

**The Taverner
Wills
Pre 1500**

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CALENDAR OF WILLS. COURT OF HASTINGS,
LONDON. VOLUME 1 & 2
1258- 1688.

1288

Will of Walter de Derdenne to Walter his son, an annual rent of 4 marks, and to Walter, son of Hugh Kote of St Edmund, houses tenanted by Christian le Taverner together with the reversion of the above rent.

1307

Will of John de Skinner to Tiphania wife of Christian le Taverner, and John, son of Margaret her daughter, his tenement in the parish of St John de Walebroke nere Horsho Brigge. Also to the said John, rents in the parish of St Michael de Paternoster Church in the lane called 'Le Owe'. (Le Bole?)

18th October 1329

Lucy Taverner (late wife of Ralph-le-Taverner) to Simon-de-Dallinge, tenements in the parish of St Dunston toward the Tower in Donestones Lane and elsewhere, charged with the maintenance of a chantery in the said parish church.

PRE 1400 WILLS OF TAVERNERS

I have searched the following sources for Taverner wills.

1. Wills and Administrations - Canterbury. 1396 - 1400. Zero Taverners.
2. P.C. & C Wills 1383 - 1400. Zero Taverners.
3. Wills in the York Registry 1389 - 1400. Zero Taverners.
4. Wills in the Lincoln Registry 1320 - 1400. Zero Taverners.
5. Callendar of Wills at the Court of ^uHastings London, Part 2 1258 - 1400.
Will of John-De-Weston 1374.
Will of Geoffrey-Le-Taverner at 'Le Bole' in Chepe.... to receive 40 s worth of ale.
6. Testamentary Records in the C.C. London Volume 1 1375 - 1400. Nil Taverner.
7. Index to Archdeaconry of London Probates 1363 - 1400. Nil Taverners.
8. Testamentary Records in the Archdeaconary Court London Volume 1 1363 - 1400. Nil Taverners.
9. Court of Sudbury - Index of Probate Records 1354 - 1400. Nil Taverners.
10. Hull, Will of Hugh Taverner 1335.
11. Hull, Will of Agnes Taverner 1332.

PRE 1500 WILLS

1. Wills and Admins Canterbury 1400 - 1500.
Thomas Taverner - STURRY 1494.
2. PC & C Wills 1400 - 1500.
1414 John Taverner of Kyngham, Chichester - 29 marches.
1466 Robert Taverner of Bromley, Kent - 17 godyn.
1488 Jony and also William Taverner of Sarum - 16 miles.
3. Wills in the York Registry.
1428 Richard Taverner of Nottingham Vol. 2 folio 530.
1429 John Taverner of Ripon - Chaplain Vol. 2 625.
1475 John Taverner als Betson - York-Vintner Vol. 4 107.
1448 Joan Taverner wife of Robert of York, admin Vol. 2 170.
1472 John Taverner - Rypon - admin Vol. 4 182.
1445 Richard Taverner - Nottingham - admin vol.2 102.
1429 Robert Taverner - Brydlington Vol. 2 626.
1485 Thomas - Kexby Vol. 3 292.
1408 Thomas - St Olaves, York vol. 5 575.
4. Lincoln Wills 1400 - 1500 Nil Taverners.
5. Callendar of Wills of the Court of ^uHastings London part 2,
1400 - 1500. Nil Taverners.
6. Testamentary Records in the C.C. London Vol. 1 1400 -1488.
1432 Taverner - Gybon Vol. 3 folio 310.
1468 Margaret widow of William Taverner Vol. 8 22V
1411 Taverner - Maud - Widow Vol. 2 195V.
1411 Taverner - Peter Vol. 2 196.
1405 Taverner - William - Paternoster maker Vol. 2 63.
1446 Taverner - William - Citizen & Tailor, St Christopher,
Vol. 4 192.
1454 Taverner - William Citizen & Girdler Herts and Essex,
Vol. 5 143V.
7. Index to Archdeaconry of London Probates 1400 - 1500.
1405 Alic Taverner of St Lawrence Pountney noncup 1. 147.
8. Testamentary records in the Archdeaconry Court, London Vol.
1. 1400 - 1500.
1405 Alic Taverner, St Lawrence Po Nuncup Vol.1 147.
9. Court of Sudbury - Index of Probate records 1400 - 1500. Nil
Taverners.
10. Leicester Wills - 1494 - 1500. Nil Taverners.

