaret my wife three of my best kine & six of my best sheep. Item I give, bequeath and resign unto Robert my son all my right title & interest which I have in one lease or indenture made, signed, sealed & delivered between William Goslet of Marshfield, gentleman, one third part and me the said Robert containing the sum of forty acres arable by estimation with the years unexpired being the date of the first day of May in the 37th year of the Queen's Majesty's reign that now is to commence & begin at the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady 1600 to the end of 21 years next then following as by the said indenture may appear with all other indentures whatsoever unto me the said Robert Alsopp do belong or appertain. Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Fry one peck of barley. Item I give & bequeath unto William Gorway one peck of barley. Item all the residue of my goods & chattels whatsoever, my debts being paid & my legacies discharged, I give & bequeath unto Robert my son who I make, ordain & appoint my sole & only executor to see this my last will & testament to be performed & done according to true meaning. And for my overseers I ordain Philip Alsopp and William my brothers.

Dated the 28th August 1597

Debts which I do owe are these

First I do owe to Isabel Tipper, widow	50s
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Debts owing to me are these

First William Osburne of Marshfield owes me	20s
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William Crispe of Marshfield owes	£3
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These being witnesses: Richard Read, Richard Michell, John Fry
Probate: 17 September 1597

1597/236

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th September in the 39th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc I William Stamborne of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole in mind and in good & perfect memory, laud & praise be given unto Almighty God, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body to the earth. First I give & bequeath unto Agnes Aburge my daughter-in-law thirteen pieces of brass and pewter, one double table board, a colt & the house which I now dwell in after the decease of Elizabeth Stamborne my wife if it happen that Robert Nickoles of Marshfield & his wife do live so long. All other my goods moveable and unmoveable, my debts and legacies being paid, my funeral expenses performed and ended, I give wholly unto Elizabeth Stamborne my wife whom I make my whole executor.
Probate: 17 September 1597

1597/238

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd August 1597 I William Cooke of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, carpenter, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give unto Joan Hobbes 20s. Item I give unto Judith Longden 20s and to her two children I give between them 10s. Item I give to Frances Cooke 20s. Item I give to Eleanor Hobbes 20s. Item I give unto my brother Edward Cooke £3. Item I give unto my sister Margaret Farr £3, one table board, one bedstead and a frame of a stool. Item I give unto my sister Edith Rodman £3. Item I give unto my sister Agnes Strete 20s. Item I give to Richard Farr 20s and one cheese. Item I give to Joan Farr 20s. Item I give to Margery Abean ten shillings. Item I give to Elizabeth Roberts 40s. Item I give to Agnes Howell 10s. Item I give to Margaret Roberts 5s. Item I give to Matthew Roberts 5s. All the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath unto my brother John Cooke whom I make my whole executor to receive my debts and to pay my legacies. And I appoint my overseers John Walker & Henry Roberts. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written.

Witness hereunto: George Cooke, John Walker, Thomas Roberts

Debts owing me William Cooke at my decease

First Henry Webbe of Wickwar owes me	£3
Henry Stock owes me	£4
John Prigg of Kingswood owes me	54s
John Symmes of Wickwar owes me	20s
Henry Roberts of Wickwar owes me	10s

Probate: 17 September 1597

1597/242

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th September 1597 I William Read of Littleton in the parish of Tormarton within the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but of sufficient memory, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker etc & my body to the churchyard of Littleton aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Richard my cupboard & two

platters. Item I give & bequeath unto my son William my best crock, my chest & two platters. Item I give & bequeath unto my son John my best pan and two platters. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Nicholas my next best pan & two platters. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Joan my third pan, two platters & the coffer which was my mother's. Item I give & bequeath to every one of [my] children aforesaid forty shillings apiece to be paid to them at the age of twenty years. Also my will is that George Russell & William Read my kinsman shall put it forth to their best use & commodity at their honest discretion till they see my said children can use it themselves. Item if any of my said children do die before it be delivered by my said overseers as is aforesaid the portion or portions of the party or parties so dying Also my will is that the other gifts above named shall remain in my wife's hands so long as she keep herself widow to be delivered as the portions of money aforesaid but if she marry she shall deliver the said gifts to my overseers. Item all the residue of my goods & chattels whatsoever, my debts being paid if there be any & my legacies as aforesaid discharged, I give & bequeath unto Margery my wife who I ordain & make sole executrix of this my last will & testament to see it performed according to true meaning. And for my overseers I appoint George Russell & William Read my kinsman aforesaid.

