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**1500 - 1600**

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Probate of Will of John Taverner of St Mary Magdalen. 1509

Of the same (Saint Mary Magdalen) - concerning the schedule

John Taverner

Joan the relict the executrix

On the sixth of July she appeared and exhibited the will

To which said relict administration [was granted], she being charged to accurately make, and to exhibit, an inventory before Friday next.

*John Taverner = Joan T.  
died 1509.*

*James Wallys droffer ab ...  
the Wallys*

*John Taverner  
Mar 9.16 8. 3/12*

Will of Walter Taverner of North Weald Bassett, 1523

In the name of God, Amen, the yer of our Lord God 1523, the 23rd daie of January.

I, Walter Taverner, of the parysshe of North Wyld Bassett, in the County of Essex, gentilman,

Of hole wytt and perfyte remembrance, maketh this my last wylle or testament in forme and manner as here foloweth.

In primis I bequeath my soule to allmyghti God, to our Lady Saint Mary, and to alle the holy company of hevyn,

And my body to be buried in the church yard of Saynt Androw in the said parysshe.

Item I bequeath to the hyghe aultar for my tythes forgotten 12d.

Item I bequeath to our Lady aultar 2 candelstyckes of Lateyne.

Item I bequeath to our Lady of Pytie 2 pound wax.

Item I bequeath to Kateryne my dawter one red bullock.

Item I bequeath to John my sone one baye colte.

Item I bequeath to Rauff my son foure nobulles.

Item I bequeath to Alice my dawter one calfe of a yere olde.

Item I bequeath to Thomas Morse 2s.

Item I bequeath to Margarette Taverner 2s.

Item I bequeath to my brother Androw Taverner 10s.

Item I bequeath to Jane my dawter 3s 4d.

Item I bequeath for one trentall of masses to be songe for my soule, my fader and moders soule, and all those soules I am bound to praye for, 10s.

Item I wylle that my howse, with alle thinges belongyng to yt, lyeng in the parysshe of Rokyswelle, to be sold to the most profyte that may be, and the money to be devyded among my children equally, to Walter, Rauf, John, Phane, Kateryne and Alice, and every one of them to be others heyres,

Excepte 6s 8d of the said money, the wiche I bequeath to the parysshe churche of Rokyswell, to be praid for.

Also I wylle that Alyce my wyfe shalhave my howse and my lande liyng in the parisshe of Margaretyng duryng her lyff,

And after her decesse, I Wylle that the seid house and londe shall remayne unto my sonne Water and to hys heires laufully begotten,

And yf my sonne Water have no heires of hys body laufully begotten, that thene the seid house and landes remayne to my next heire and to hys heires for ever.

The Resydew of my goodes, my Dettes paide and my wylle fulfilled, I gyve theym unto Alys my wyff, frelye to dispose for my soule as she thynkyth best,

And thirof I make myne Executours Alys my wyff and Water my sonne.

Also I wylle that John Colyne of Wrettyll be my supervysour, to see that my Wylle be fulfilled accordyng to my mynde.

These Witnesses, Sir Thomas Wylkynsone, John Dowset, George Hynde, with others more.

The day and yere abovesaid.

Probate of the Will of Walter Taverner. 1524

This present abovementioned will was proved on the 24th day of the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and twenty four.

Before the Official of our Lord the Archdeacon of Essex.

And by him approved etc.

And administration of all and singular the goods etc was granted to the executors named in the same will.

They being first sworn in due form of law etc.

Glossary

In primis	First, in the first place
Lateyne	Alloy similar to brass
Pytie	Pity
Nobulles	Nobles, coins worth 6s 8d
Trentall	A series of thirty masses
Songe	Sung
Fader	Father
Moder	Mother
Phane	?Error for Jhane, ie Jane? Or possibly badly written Johane, also meaning Jane?
Praid	Prayed
Shalhave	Shall have
Water	Walter
Frelye	Freely
Thirop	Thereof
Sir	Courtesy title for a Vicar