11. Wills at CC of London Vol VI.
John Taverner - St Sep ref. Excom. 1441 9 - 148V.
12. Will - Worcester 1451 - 1500. Nil Taverners.
13. Suffolk - Probate - Archdeacon 1444 - 1500.
1488 Ann Taverner of Henley R1 - 68.

Here follows the transcripts of the following wills:-

- 1405 William Taverner, ~~Paternoster~~^s maker. *Paternoster*
- 1405 Alice Taverner buried at St Lawrence Pultney.
- 1411 Peter Taverner of St Botolph, Bishopsgate.
- 1411 Maud Taverner, Admin.
- 1432 Gybon Taverner, Admin.
- 1446 William Taverner Citizen and Tailor.
- 1454 William Taverner Citizen and Girdler.
- 1467 Margaret Taverner wife of William who died 1454.

Will of William Taverner. 1405

In the name of God, Amen.

On the twenty eighth day of the month of March, in the year of our lord one thousand four hundred and five,

I, William Taverner, "Pater Noster" [?Prayer Book, ?Rosary] Maker, being of whole mind, make my will in this manner.

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to all the Saints, And my body to be buried in the Churchyard of St Sepulchre at Newgate, London.

Item, I leave to the high altar of the aforesaid church, 12d.

Item, I leave to the Vicar of the same church, 12d.

Item, to each Chaplain celebrating mass in the same church, 4d.

Item, to each priest, 2d.

Item, to the fabric of the same church, 6s 8d.

Item, to the Fraternity of St Sepulchre, in the same church, 3s 4d.

Item, to the Fraternity of St Hilda, in the church of St Michael Cornhill, 20d.

Item, I leave to Joan Argent one Keverlyt [coverlet] and one Blanket.

The true residue of all my goods not bequeathed above, I give and leave to my executors under written, to dispose of for the health of my soul and for the souls of all the departed faithful, just as they shall wish to dispose of it.

Moreover I constitute, make and ordain my executors of this my will, that is to say, John Martyn, Chaplain, John Spayne and Hugh Chayter.

In witness whereof to this my present will I have affixed my seal.

Given at London on the day and year abovesaid.

Probate of the Will of William Taverner

This will was proved before us, the president, the See of London being vacant,

On the second day of the month of April in the year of our Lord abovesaid,

And approved etc,

And administration of all the goods concerned with the said will was granted to the within-named Executors, and admitted by them, those same being sworn in form of law etc.

Will of Alice Taverner, 1405

Memorandum that on the 19th day of the month of October, in the year of our lord one thousand four hundred and five.

Alice Taverner, being in good memory, made her nuncupative will, in this manner.

First she bequeathed her soul to God, and her body to be buried in the Churchyard of St Lawrence Pulteney.

Item, she left to the high altar of the same church, for her tithes forgotten, 12d.

Item, she left to Sir Robert Ely, Chaplain, 20s.

Item, she left to the chief priest 8d.

Item, she left to the under clerk 6d.

Item, she left to Alice Weston one cloak with a gown.

Item, she left to Simon Chaude 12d.

Item, she left to John Hare 12d.

Item, she left to Margaret Standon, her sister, 10s.

Item, she left to William Taverner one complete lock with weighted tumblers[?], with diverse hustlements [odds and ends].

Item, she left the residue of her goods to Robert Savage and Thomas Snow, to pay her debts, and to act for the health of her soul and for those of all the departed faithful, just as may seem best to please God and to profit the health of her soul.

These being witnesses, Sir Robert Ely, Chaplain, Simon Webbe and John Hare.

Probate of the Will of Alice Taverner

This [will] was proved etc on the 7th day of the month of November in the year of our Lord abovesaid.

And administration of all the goods contained in the aforesaid will was granted to the abovesaid Executors, they being first sworn in form of law, and admitted by the same.