Debts which I owe or are owing unto me are none.

These being witnesses: Nicholas Smarte, William Read, Richard Michell

Probate: 17 September 1597

1598/74

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th May 1597 I Joan Neale of Yate in the county of Gloucester, widow, sick & weak of body but of perfect memory, do make this my last will & testament irrevocable wherein renouncing all former wills. I first bequeath my soul into the hands of God & my body to the ground in the churchyard of Yate. Item I give unto Annis Wallis my cassock & a kerchief. Item I give unto Margaret Bense my old red petticoat & a smock. Item I give unto Elizabeth Bradforde in regard of kindred & service a yearling & my best petticoat. All the residue of my goods I give & bequeath unto William Blake als Wade whom I constitute, appoint, ordain & make my sole & whole executor to execute my testament, pay my debts & discharge all funeral duties appertaining.

Bearing witness: Thomas Baynham, parson of Yate, Robert Batten & others.

In further testimony whereof I have put my mark to these presents.

Probate: 10 September 1598

1600/5

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd October 1600 I Alice Bristowe being sick [in] body but in perfect memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say I commend my soul unto Almighty God in the name of his son Jesus Christ in whom I only believe and my body to be buried within the churchyard of Great Sodbury. Item I give unto Richard and Henry Bristowe forty shillings which their father gave them to be paid unto them immediately after my decease. Item I give unto Alice Geale and to Christian Geale and to Joan Gale and to every one of them six pence apiece. Item I give unto Susan Geale 6d. Item I give unto Elizabeth, Ellen and Margaret Parker and to every one of them 6d. Item I give unto Katherine Geale ten shillings to be paid unto her immediately after my decease. Item the rest of all my goods and chattels I give unto Thomas Geale my son-in-law whom I make my sole and only executor to see my legacies paid and my funeral expenses discharged.

In witness whereof: Roger Drewe, John Stavins, John Jayckes, Robert Jackson, the write, with others

Probate: 11 February 1600

1600/30

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th March and in the 42nd year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc, I Elizabeth Stamborne of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body but whole in mind & in good & perfect memory, laud & praise be given unto Almighty God, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body to the earth & of such goods as God has lent me here to be divided as hereafter follows. First I give & bequeath unto my son John Stamborne 1 mare & a colt, one coffer, a little crock & a little cauldron. All other my goods & chattels not bequeathed I give wholly unto my daughter Annis Aburge whom I make my whole executor. Also I appoint Nicholas Packer & John Millig to be my overseers to see this my will fulfilled. Probate: 10 July 1600

1600/84

In the name of God, Amen. The 5th January 1600 I John Packer of Wapley in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being grieved in body but of whole and perfect memory, do make my last will & testament in manner & form following. First and foremost I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker etc and my body to the churchyard of Wapley aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Alice four kine and five young beasts & one bed with his appurtenances. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret one cow to be delivered at the third year's end after the day of my decease. Item I give & bequeath unto my brothers Harry & George all my wearing apparel equally to be divided. Item all the residue of my goods and chattels whatsoever as well moveable as unmoveable my will is that Alice my wife shall have the use and occupation of them during her life, all which goods & chattels I give & bequeath to Alice my daughter to be delivered to her at the decease of my said wife. Finally I ordain and make Alice my wife my sole & only executrix to see this my last will & testament performed and done according to true meaning. And I constitute and appoint John Williams and William Atkins overseers hereof and for their pains I give them two shillings.

These being witnesses: John Williams, William Atkins

Probate: 3 March 1600

1600/149

In the name of God, Amen. The 28th September 1600 I Thomas Powell, clerk, vicar of Old Sodbury, being of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I beseech our saviour Jesus Christ to receive my soul, in whose blood-shedding I trust to be saved. And such goods as God has lent me to be divided as hereafter follows. First I give to John Westbury £20 to be paid him by my overseers when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years. Item I give to Thomas Westbury £20 to be paid him by my overseers when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years. If it happen the foresaid John Westbury to decease before he shall accomplish the age of 21 years then I will that Thomas Westbury his brother shall have his part bequeathed.