Jane

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846  
 In the name of god Amen the tenth day of July in the year of our lord  
 my godfather the honorable twentieth & thirtieth of June Cabot's wife in the year of  
 the first year in the reign of Edward the sixth daughter and widow of  
 the said Jane had made for my godfather & left well in manner & forms following  
 I witness of god and to be made my soul be Almightie god my maker  
 the said Jane's body to be buried in the church of St. Dunstons of London  
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Com well

20/-  
 I am I give for my beegew bird and for the square of four one part of  
 ground of 22 ft 6 in to son of my good will I am I give to my wife  
 Mary of Donhallow my finger with a buckle of gold in it I am I give to  
 the said Mary of Donhallow my silver of 2000, which I have given  
 I am I give for the said Mary my black cloth gowne of gold work with  
 & my gogony of silver of 2000, which I have given  
 I am I give to my wife of Donhallow & my little black  
 a silver hat is for the said Mary of Donhallow & my little black

My head  
neck  
wote  
black



Re: Porto  
 Edg Marshall

Elizabeth y<sup>e</sup> Donyhallow 2000 y<sup>e</sup> Donyhallow 2000  
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 of 60 or 70 or that he be obliged amongst them that are living of  
 the hire of 20 or 30 shillings / Item 5 shillings for y<sup>e</sup> Doctor of y<sup>e</sup> Donyhallow for y<sup>e</sup> aggraunt  
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Grant Gasage

Will of John Taverner, 1531

In dei nomine Amen [In the name of God, Amen].

The 27th day of November in the yere of our lorde God M 5C XXXI [1531] and in the 21st yere of the reigne of our souveraine lorde Kinge Henry the 8th,

I, John Taverner, cytizin and Stacioner of London, beinge of good and hole mynde, laude and praysinge be unto allmighty God, make and ordeigne this my present testament and laste will in maner and fourme Followinge, that is to saye,

Furst I gyve and recomend my soule unto allmighty God my maker, Saviour and redemer, and to the moste glorious virgin his mother our lady Saint Marye, and to Saint John the Evangelist myne advourye [?advower, advocate], and to all the blyssid cumpany of hevyn, and to the protexion of my good aungell,

And I will that my sinfull body be buryed in the chapell of Saint Anne and Saint Thomas the Martir within Pardon churche yarde of the cathedrall church of Saint Paule of London, in the south side of the same chapell, under the tombe there whiche I have made to my costis and chargis [costs and charges] for a memoriall of my dethe,

And after my body so buried, than I will that after suche debtes and duties as I owe to any personne or personnes, of right or consciens, be furst and foremost and before all thinges truly content and paid,

And after my debtes so paid, Than I will that all my goodes, debtes, plate, juelles and redy mony shalbe devidid into 3 equall partes and porcions,

Wherof I give and bequethe unto Anne my wif one equall parte in the name of her purpate, to her belonging according to the laudable use and custome of this Cittie of London.

Allso I gyve and bequethe unto Nicholas my sonne and to Margaret my daughter another parte or porcion of my said gooddes, for the reasonable porcion, to them belonging according to the said laudable custome of the said cytti, to be delyvered unto them, and ether of them, as thei shall come and be of lafull age or mariage,

And if it fortune any of my said childerne to decease before that they shall come to their lawfull age or mariage,

Then I will that the parte or porcion of him or of hir so deceasing shall holy remayne unto the survivour of them.

And the thirde equall parte or porcion of my said goodes I only reserve unto my selfe, for th'accomplyshment of this my present testament and last will in maner and fourme folowing herafter, that is to witt,

Furst I gyve and bequeth to the high aulter of the parochie church of Saint Faithe, where I am parochian [a parishioner], for my tithes forgotton and necligently withholdin, in discharging of my soule, 6s 8d.

Item, I will that there be spent about the charges of my funeralles, £20, saving I will that there be £5 therof be deductid out of the same somme of £20 to be disposed for my soule amonges poore people, and specially to pore housholders of the said paroch of Saint Faithe, on the day of my masse of requiem, and on the morrow next after.

