



Early Berkshire Wills, from the P.C.C., ante 1558.

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97.

The Will of SIR REYNOLDE BRAY, knyght.—4 August, 1503. To be buried in the church of the college of our Lady and Seint George wⁱⁿ the Castell of Wyndesore in the West ende and Southsyde of the same church within the Chapell there newe made by me for the same entent. To the freers of Gyldeforde where Johan my moder is buried cc^{li} of lawful money. Dame Kateryn my wif, Richard Braye my fader. To the said Dame Kateryn oon half of all my plate, &c. My feoffees in my manor of South Morton co. Berks, and Staunden co's Berks and Wilts, and all other my lands, &c. in Esthertyng, Westhertyng, Southertyng and Rogate co. Sussex and in the manor of Chelcheth co. Middx. to suffer my wif and her assignes to enjoy the issues thereof during her life. And whereas I have in my keping Elizabeth and Agnes, daughters and heirs of Henry Lovell, Squier, I will that the said Elizabeth be maried to oon of my nevwus, son unto my brother John Braye, And the said Agnes to another son of my said brother's, such as I or myn executors shall name or assigne. My manors, lands, &c. which late were of Sir William Radmyll, knyght the which I purchaced in the countie of Sussex. My maner of Fryfolk, Est Widhaye and Quidhampton co. Southt. unto my newew Richard Andrewes and Elizabeth his wif, daughter and heir of John Rogers. My lordships, maners, lands, &c. in the counties of Midds., Beds., Bukk, Northt., Warr., Berk., Oxon, Essex, Surr., Glouc., and Soms. My nephew Edmund Braye, son of my brother John Braye, under xxj. My nece Margery, wife of Sir William Sands, knight. To Alice my suster, wife of Richard Hyde, x. marc yerely for life. My neviu Robert Isaak, son of my suster Johane Isaak, and Jane his wife, daughter of John Ottun. My executors to performe the werke of the newe werks of the body of the church of the College of oure

Lady and Seint George within the castell of Wyndesore. A preeste ppetually to saye masse dailly in the said chapell, and placebo, and dirige, and other good orisons and prayers for my soule and for Dame Kateryn my wif after her daies, and for the soules of Richard Braye my fader, Johane my moder, &c. Maister William Smyth, Bisshop of Lincoln, Sir John Shaa, knight, Richard Emson, Maister Hugh Oldom, clerk, Symound Digby, Humfrey Connyngesby, Willm. Coope, John Cutte, and Nicholas Compton, executors, and I bequeath to every of theym xx^{li}. Witnesses, William Atkynson, Doctor of Divinitee, Mr. Thomas Stacy, clerk, Sir John Chynow, clerck, Willm. Heydon, Mr. Fraunces the physition, Mr. Lenacres the physicion, Fraunces Hampden, gent., John Webbe, Richard Crewe, George Banks, and Thomas Glastenbury.

Proved 28 November, 1503, by the executors. (26, Blamyr.)

98.

The Will of JAMES BRAYBROKE, of Abendon.—10 Feb., 1508. To be buried in the Abbey church of Abendon there as my tombe is made in the Chapell of o^r lady. To every psone of bothe almes houses in Abyndon vj^d. And to the bielydyng of the olde almes house in Abyndon xx^s. Also to a preest to syng for me at Seynt Katyns awter in Seynt Elyns church for oon yere vj^{li}. To Marget my doughter xl^{li} in money and in plate gilte and pcell gilte at iiij^s. iiiij^d. an unce. To Thomas Braybroke my son xl^{li} in money. To Elizabeth my daughter xl. mrc. in money and plate. To Johane Humfrey xl^s. beside the bequest of hir fader Thomas Humfrey. To myn eldest suster Alice xl^s. Also to the pisshe church of Kyngeston there as my suster Agnes lyveth, I bequeth my blake damaske gowne lyned w^t sarcenett to make a goodely vestment there for the soules of my suster Agnes and Anne Myllyngton to be praid fore. Also to John Whytyng, Esquyer, a gowne of tawney chamelett broderd w^t vellvet lyned w^t blake sarcenett. To Richard Braybroke my son atte London xx. mrcs. in money and my house in London, &c. To Johane Woodcok x. mrc. To Richard Braynche and his wif xl^s. Said children Thomas, Margarete and Elizabeth under eighteen years of age. My wife to have the choise of the house that I dwell yn orells my house in Est Seynt Elyns strete during her lif. Also I wyll that my wif have the wardeship of John Hogan during his noon age to thentent y^t she may fynde hym and sett hym the better forward, and all hir other childern. Johane Humfrey my wiff's doughter. My wif and Thomas Braybroke my son to have

the occupacon of all my fermys bothe of Wotton, Blakegrove, and Sandeford. To the vycar of Seynt Elyns for mystything x^a. Also I make my wif and Thomas my son executors. John Awdelet I make overseer. Thies beyng wittenesse, Mr. Henry Lesheman, vicar of Seynt Elyns, Maister Richard Gawnt, clerke, S^r Robert Lamnotte Seyntmary preest, Roger Mayot, William Barker, John Walker and many other.