Also if it happen that the foresaid Thomas Westbury shall decease before he shall accomplish the age of 21 years then my will is that the foresaid John Westbury shall have his part bequeathed. And further if shall happen that the foresaid John and Thomas both shall decease before they or either of them shall accomplish the full age of 21 years then I give and bequeath the foresaid legacies to the parish church of Old Sodbury to remain a stock for ever. Item I give to my daughter Mary 40s to be paid her within 3 months after my decease. Item I give 40s more to my daughter Mary that Richard Stormy does owe me. Item I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right to any person or persons be well and truly contented and paid by my executrix hereafter named. And after my debts paid, my funeral expenses performed, my legacies before bequeathed delivered to my overseers which shall be at or before the third day of May next ensuing and my body honestly brought to earth, all the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give to Joan Powell my wife who I make my sole executrix. Moreover I make Henry Atwood and John Bircomb my overseers to see this my will performed and I give to either of them 10s for their painstaking in this behalf. And all other wills, gifts and bequests I utterly disannul and revoke. In witness of these underwritten: Henry Atwood, John Bircumb
By me Thomas Powell, vicar
Probate: 18 November 1600

1600/157

In the name of God, Amen. The 20th October in the 41st year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc I William Peaslie of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole in mind & in good & perfect memory, laud & praise be given unto Almighty God, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker & redeemer & my body to the earth. And of all such goods as God has lent me here to be divided as hereafter follows. First I give & bequeath unto Perpetua Peaslie my daughter £3 & one bedstead with a wainscot tester. Item I give & bequeath unto Marie Peaslie my daughter 40s. Item I give & bequeath unto my son-in-law John Weste in money 40s & my best cloak. Item I give & bequeath unto Richard Latterige my son-in-law 20s. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Robert 1 bed with the appurtenances that he now has in his custody & also all such boards that be over the kitchen & also the board that be in the lower house & one old rick of hay conditionally that my wife shall have her beasts kept this winter with the same hay. And also I give to my son Robert all such wares that I have in my shop & belonging to the same conditionally that he shall pay to Mr Powell 26s 8d and also to the lorimer 6s 8d & at Bristol 11d & also I give & bequeath unto my son Robert my mare, paying to my wife 26s 8d. Item I give & bequeath unto my sister Alice Olliver 10s. Item I give & bequeath unto Philip Cox 1 yearling. All other my goods & chattels not bequeathed I give unto my wife Anne whom I make my whole executor & she to receive all such dues as to me belong, that is to say of Clement Mericke 18s and of Anthony Ottrige 5s 8d. I appoint John Burford & John Byrcom to be my overseers to see this my will fulfilled & I give to every of them for their pains 12d.
Probate: 3 October 1600

1601/36

In the name of God, Amen. Here follows the true nuncupative and last will of Edward Cullymore of Chipping Sodbury in the county and diocese of Gloucester, weaver, being sick in body but in perfect memory, God be thanked, who so published the same before Nicholas Street, gentleman, and Thomas Burford of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid, yeoman, in or about the feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle 1601 in the 43rd year of the reign of the now Queen Elizabeth etc in manner & form following.

First he bequeathed his soul unto Almighty God, acknowledging him to be his only maker, saviour and redeemer and his body to be buried in the churchyard of Sodbury aforesaid. Item he gave then & bequeathed to Thomas Cullymore, one of his sons, a brown cow. Item to John Cullymore, another of his sons, a weaving broad loom and a coffer. Item to Denise Cullymore his daughter a cupboard, a flock bed and a table board. Item all the residue of his goods & chattels unbequeathed, his debts and funeral discharged, he then gave & did bequeath to his loving wife Joan whom he ordained executrix & put in trust to see these small goods distributed to his poor children in manner and form aforesaid.

Written by me Nicholas Street

Probate: 12 February 1601

1601/58

In the name of God, Amen. The 8th March in the 43rd year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Henry Russell the younger of Yate in the county of Gloucester, labourer, being sick of body but of perfect mind and memory, praise to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commit my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the earth from whence it came. And as concerning my worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows. First I give to kinswoman Ann Hyll, my sister's eldest daughter, one stored cow that is in the keeping of Thomas Davies. Item I give to my sister Hill's other three children two kine to be equally divided between them, that is the cow at Stephen Barker's and the cow at Walter Parker's. Item I give to my mother my brown cow. Item I give to Edith Hawkins ten shillings. Item I give to Alexander Russell, my brother Henry's son, my best wearing cloak. The rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give unto my brother Henry whom I make my whole executor of this my last will and testament to execute and in all points perform the same.