Item, I will that an honest preest of good name and fame shall singe and say masse for my soule and all cristen soules during the space of 3 yeres next Immediatly after my deceas, in the paroch church of Saint Faithe,

And I will that the same preest, during the said 3 yeres, shalbe ayding at helpinge of all dyme [tithe] service that shalbe saide and doone within the said paroch church of Saint Faithe, as other preestis of the same church shall use to say and doo,

And allso I will that the same preeste shalhave no benefice nor service in any other placeduring the said 3 yeres.

Item, I give and bequethe unto the forsaid preest, for his salarye and waxis, every yere, yerely during the said 3 yeres, £6 13s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth unto the paroch church of Hatfelde Brodoke, where I was borne, to have my soule praied for, 5s, to by [buy] therewith suche thing as the same church shalhave most nede of,

And I gyve and bequethe 6s 8d for a dirige [dirgel] and masse of Requiem to be said and songe for my soule, and all chrispen [christian] soules, within the said paroch church of Hatefelde Brodoke.

Allso I gyve 5s in mony to be disposed amonges the pour people of the same paroch of Hatfelde Brodoke, to th'entent [the intent] that they shall pray for my soule.

Item, I gyve and bequeth unto the paroch church of Takeley, for like use and entent, 5s, and to the poure people of the same paroch, to pray for my soule, 5s.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to my brother John and to his wife, 20s, and one of my furrid [furred] gownes.

Item, I geve and bequeth unto my brother Henry and to his wife, 20s, and one of my furrid gownes.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to Nicholas Clerke and to his wife, 6s 8d.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to Henry Clerke, a blacke gowne.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to his Suster [sister], a blacke gowne.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to William Wallys, myn apprentice, 5 markes, to be delyvered unto him when he shall comme out of his apprenticehodd.

Item, I gyve and bequethe unto Roger, myne apprentice, a blacke gowne.

Item, I bequeth to Robert Austen, dwelling at Algate, 3s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to the blacke friers and the graye friers, and to either of them, if they be present at my buriall, 5s.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to the prisoners of Ludgate and Newgate, that is to say, to every prison house of them, 5s, to be bestowid in brede [bread] for the pore prisoners.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to the 4 chaurtrie preestis belonging and singinge in the forsaid Chapell of Saint Anne and Saint Thomas, to pray for my soule, every of them, 3s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequethe unto the brithered of pappey [Brothers of Papey], and the clerkes in London, every of them, 3s 4d, to pray for my soule.

Item, I gyve and bequeth unto my craft of Stacioners 6s 8d.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to John Turnour and Thomas Symon, which were my servantes, to every of them, 3s 4d, to pray for my soule.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to the forsaid paroch church of Saint Faithes, two torches, there to serve and to honour God and the blyssid sacrament, as longe as they shall endure.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to the paroch church of Saint Michaell at Querne, for like entente, one torche.

Item, I gyve and bequethe unto the parishe church of Saint Gregories besides Paules, one torche, there to serve to th'entente aforsaid.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to Sir [courtesy title for a priest] David Owen, preest, a gowne without lynning.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to Sir William Rayner, preest, to pray for my soule, a blacke gowne.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to Nicholas Taverner, my brother Henry sonne, and his wife, 3s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to John Taverner, my brother John eldist sonne, and his wife, 3s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to Thomas Taverner, my brother John sonne, 3s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to John Stonard, my kinsman, and his wife, 3s 4d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to Maister Curleis one of my beest sponis [best spoons].

Item, I gyve and bequethe to Maister Welles the other of my best sponis.

The residue of my said thirde parte of all my said goodis, debtes, plate and redy mony by me unbequethid after my debtes paid, the costis of my buriall doon, and this my present testament and last will in all thinges performed and fullfillid, I holy [wholly] gyve and bequeth unto my said executours hereunder named,

They to dispose the same amonges my pore kynnesfolkes, and in other good dedis [deeds] of charite and pittie, for the welch [wealth] of my soule as shalbe thought by them most best after their discrecions,

And of this my present testament and last will I make and ordeyne myne Executours the forsaid Anne my wife and Nicholas my sonne,

And supervisours or overseers of the same my said testament and last will, I make and ordeyne Master Doctour Bright and John Clampard Citizyn and haberdassher of London.