Will of Peter Taverner. 1411

In the name of God. Amen.

On Wednesday, the first day of the month of April, in the year of our lord one thousand four hundred and eleven.

I. Peter Taverner, residing in the parish of St Botolph, Bishopsgate, London, being of whole mind and healthy memory, make my present testament and last will in this manner.

First I leave and commend my soul to Almighty God, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to all the Saints,

And my body to be buried in the Churchyard of St Botolph abovesaid, that is to say, in the place near the cross where the bodies of my children lie buried.

Item, I leave to the high altar of the same church, for tithes and oblations forgotten and underpaid, 3s 4d.

Item, I leave for making new vestments and bells for the same church, 26s 8d.

Item, I leave to each priest celebrating mass in the same church for a year 4d.

Item, I leave to the chief priest of the same church, 3s 4d, and to the underclerk 6d.

Item, I leave to John Bedford junior, 12d.

Item, I leave at the marriage of Joan my daughter, ten marks sterling, And I will that the said ten marks should be in the keeping of Clarissa my wife until the full age of my aforesaid daughter Joan, if the said Clarissa be not married.

And if it should happen the aforesaid Clarissa to be married after my decease, then I will that the aforesaid ten marks should be in the keeping of William Marowe, blacksmith and chariotmaker, residing in the same parish, until the full age of my aforesaid daughter.

And if it should happen the aforesaid Joan my daughter to die before her full age, then I will that the aforesaid ten marks should be disposed for the health of my soul, and those of my children, and of all the departed faithful, by Clarissa my Executrix, and by her Executors, as best they know how, as they would wish to answer before the Supreme Judge.

Item, I leave to be distributed between the poor people imprisoned in Ludgate and in great need, 13s 4d.

The true residue of all my goods not bequeathed above, after my debts have been paid and legacies fulfilled, I give and leave to Clarissa my wife, that she may order and dispose thereof for the health of my soul, according as may seem best to her so to do.

And for the Execution of my present will, so that it may be well and faithfully done and performed, I also constitute Clarissa my wife my Executrix, and William Aldewynche my Overseer, in the presence of these witnesses following, that is to say,

Sir John Philipp, Rector of the aforesaid Church, William Marow, William Swetekok, John Tysse, and other trustworthy men of the same parish, all being present in the same place on the day and in the place abovesaid.

Probate This will was proved before us, James Sole, priest, Reverend Father in Christ etc, Commissary General, On the thirteenth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and eleven. And administration of all the goods etc [of the said deceased] was granted to the Executrix named in the said will. And she was admitted by the same, in form of law, etc.

Administration of Maud Taverner. 1411

Marginal notes; Paul's
Grant of the goods ... Taverner

Memorandum:

That on the 15th of the month of May in the year of Our Lord
M CCCC eleven [1411]

Administration was granted of all the goods of Maud Taverner
widow, who lately died intestate.

To John Baldak, chandler, the administrator lawfully deputed
in that regard by our office,

And admitted by the same.

Handwritten Latin text, likely a legal document or record, mentioning names like Baldak and Taverner, and dates like 1411.

Handwritten Latin text, likely a continuation of the legal document or record.

Maud (Maudilla) Taverner

Ms. 9171/2/195v.

Will of William Taverner, 1446

Ref MS 9171/4/182

In the name of God, Amen.

On the 29th day of the month of June in the year of Our Lord 1446, and in the 23rd year of the reign of the 6th King Henry after the conquest,

I, William Ta[verner], Citizen and Tailor of London, being of whole mind and in good memory, make, ordain and dispose my present testament and last will in this manner.

First I leave and recommend my soul to almighty God my creator and saviour, to the Blessed Virgin Mary [his] mother, and to all his Saints,

And my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of of Saint Christopher in London, by the tomb of my late wife in the same place.

Item, [I give] to the high altar of the same church, for my tithes and oblations withheld, and in exoneration of my soul, 3s 4d.

Item, I leave to Richard Ar... my cousin, one maser [ornate goblet] bound in silver, and 6 silver spoons, 1 pair of blankets valued at 3s, 1 coverlet and 1 pair of incense boats.