Witnesses hereunto: Andrew Webb, Robert Dans, Thomas Davies

Debts due unto me Henry Russell

John Bellsher of Yate 30s

Richard Wolden of Bartley to be paid
at Our Lady Day next 23s

Walter Parker of Sodbury 7s

Matthew Hamlyn of Yate 4s

Thomas Davies of Wickway 17s

Sum: £4 12d (*sic*)

Debts which he does owe

To Matthew Rowland of Alderley 11s

Probate: 6 May 1601

1601/70

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th July in the 43rd year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc I Isabel Russell of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will & testament in form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give and bequeath unto Edith Hawkins an old frieze coat & a petticoat. Item I give unto Denise Russell a petticoat & a kerchief. Item I give unto the three children of William Hill, whose names are Margaret, Alice and Katherine, a cow to be equally divided between them. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne, another daughter of the said William Hill, a flock bed, my best hat, 2 coverlets, one blanket, 2 bolsters, a

pillow & a pillowbere, 2 pair of sheets, 2 towels, one platter, 4 pottingers, 3 saucers, a salt cellar, a candlestick, a crock, a skillet, a skimmer, 4 kerchiefs, 3 smocks, 3 partlets, 4 aprons, all which goods and all other goods heretofore given her my will is that my son Harry Russell shall have the putting forth and setting thereof to the most profit of the said Anne and then to be accountable and answerable for the same with the profit thereof at such time as the said Anne shall be of the age of sixteen years. Item I give to the poor of Yate 2d. Item I give unto George my son my best candlestick. Item I give to Joan my daughter, wife of William Hill, my best flock bed, my best gown & my best petticoat, a coffer, a great crock. Item I give unto Harry Russell my son all the rest of my goods unbequeathed moveable & unmoveable whom I make my whole executor to receive my debts and to pay my legacies. And I do appoint my overseers hereunto Edward Knight and John Belsyre. In witness of truth I have set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Sealed & given in presence of these witnesses: Henry Baynam & Edward Knight

Debts owing me at my decease

Hugh Rodman owes me 10s

Probate: 22 September 1601

1602/16

In the name of God, Amen. The 15th September 1602 and in the 43rd year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Andrew Jacob of the parish of Wapley within the diocese of Gloucester, sick of body but yet of good and perfect memory, praising God therefore, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First & principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer in whom I hope to be saved and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Wapley aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath to Edward Jacob a red cow called Blossom & one other cow called Rose. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth Jacob one cow called Taggell & one heifer of the age of three years. Item I give & bequeath to John Jacob one bullock of the age of two years. The rest of all my goods moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeath to Thomas my son whom I make & ordain my full & whole executor of this my last will & testament.

Witnesses at the making hereof: John Maskall, vicar of Wapley, & Thomas Pruett

Probate: 4 October 1602

1602/24

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd January 1602 I Edmund Burchall of Yate in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, do make this my last will wherein first I commend my soul into the hands of God & my body to the earth in the churchyard of Yate. Item I do give & bequeath to the poor people of Yate 6s 8d to be delivered to them at the discretion of my wife & overseers. Item I give to my son Lawrence 2 young beasts of 2 years old to be delivered him on the 3rd day of May next. Item I do give to my son Walter two young beasts of the same age to be dd [given] him the 3rd day of May next. Item to my son Edmund three yearlings to be dd [given] him at the said 3rd day of May next. Item I do give to my daughter Agnes 2 heifers of 4 years old to be dd [given] her the said 3rd day of May next. Item I do give to my daughter Marie one heifer of 4 years old & one of 3 years old to be dd [given] her the said 3rd day of May next. Item I do give to my daughter Dorothy one heifer of 4 years old & another of 3 to be dd [given] her also the said 3rd day of May next & also one bed & bolster with a coverlet & a pair of blankets. Item I do give to my son George my greatest brass pot. Item to my son William my greatest brass pan. Item I do give & bequeath to my daughter Joan 40s to be put out to her best use & preferment by my wife. Item I do give to Margaret, the daughter of my son George, one good ewe. Item to George, the

son of my daughter Joan, 10s & also to Agnes, the daughter of my said daughter Joan, 10s to be put out of by my wife to their best use & preferment. Item I make, constitute, ordain & appoint my wife Agnes, on condition that she do keep, breed & bring up my daughter Joan's two children, my sole & whole executrix to whom I do also give & bequeath all my goods not already given & bequeathed & I do make, constitute & appoint my trusty & well-beloved Thomas Baynham, parson of Yate, & John Goodman, overseers of this my last testament to whom I also do give 4s. In testament hereof I have subscribed my mark in the presence of William Sifford & my said overseers & George Burchall etc.
Probate: 18 March 1602