I gyve and bequeth unto the said Maister Doctour Bright for his labour and buysines in that behalfe my little masser [maser] with a katern hole in the bothem, and I gyve and bequeth unto the said John Clamparde, for his labour and busynes in that behalfe, a blacke gowne price 20s sterling.

Yeven [given] the day and yere abovesaid.

These being witnesse Master Sharnbroke, Sir Richard Dalcoy, Sir David Owen and Maister William Falke, with others mo [more].

Probate of the Will of John Taverner, 1531

The abovewritten will was proved before the lord at Lambeth

On the last day of the month of November in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and thirty one,

By the oath of Anne, the relict, and Nicholas Taverner, the Executors named in the Will,

And approved and favoured,

And administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased was granted to the aforementioned executors,

They being first sworn, on God's Holy Gospel, in due form of law,

Well and faithfully etc [to administer the same],

And to make a full and faithful inventory etc,

And indeed to render a clear and true account.

Will of Anne Taverner, 1537

PRO ref PROB11/27

In the name of God, Amen.

The third day of December in the yere of our Lorde God M 5C XXXVII [1537] and in the 29th yere of the Reigne of our soveraigne Lorde, King Henry the 8th,

I, Anne Taverner, widowe, of the parisshe of Saint Feith in the Cytie of London, late the wife of John Taverner, Citizen and Stacioner of London, decosed,

Seke in body, but never the lesse hole of mynd and perfect memorye, lawde and prayinge be to allmighty God, make and ordeyne this my present testament, conteyning therein my last will, in manner and forme following, that is to saye,

First I bequeath my soule unto allmighty God, to our blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgyn, and to all the saintes in hevin,

And my bodey to be buried in the Chappell of Saint Anne in Pardon church yarde, next unto the Cathedrale Church of Saint Paule in London, where my said late husband lyeth buried in the Chappell of Saint Anne.

Item, I bequethe to the Highe Aultar of the parrisshe of Sainte Feith aforesaid, where I am a parisshioner, in discharging of my conscience for tythes and oblacions by me negligently unpaid, or withholden, 6s 8d.

Item, I give to the brotheres of pappy [Brothers of Papey, a fraternity in Aldgate], to be at my buriall, 5s.

Item, I bequethe to the companye of Clerkes, 3s 4d.

Item, I bequethe to the black Freres [Black Friars], to be at my buriall, 10s.

Item, to the whyte freres [White Friars], in like manner, 10s.

Item, I will that there shalbe a Trigintall [thirty] masses celebrated and said for me in the said church of Saint Faith, the one half therof to be said after my departing, and the other half in the daye of my buriall.

Item, I will that an honest preest shall sing in the said church of Saint Faith for my soule, my said late husbandes soule, and all christian soules, by the space of a yere next ensuyng my departure, and he to have for his stipend and sallarie [blank].

Item, I wille there be at my buriall 12 torches [large candles], 4 braunches of virgin Waxe, 2 greate and 2 smalle, wherof I will that after my buriall be done, 2 of the gretest shall remayne in the saide parisshe church, and the other 2 I give to the said Chappelle of Sainte Anne.

Allso I wille that my greate tapers shall breune [burne] aboute the hersse [hearse] the day of my burialle.

Item, I will that in the said daye of my buriall, 40s shalbe given and delte to poore people.

Item, I bequethe to 4 chaunterye preestes of the said chappell of Sainct Anne 26s 8d, That is to saye, to every of them 6s 8d.

Item, I give to Nicolas Taverner my sonne a black gowne, and to Mary his wife a black gowne.

Item, to Willyam Bull my sonne in law a black gown, and to Margaret his wife, my dowghter, a blacke gowne.

Item, I bequethe, frely, of myn owne propre goodes, to my saide dowghter Margaret, wyfe to the said Willyam Bulle, all and singuler thes parcelles following, That is to saye,

A standing Cupp with a Cover, doble gilte.

Item, a salte, double gilte.

Item, 2 flatt peces, one parcell gilt, and one white.

Item, 6 spones with knoppes [spoons with knobs], gilte.