[Item] I leave towards the relief and sustenance of the poor young men having enjoyed the art of Tailoring, in London, 6s 8d.

Item, I leave to the sustenance of those having enjoyed the art of Peltry, in London 20d.

The residue indeed of all and singular my goods, chattels and debts whatsoever, after my debts [and] funeral charges be paid, this my testament completed, and my burial done and performed, I give and leave to Katherine my wife, to do and perform therewith at her own free will, as her own proper goods for ever.

Nonetheless I will and charge the same Katherine my wife that she ... thereof for my soul, just as she might wish that I should do for her in a similar case.

Moreover I make, ordain and constitute in faith [executors] of this my testament, that is to say, the aforesaid Katherine my wife, and Thomas Frere, Citizen and Brewer of London, to whom I leave, for his labour, 3s 4d.

In witness whereof to this my present testament I have affixed my seal.

Given in London on the day and year abovesaid

Probate of the Will of William Taberner

This present will was proved before us, J K, Commissary etc, on the second day of July in the year of Our Lord abovesaid [ie in a previous entry in the register],

And administration was granted [to the executors] named in the same will, and they have their acquittance.

Could be - of North Elmham

Gybon Taverner 1432

Ref 9171/3/310

Memorandum that, on the 7th day of the month of August, in the year of Our Lord 1432,

Administration was granted, of all the goods of Gybon Taverner, who lately died intestate, to Cicely, the relict of the same,

She being first admitted by the same, by authority, by corporal oath.

Will of William Taverner 1546

Ref MS 9168/11/13

Westham

The Will of William Taverner

On the 17th day of April, before Master Crook, Commissary,

And the will of the said deceased was proved by him,

By the oath of Agnes Ryan, the executrix,

To whom was granted administration etc. She being first sworn etc, Saving all rights etc.

And she has to exhibit an Inventory 3rd [?by the third week]

Nothing known.

In mercy to the Lord.

Letters of Administration re John Taverner

Ref MS 9050/6/106

The will of John Taverner, late whilst he lived of the parish of Saint Augustine in the City and Archdeaconry of London, deceased,

Was proved on the twenty second day of the month of October aforesaid,

Before Master Rowland Jennings, clerk, surrogate etc,

By the oath of Eleanor Taverner, the relict and executrix,

To whom etc, well etc, saving rights etc.

[Inventory to be exhibited by the Feast of] St Andrew.

Inventory Exhibited £331 12s 3d.

Letters of Administration re Mary Taverner, 1612

Ref MS 9050/5/19

The will of Mary Taverner, late of the parish of Saint Botolph outside Aldersgate in the Archdeaconry aforesaid, widow, deceased,

Was proved on the 31st day of the month and year aforesaid,

Before Master William Croke, Bachelor of Laws, surrogate etc,

By the oath of Matthew Kempster [or Hempster], brother and executor etc,

To whom etc, well etc, saving rights etc.

He has for [producing] an Inventory etc

[Inventory to be exhibited by the Feast of] All Souls.

Will of William Taverner 1454

In the name of God, Amen.

On the twenty second day of the month of November, in the year of our lord one thousand four hundred and fifty four,

And indeed in the thirty third year of the reign of the Sixth King Henry of England after the Conquest,

I, William Taverner, Citizen and Girdler of the City of London, being of whole mind and in good memory, make, constitute and ordain my present testament, containing my last will, in this manner, as follows.

First I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God, my Creator and Redeemer, to the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother, and to all the Saints. And my body to be buried in the southern part of the Church of St Michael, in Wood Street, London.

Item. I leave for the fabric of the roof of the same church, to have my burial in the same place, and so that the parishioners of the aforesaid church may pray for my pious soul, 20s.

Item. I leave to the high altar of the same church, for my tithes and oblations forgotten and underpaid, and so that the Rector of the same church may likewise pray for my pious soul, 20s.

Item. I leave to William Elan, to pray for my soul, 20s.

Item. I leave to Joan the daughter of Joan my sister. 8 marks sterling.

Item. I leave to Thomas Boce, my apprentice, 8 marks sterling.

Item. I leave to William Palmer, my servant, 20s.