Proved at Lamehith, xxviii March, 1509, by the relict and executrix. (12, Bennett.)

99.

The Will of MARGERY HARTCOURTE [formerly BRAYBROKE and HUMFREY] of Abendon, widowe.—8 May, 1523. To be buried in the Chapell of our lady wⁱⁿ the Monastery of Abendon beside James Braybroke, sumtyme my husbond. To the said Chapell I bequeth a chaleys with the corporas. I ordeyn an honest prest to syng and pray for me and Thomas Humfrey, Jamys Braybroke, and Richard Hartcourt, sumtyme my husbonds, in the church of Saint Elyn in Abyndon, for one hole yere. To the Abbey of Rewley in Oxenford xx^a. To the Austin freres in Oxforth, the church of Wotton, the church of Sandeforde, sundry bequests. My husbond, Thomas Humfrey, did bequeth to the ffraternitie of the Holy Rood in Saint Elyns, in Abyndon, the Myllhouse scyted in Otwell lane there, I bequeth to the said ffraternitie my house scited in West Saint Elyn strete, which I late purchased of John Branche. To my son Olyver Wellesburne, to Elizabeth Braybroke my daughter, to Margery Wellysburne, to Frysworth Wellysburne (both unmarried), to the next child of Johane Wellysburne. To Olyver O'gan, Margery, Alice, Bryget and Margaret, children of my daughter Margaret O'gan late decessed sundry bequests. To Thomas Braybroke my sonne the lands, &c. that his father Jamys and I purchased together joyntly, with remainder to Elizabeth Braybroke aforesaid and her heires. To every man and woman in the newe Almshous every weke eche of them a penny more than they have nowe, that is to say ix^d every weke to eu'ych of them. The residue to Thomas Braybroke my sonne, executour. Witnesses, Maister Thomas Roche, vicar of Saint Elyns, my curat, John Walker, Richard Langley, Richard Branche et aliis.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, 19 June, 1523, by the executor.
(10, Bodfelde.)

100.

The Will of THOMAS BRAYBROKE, of Abendon, gent.—28 Oct., 1541. To be buried in the churche or churche-yarde of Seynt Ellen of Abendon. I bequeth to every one of my childern twenty poundes. Unto James my eldest sone a standing cuppe w^t a cou' giltede. The residue of all my goodes I bequethe unto Katheryn my wyfe, whom I ordeyn and make my full and sole executrice. I make Thomas Hyde, gent., my ov'seer. Witnesses, William Druet, the brotherhed preest my goostly father, Richard Braunche and Thomas Erle, with other moo.

Proved, 26 Jan., 1541-2, by the relict and executrix. (1, Spert.)

101.

The Will of WILLIAM BREWE, parson of Milton, co. Berks.—24 April, 1506. To be buried in the chauncell of the pisshe churche of Milton, afore the Image of Seynt Blase. Item. I will and bequeth vj^s. viij^d pcell of the rent of my house in Oxford yerely to be payde to the rector and felowes of Exet. College in Oxford, and to their successors for ever. To the prioresse and Covent of Lytilingre and their successors xij^d yerely out of the same. The remnant of the rent of my said house to the proctors of the bretherhede of Seynt Thomas in Seynt Mary churche in Oxford, and to augmente the salary of the morow masse preest of Seynt Thomas ther. I bequeth to Mr. Philipp White a gowne furred w^t catt. To Mr. Thomas Baker my best bed. To John Smyth, of Drayton, my table in my hall called a counter. The said Mr. Thomas Baker, Mr. Philipp White, and John Smyth executors. And I make overseers the Rev'end fader in God Edmond, Bisshop of Sarum, and Alexander by the grace of God Abbot of Abendon. This wittnes Robert Fyncham, Willm. Yateman and John Wyblyn.

Proved at Lamehith, 9 May, 1506, by Mr. Thomas Baker.

(6, Adeane.)

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