Item, 2 silver pottes, one pounsed [cut or pricked] with sheves [sheaves] and the other playne.

Item, a standing cupp with a Cover parcell, gilte.

Item, a goblett with a Cover parcell, gilte.

Item, a maser [bowl or goblet] with a Castle in the bottome, and a foote of sylver.

Item, to the same Margaret my dowghter, my best gowne, furred with greye.

Item, my Second gowne, furred with shanckes [fur from legs of animals].

Item, my other gowne, furred with myniver [fur of ermine mixed with small weasel].

Item, a gowne lyned with Sainct Thomas worsted.

Item, 2 of my best worsted kertles.

Item, a girdle of silver wyar [wire], and my other, wrought with hartes.

Item, a paier of beades of coralle [poor quality material], double gauded [adorned], with silver and gilte.

Item, a paire of beades of exilie [exile; poor quality material], gauded with sylver and gilte.

Item, a Riben [ribbon] of silke with a bocle [buckle] of sylver and a pendent of silver, with a pyncas of gold.

Item, a Ring of golde that was sssr [sister] Davis.

Item, a rounde hoope of gold.

Item, 2 fetherbeddes that I lye uppon, with the bolster and 2 pillos, a paire of blanckettes, the best Coverlyt with flounces, the bedstede, hanginges and all other thinges therto belonging, with a trokle bedd [truckle bed, small bed on wheels] apparteyning to the same bed,

And 3 of my best cusschins [cushions] with 3 of the best cusschin clothes belonging to them, 2 fyne railes [linen garment worn round neck], and 2 fyne kercheffes of the best.

2 brasse pottes of the best except one, 2 brasse pannes of the best, a chafing disshe of latten [alloy similar to brass], and a chafer, a garnisshe [service of (usually twelve) dishes] of pewter vessell of the best, and the charger.

Item, 2 chestes, one grete, and one other small.

Item, I give and bequethe to my doughter Margaret a Convenient parte of all and singular other my howshold stuff before not mencionyd [mentioned] nor bequethed, most necessarie for her use and occupying,

And I will that all and every of the saide bequestes, with the saide parte and porcion of howshold stuff so by me bequethed, shalbe holy delyvered and paied to my said doughter Margaret by my executor imediatly after my deceas.

Furthermore I bequethe to my brother Harrys wife, of Wittell in Essex, a redd girdle with a bocle and a pendent of silver, and she to give yt, after her decease, to her doughter Agnes.

Item, to the saide Harrys wife, a russet gowne, furred with black Lambe.

Item, to Mastres Bollter, a gowne furred with Calabre.

Item, to Hickmans wyfe, a gowne furred with grey.

Item, to the sonne of the saide Hickman, 3s 4d.

Item, to the wyfe of Henry Clerke, a gowne and a blacke kertle of clothe,

And to their children, 3s 4d a pece.

Item, to Joane late my servant, now dwelling in Chauncerye Lane, a violet gowne lyned with saye [delicate serge or woollen cloth].

The Residew of all my goodes not bequeathed, my dettes and thes my legaces paied and this my testament and last wille performed, I give and bequethe to Nicolas Taverner my sonne, whome I make and ordeyne my Executor of this present testament and last will.

Thes being present and wittnesses herof requyred, Sir [courtesy title for a priest] Thomas Ebbe, parisshe preest of Saynct Faiths, per me [by me, ie will written out by] John Turnor] and Sir John Benson, Chaunterye preest of Sainte Mathew in Chepeside.

#### Probate of the Will of Anne Taverner, 1537

The abovewritten will was proved at London,

On the 12th day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and thirty seven,

Before the lord [official of the court] by the authority of our Lord, King Henry the Eighth, King of England and France,

By the oath of Nicholas Taverner, the executor named in the Will etc,

And by him [the official] approved and favoured,

And administration all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased was granted to the aforesaid executor,

He being first sworn, on God's Holy Gospel,

Well and faithfully to administer the same,

And to exhibit a full and faithful inventory by the Second week of St Blaise next coming,

And indeed to render a clear and full account.