The true residue of all and singular my goods, moveable and unmoveable, wherever they may be, after my debts have been first paid and my body interred, I leave to Margaret my wife and William my son, whom I make, ordain and constitute executors of this my present will, to be divided and parted equally between them.

Item, I will and bequeath that the said Margaret my wife should have to her, for the term of her life, all that my tenement in which I now dwell, together with its contents, additions, and other its appurtenances, in the parish of Saint Michael aforesaid,

And all that common land, rent and services, with its appurtenances, which I have in Bishops Hadham in the County of Hertford,

And after the decease of the same Margaret all and singular the tenements, lands, rent and services, with their appurtenances, should remain to the aforesaid William my son, his heirs and assigns.

And all my other lands, tenements, rents and services, with their appurtenances, which I have, both in the City of London and in the County of Essex, or elsewhere. I will that the said William my son should have, to him, his heirs and assigns for ever.

(New Broad Street)

And I will and agree. beseech and desire, all those who are feoffees, to my use, in any of my lands and tenements, to allow this my last will to have force, and to be executed, in all ways, so far as in them lies or is able to lie.

In witness whereof to this my aforesaid last testament containing my last will I have affixed my seal.

Given at London on the day and year abovesaid.

Probate of the Will of William Taverner

This abovesaid will was proved before us, H. S., Doctor of Laws, etc.

On the last day of the month of November in the year of our Lord abovesaid.

And [administration] was granted to the abovenamed Executor.

Will of Margaret Taverner. 1467

In the name of God Amen.

On Sunday, the penultimate day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand CCCC lxxvii [1467] and in the seventh year of the reign of the fourth King E[dward] after the conquest.

I, Margaret Taverner of London, widow, being whole of mind and in good memory, [thanked be] the Highest, constitute, ordain and make this my present will in this manner.

First I leave my soul to almighty God my creator, and to his mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to all the saints.

And my body to be buried in the church of Saint Michael [Wood] Street, London, where William Taverner my late husband lies buried.

Item. I leave to the high altar of the same church, for my [tithes and] oblations forgotten or underpaid, 40s.

Item. I leave to the fabric of the nave of the said church, 20s.

Item. I leave to be distributed [amongst] the poor, at the discretion of William Taverner my son, 10s.

Item. I leave to Richard Fowcher, chaplain, my godson, [to pray] for my soul, 20s.

Item. I will that my servants should be paid according to the discretion of the said William my son.

Item. [I give] to the Rector of the said church of Saint Michael, that he might pray for my soul, my small bound maser [ornate goblet] with silver gilt.

And indeed the residue of all my goods unbequeathed, my debts paid and my legacies performed, I give and leave to William my son, that he may order and dispose of them for my soul, just as may seem best to him to please God, and for the health of my soul.

Which certain William my [son] I make, ordain and constitute executor of this my will.

In witness whereof I have, to this my present will, affixed my seal.

Given on the day and year abovewritten.

Probate of Will of Margaret Taverner. 1468

The abovewritten will was proved before Master William Wyldre Commissary on the 24th day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand CCCC lxxviii [1468], and administration of the goods was granted to the executor abovewritten.

Will Summary.

Date 22 Nov 1454

Will of William Taverner

Citizen & Grodler of London

To be buried in st Michael, Wood St

wife Margaret

Children William

} Executors

Other relations.

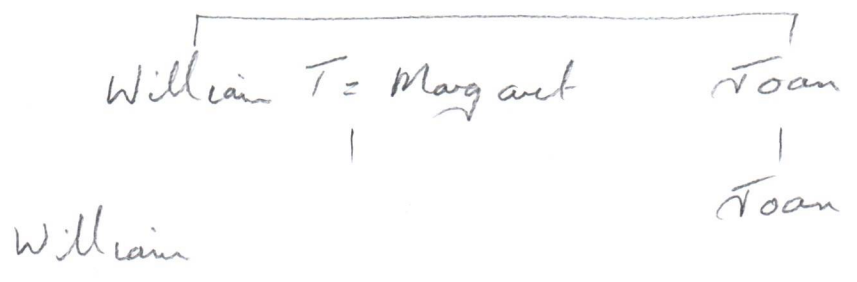
Sister Joan's daughter Joan.