1602/40

In the name of God, Amen. John Cooke within the parish of Yate within the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body and of perfect and good memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker & redeemer by whose precious blood I hope to be saved and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Yate. Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the church house of Yate 4d apiece to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of my son John Baynham. Item I do give one cow which is called by the name Mougge unto Sara. All the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Baynham whom I make my sole and whole executor. And if it happen that she does die before her husband John Baynham then my will is that all my goods and chattels shall be equally distributed among her four daughters, Sara, Margaret, Mary & Elizabeth. And if any of them do die before they are married that then my will is that the others shall have their parts which so do decease and this I do appoint my executor to see my last will performed.

Thomas Broome of Ladybrocke owes me £3 6s 8d

All other debts I freely forgive.

Probate: 16 November 1602

1602/59

In the name of God, Amen. The 27th January 1601 and in the 44th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth etc I John Davis of Acton Turville in the diocese of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick of body but of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance, thanks be given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present testament concerning my last will in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my maker, sanctifier and redeemer, my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Acton Turville above named. Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of Acton Turville above named two shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Thomas Frie's two children in money four pounds, that is to say forty shillings apiece. Item I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Thomas Eastmead my black cow and I give and bequeath to the first child that he the said Thomas shall happen to have by my sister Elizabeth, his now wife, forty shillings. Item I give and bequeath to Agnes Davis my sister forty shillings. Item I give and bequeath to the said Agnes Davis my sister's first child forty shillings. Item I give and bequeath to each of my uncle Thomas Davis's children which now he has a lamb apiece. Item I give and bequeath to Margaret Fisar two indifferent lambs to be delivered her at shear time. Item whereas my father Robert Davis owes unto me six pounds my will is that it shall remain in his hands so long as my mother Katherine Davis and he live together but if either of them do die

and depart this life the survivor to pay the said sum to my executors. All the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable, my debts, legacies and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Humphrey Davis and William Davis my brethren whom I ordain & make executors of this my last will and testament. And I ordain and make Robert Davis my father and John Davis my uncle overseers of this my last will and testament.

Debts owed unto me

First William Long owes unto me four shillings and Richard Braine owes unto me four shillings.

Item the said Richard Braine has of mine a cow and Edward Eastmead a cow.

Item my uncle John Davis has of mine an ox and a cow and three and thirty pounds of wool.

And I owe to Edward Carpenter some small sum of money, I know not very well what.

Witnesses to this will: Robert Davis, William Davis, William Long and Thomas Cadle, the vicar there

Probate: 7 April 1602

1602/78

In the name of God, Amen. The 13th July in the 44th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Leonard Browne of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester being, thanks be to God, of perfect remembrance, do ordain, constitute & appoint this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God not doubting to be saved through the obedience, merits & sati(*torn*) of my saviour Christ. Item I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Browne my broad loom with the appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging. Item I do also give & bequeath to my said son Thomas my cupboard, table board & form which is now in the hall of my house & also the least of my cauldrons & one platter & one pottinger & also my greatest candlestick and also the lower bed, bedstead & that does belong unto him in the chamber where I lie & also the least coffer in the said chamber. Item I give unto my son-in-law William Hytcheman my best cloak & to my daughter Margery, being his wife, my little crock & unto Alice? their daughter one platter & to their daughter Mary one pottinger. Item I give to my son William one crock & also the board form & bedstead that is in the loft over the hall. Item all the rest of my goods whatsoever, my debts & legacies being discharged, I give & bequeath wholly unto Eleanor my daughter whom I make my sole executrix. I do appoint Richard Walter the elder of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid my overseer of this my said will.