Will of Edmund Taverner of Godmanchester, 1559/60

Hunts RO Ref A/Will Vol 12a.39

In the name of God, Amen.

The 3rd day of January in the yere of oure Lord God a M CCCCC lix [1559/60],

I, Edmund Taverner, of Gumecester, in the countie of Huntingdon and in the diocese of Lincoln, beinge seke in body, neverthesse hole of mynde and of good and parfitte memory, thankes be to God, do make and ordeyne this my present last will and testament in this manere and forme folowinge.

First I commend my soull in to thy handes O Lord, for thow hast creatide me and redemyde me, O God of truthe and veryte.

And also I commytte my body at dethe unto [the] erthe, to be buryede in the church yarde of Gumecester aforseid.

Item, I bequeith unto the poure mens boxe 12d.

Item, I will that Agnes my wiff shall pay to Alice my doughtere 40s of lafull money of Englande within 2 yeres nexte aftere my decesse.

Item, I bequeith to Atwell Teverner, after the decesse of my wiff, one cove,

And to Robert Taverner his brother, likewise after the decesse of my wiff, one cove.

Item, I bequeith to Joane Barton one harden sheate.

Item, I will that Agnes my wiff shall have hir dwellinge and all the profittes of my messuage, with the appurtenances, keypyng reparacions, duryng her naturall liffe,

But and yf she departe the worlde bifore Atwell Taverner my sonnys sonne cum to the age of 18 yeres, that then John Colyne shall have the occupying and profittes of my seid messuage, with the appurtenances, until the seid Atwell cum to the age of 18 yeres aforseid,

And then I geve the seid messuage, with the appurtenances, unto the seid Atwell and unto the heirs of his body lafullie begotten for ever,

And for lacke of suche heyres, I will the seid messuage, with the appurtenances, shall remayne to Robert Taverner, my sonnys sonne, and to the heires of his body lafully begotten for ever,

And for lacke of suche heires, I will the remayndere therof to remayne unto Alice my doughtere.

Furthermore I will that and yf John Colyne have the occupying of the seid messuage by the space of 2, 3 or 4 yeres, than I will he paye or cause to be paid to Robert Taverner, my sonnys sonne, 20s towarde his bringinge up,

And further I will that when Atwell Taverner cumyth to the age aforseid, and do enter on the said messuage, with appurtenances, that he shall give and paye to his brother Robert Tavernere 5 marks of good and lafull money of England, to be payd every yere 20s 4d [?in error for 13s 4d] after he enter oonys [?once] upon the seid messuage, untill the hole Summe of £3 6s 8d be fully contentide and paid.

Will of Edmund Taverner cont'd

Item, I give and bequeith unto Agnes my wiff all my houssholde stuffe, keping her selff therwith duryng her lyfe,

And after her deceasse I will that which remayne be equallie devydide bytwene Atwell Taverner, Robert Taverner and Alice Druery my doughtere.

The residue of all my goodes and catalles unbequeathed, my dettes being paide and theis my legacies fulfilled, I geve and bequeith unto Agnes my wiff, whom I ordeyn and make my true, faithfull and sole executrix of this my present last will and testament,

And I ordeyne and make John Colyne the supervisore of this my seid last Will and testament, and he to have for his labour and payns takinge 3s 4d.

Theis beryng Witnesse of all and singler the aforeseid premissis, William Samuell vicar, John Colyne, John Scott and Gilys Wytinge, with other moo.

Probate of Will of Edmund Taverner, 1560

On the twenty eighth day of the month of May in the yeare of Our Lord one thousand five hundred lx [1560],

At Huntingdon, before Master William Samuell, Commissary for Huntingdon,

The above will was proved, and by the same approved etc.

And administration was and is granted etc to the executrix etc,

She being first sworn in due form of law,

Saving all rights whatsoever etc.

The Sum of the Inventory is £9 15s 10d.