Property. Tenement in which I dwell in st Michael.

Land, rent & Services in Bishops Hadham, Herts.

Land, Rents & Services in City of London & Co Essex or else where.

Also See Margarets will (1467)



Others named

W^m Elan to pray for his Soul.

Thos. Bore, my apprentice
W^m Palmer my servant.

in 1467 Margaret died leaving the estate to William.

She wanted

Richard Fowler, Chaplain, my Godson "to pray for my Soul."

Will of William Taverner, 1466

PRO ref PROB11/5

In the name of God, Amen.

On the fourth day of the month of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand four hundred and sixty six,

And in the sixth year of the reign of the Fourth King Edward after the conquest.

I, William Taverner, gentleman, being of whole mind and in good memory, may the Highest One be praised, constitute, make and ordain my present testament, containing my last will, in this manner.

In the first place I leave and commend my soul to Almighty God, my creator and redeemer, to the most Blessed Virgin Mary his mother, and to all the holy company,

And my body to be buried in the church of Saint Martin by Ludgate, London.

Item, I leave to the high altar of the parish church of Saint Peter, at Bromley in the County of Kent, where I am a parishioner, for my tithes and oblations forgotten or underpaid, 12d.

Item, I will that one hundred masses be celebrated for my soul, as soon as may be possible after my decease.

Item, I will that William Bavowe [?in error for Barowe], my co-feoffee of and in all that my tenement, with its appurtenances, in which I dwell, situated in the parish of Bromley aforesaid, as soon as may be after my decease, by his indented deed, should make, or cause to be made, to Alice my wife, an estate of and in the same tenement, with all its appurtenances,

To have and to hold it, to the same Alice my wife, during the life of the same Alice, of the chief lord of the fee in that place, for services thence first due and customary in law.

And after the decease of the the same Alice, I will that the aforesaid tenement, with all its appurtenances, should wholly remain to William Taverner, my son, to have and to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

Item, I leave to Alice Taverner my daughter, my best gown, of colour crimson, in kermes dye, with a hood of marten-fur.

Item, I leave to Angela Taverner, my daughter, my deep red gown, of two colours, with a black "lynyng" [lining].

The true residue of all my goods not bequeathed above, my debts being paid, my funeral expenses discharged, and this my present will performed, I give and leave wholly to the aforesaid Alice my wife, to deal with thereof at her own free will, as her own goods and chattels, and so that she herself my order and dispose of them for my soul, just as may seem best to her, to please God, and to profit the health of my soul.

Which certain Alice my wife I make and ordain to be executrix of this my present will, with William Brayne, father of the said Alice my wife, coexecutor with the said Alice my wife to this my present will.

I constitute the aforesaid William Barowe supervisor of my same will.

In witness whereof I have put my seal to this my present will.

Given at London on the day and year abovesaid.

Probate of the Will of William Taverner

The abovementioned will was proved at Lambeth

On the second day of the month of March in the year of Our Lord abovesaid [ie further back in the register; not necessarily 1466]

And approved etc,

And administration of all and singular the will goods [of the said deceased] was granted to Alice, the relict, the executrix named in the said will,

She being first sworn

Well etc to administer [the same] etc,

And to render a full inventory of the goods etc before the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James next coming,

And indeed to render a full Account etc,

With power reserved to to grant [administration to the coexecutor] etc.

Will Summary.

Date 4/oct/1466.

Will of William Taverner
status Gentleman

Places named

To be buried at St Martin, Ludgate
London.

Parish house in Bromley, Kent, St Peter's
church.

Wife - Alice ne Brayne.

● Children Son, William

Da. Alice

Other relations Da Angela

Father-in-law W^m Brayne.

Also See:-

W^m Brayne

W^m T = Alice .

d 1466



Others named.

William Barowe.

Co-feeffer of a Tenement
in Bromley. to be passed
down to Alice on his
death to W^m

Comments.

Executrix

Alice, wife and
to father W^m Brayne.
William Barowe.
Supervisor.

Will proved at
Lambeth.