Witness to this will: Edwar Mors, John Smyth

Probate: 7 August 1602

1602/103

In the name of God, Amen. The 6th January 1601 and in the 44th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Richard Otrudge of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, butcher, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following. First I do give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chipping Sodbury aforesaid. Item I do give and bequeath unto John Otrudge my son five pounds of good and lawful money of England. Item I give and bequeath unto Edith my daughter the like sum of five pounds and one sheet of d..lesse. Item I do give and bequeath to Agnes Otrudge

and Mary Otrudge my daughters to each of them the like sum of five pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto the said Edith and Agnes my daughters seven pillstows to be equally divided between them at the discretion of my overseers or one of them. Item I give and bequeath unto Maud Frye my aunt 10s. Item I give and bequeath unto Alice Hill my mother-in-law 10s. Item all the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable and unbequeathed I do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I make my whole executrix of this my last will and testament, to receive and take all such debts which are owing to me, to pay all such debts which I owe and to see me honestly brought to my grave. And I do ordain and appoint my uncle Thomas Burnell of Yate, gentleman, and Robert Warner of Chipping Sodbury to be the overseers of this my last will and testament. And my will also is that my brother Anthony Otrudge shall have the keeping and bringing up of two of my children, that is to say, Agnes and Edith together with their legacies and the other two, that is to say John and Mary with their portions of legacies shall be in the keeping of my uncle Thomas Burnell if it would please him to take them.

Witnesses to this my last will & testament are those whose names are subscribed:
Anthony Otrudge, Alice Hyll and others

Debts owing to the testator

Simon Codrington of Codrington esquire 32s

Other small debts amounting to the sum of 40s

Probate: 1 July 1602

1602/107

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st April in the 44th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Elizabeth etc I Richard Tomson of Chipping Sodbury in the diocese of Gloucester, being sick in body but whole in mind & in good & perfect memory, laud & praise be given to Almighty God, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. That is to say, first I commend my soul to Almighty God my saviour & redeemer & my body to the earth & of all such goods as God has lent me here to be divided as follows. First I give & bequeath to my daughter Marie one heifer, the hog of three years & the vantage, one little crock, 2 candlesticks, one of the least & one of the biggest, 2 platters, one bed & a bolster, one white coverlet, one posnet, a round table board, a coffer & a cupboard conditionally that her mother shall have the use of him during her life. Also I give & bequeath to my brother William Tomson all my wearing apparel. All the rest of my goods moveable & unmoveable, cattle & chattels I give wholly unto Marie my wife whom I make my whole executrix. Also I appoint John Legg & Robert Peaslie to be my overseers to see this my will fulfilled.

Item I owe to Richard Perkes of Porchmoth 5s.

Probate: 9 October 1602

1602/123

In the name of God, Amen. The 25th September in the 44th year of the reign of Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, I Thomas Hiatt of Yate in the county of Gloucester, weaver, sick in body but of perfect memory, do make this my last will wherein first I bequeath my soul into the hands of God & my body to the earth. Item I give to my daughter Marie my best pan. Item I give to my son Thomas my best crock. Item I give unto my daughter Dorothy my second best pan. Item I give to my daughter Martha my second best crock. Item I give to my daughter Alice my best cauldron. Item I give to my son John my broad loom with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, all which legacies & gifts my will is shall be delivered to all & singular my said children at the age of 21 years or at the day of every their marriage. All the residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable not given

or bequeathed I do give & bequeath wholly unto Joan Hiatt my wife whom I ordain, make & constitute my whole & sole executrix to receive my debts & pay my legacies & I do also ordain & appoint John Belsire & Robert Nele, tanner, my overseers that this my will be performed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand mark in the presence of Henry Baynham & Edward Knight

Probate: 16 November 1602

1602/128

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st June in the 44th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Thomas Franckline of Chipping Sodbury in the county of Gloucester, smith, do ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God & my body to be buried in such place as shall be thought convenient by my wife. And as concerning that talent which it has pleased God to bestow on me in this life, I do dispose thereof as follows. First I give & bequeath all my tools whatsoever in my shop belonging unto my occupation unto Thomas my son and also some of my best apparel. And as touching all my other goods whatsoever I give, my debts being paid, & bequeath to Joan my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my said will.

Witness to this will: John Smythe, Anchoret Farr

Probate: 7 August 1602

1603/14

In the name of God, Amen. The 3rd January 1602 and in the 45th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth I Edward Reed of Acton Turville in the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick and weak of body but of whole mind and of good and perfect remembrance, thanks be given to Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following. That is to say, first I commend and betake my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker, sanctifier and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Acton Turville above named. Item I give and bequeath to Humphrey Davis, the son of Robert Davis, in money five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to William Davis, the son of Robert Davis, in money five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Agnes Davis, the daughter of Robert Davis, in money five pounds. And my will is that the said money shall remain in the said Robert Davis' hands so long as Katherine, the now wife of the said Robert Davis, and the said Robert shall happen to live together. Item I give to Thomas Eastmead in money four pounds to be paid in manner aforesaid. Item I give to John Eastmead, the son of Thomas Eastmead, in money twenty shillings to be paid at the end of one year. Item I give to Joan Frie, the wife of Thomas Frie and daughter to Robert Davis, in money four pounds to be paid aforesaid when Humphrey, William and Agnes have theirs. Item I give to John Frie, the son of Thomas Frie, in money twenty shillings to be paid at the end of one year. Item I give to Alice Davis, the wife of John Davis, four kine, one in Francis Woodman's keeping, one in Thomas Frie's keeping, one in Edward Eastmead's keeping and one in William Long's keeping.

Item William Long owes unto me 7s

Item Edward Eastmead owes unto me 7s 4d

Item I give to Katherine Davis my sister in money 7s.

Item I owe to Margaret Davis my sister in money forty shillings

Item I owe to Thomas Wattes 2s 1d

All the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable, my debts, legacies and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Robert Davis my

brother-in-law whom I ordain and make whole executor of this my last will & testament. And I ordain and make Thomas Eastmead and Francis Woodman overseers of this my last will and testament.
Probate: 28 December 1603

1603/68

In the name of God, Amen. I Philip Clyff of Wapley, being sick in body but whole and of perfect mind and remembrance, do make and ordain this my will and testament in manner & form following. First I commit my soul unto God my maker and redeemer and my body to the ground to be buried in the church or churchyard in the parish of Wapley. For my worldly goods first I give unto my eldest son John two red bullocks and the bedstead in the parlour and the table board by. And I give my daughter Elizabeth one cow and the cupboard in the hall and a bed and all appurtenances to him and the great brass pan. And to my daughter Catherine one cow and a bedstead with a bed and all his appurtenances to him and the next great brass pan and the great new chest. And to my daughter Dorothy one cow and a bedstead & a bed with the best coverlet and all appurtenances to him and the greatest brass pot and the next greatest chest and the little table board in the great chamber. And to my son Henry an ox calf and a cow calf and a bedstead and a bed with all his appurtenances to him and a great coffer. And to my son Simon one ox calf and a cow calf and a bed and a bedstead with all appurtenances belonging to him and a coffer. And to my son Philip one cow and a bullock and the next great brass pot and a coffer and the board in the hall. These goods to remain to my wife as long as she keeps herself sole and chaste.

Confirming the debts I owe and the parties names

Moreover I owe unto Edward Tyler	£4
To Christopher Reede of Tormarton	£3 6s 8d
To John Byshop of Pucklechurch	£4
To Richard West of Westerly	£3
To Christopher Powel	56s 8d
To George Well of Sodbury	20s
To William Hankok of Yate	£14 10s

John Joacham does owe and confess himself indebted unto me at the making of my will the sum of £11 10s

I do appoint my wife to be my whole executor, to receive all my debts that is owing to me and to pay my debts that is due as according to true meaning. I do bequeath and appoint to be my overseers Thomas Joacham and James Joacham and Simon Smeth.

Probate: 6 March 1603

1603/100

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th June in the 41st year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, defender of the faith etc I Thomas Walker of the parish of Yate within the county of Gloucester, husbandman, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in form following. That is to say, first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in Christian burial. Item I give and bequeath unto Walter, son of Robert Walker my son, the long table board in the hall with the benches there, a coffer in the hall, a bedstead, the press in the inner chamber, also 2 garners over the hall, a joined form already delivered him, my osset loom with all that thereunto belongs and a warping bar. Item I give unto Mary, the daughter of Robert my son, 10s in money. Item I give unto Anne Atkyns my daughter 10 in money. Item I give unto Robert my son all the

glass and painted cloths in the house, all the wood about & in the houses and all the sawed timber about & in the houses. Item i give unto Margaret Stamborne a flock bed, a bolster, a pair of sheets and a coverlet. Item I give unto the poor of Yate 3s 4d. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto Alice my wife whom I make my whole executrix, to pay my debts & legacies. And I do appoint my overseers Robert Neale, smith, and John Walker my kinsman of Hilynd [Highleadon?]. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written.

Witness hereunto: Henry Baynham

Debts owing me

Robert Walker owes me 5s

Inventory £3 5s 2d

Probate: 11 January 1603