Will of William Taverner of North Mimms, 1555

Hunts RO Ref A/Will Vol 10.97

In the name of God, Amen, in the yere of oure lord God a M CCCCC lv [1555], and in the second and thirde yeres of oure drede and soveraigne lord and lady King Philippe and Quene Mary, Kinge and Quene of Ynglande, Fraunce and Irelande, the 21 day of Marche,

I, William Taverner, of the town and parish of Northmymys, husbandman, hole of mynde and memory, thankde be allmyghtie God, feryng the Inperlie [?peril, imperill] of dethe, considering thus, ther is nothings so certeyne as dethe and nothing so uncertyene as the howre of the same, with a deliberate mynde do constitute, ordeyne and make this my last Will and testament in manere and forme folowing.

First I bequeath my soull to allmyghtie God and to oure blessed lady Seynt Mary, and to all the company of heven, in whom and by whom my full faithe and beliffe is onlie to be savde, and to have remission of all my synnes thorowgh the dethe and passion of his dere sonne Jhesus Christ,

And my bodye to be tumulatide [tumulated, put under a burial mound] and terrid [interred] in Chrispean [Christian] man buriall, whan it shall please God to call me unto his mercie and grace.

Item, I geve and bequeath to the highe aultere 20d.

Item, I geve to the poverte in the parishe of Northmymys 3s 4d.

Item, I geve to William and Richard, sonnys unto my wiff, 20s a peace.

Item, I geve Audrie, my wiffes doughtere, £5.

Item, I geve to my brotheres doughteres 20s a peace, and yf God call the one, the other to have hir parte.

Item, I geve to John Greye 20s.

Item, I geve to every one of my godchildren, a lame and 4d.

Item, I geve unto William Greye an ewe and a lame.

Item, I geve to Edwarde Frebrige 20d.

Item, I geve to [erased - "John"] Joan Breye 20d.

Item, I geve to the holie mother church of Lincoln 4d.

Item, I geve to the highe waye bytwene Cowe Grine and Newbare Yaite 20s.

Item, my dettes I owe to William Chapell my wiffes sonne 33s 4d.

Item, I owe to Richarde my wiffes sonne 13s 4d.

Item, I owe to Audrie my wiffes doughtere 26s 8d.

Item, my dettes owing to me; William Wiekes oweth me 38s 4d.

Item, Thomas Turnpenye owith me 51s 8d.

Item, I make Agnes my wiff my hole executrix.

Item, I make John Goodier my supervisor of this my last will, and the seid John Goodier to see paid with my goodes and catall all my dettes and my legacies and funerall expensis and charges, and he to have for his paynes taking 6s 8d.

Will of William Taverner of North Mimms cont'd

Item, [the] residue of my goodis I geve Annes my wiff, to dispose as she thinke most beste for the helthe of my soull.

Theis being witnessis and speciallie requyred and called to the same; [blank] Vicare of Northmymys, Robert Barre, William Chapell, with other moo [more].

Probate of the Will of William Taverner, 1556

On the 22nd day of the month of [erased - "May"] April in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty six,

Before Master Thomas Ryver, Commissary and Official, This above will was proved, and by him approved etc, And administration was and is granted to the executrix named in the said will,

She being first sworn in form of law, Saving all rights whatsoever etc.

The sum of the Inventory is £25 22d.

Will of William Taverner of Hatfield, 1531

Hunts RO Ref A/Will Vol 4.48

In dei nomine Amen [In the name of God, Amen].

The 22nd day of Aprill in the yere of oure lorde God M  
CCCCC xxxi [1531],

I, William Taverner, in the parishe of Hatfelde, within  
the diocesse of Lincoln and in the County of Hartforde, am  
sicke in body, hole of mynde, and of perfight remembraunce,  
ordeyne and make this my present testamente and last will in  
this forme folowyng.

First I bequeythe my soull to God almyghtie, to his  
mother Marie, and to all the company in hevyn, and my bodye  
to be buryede in the churche yerde of Bisshope Hatfelde.

Also I bequeythe to the highe aultere of Bisshope  
Hatfelde 4d. And to the mother churche of Lincoln 4d.

Also I bequeythe to Agnes my wiff my 2 tenementes beyng  
within the town of Hatfelde.

Also I will that after the decesse of Agnes my wiff,  
Roger Merten to have the byggare tenemente, accordyng unto  
the bargayne and promysse made between hym and me.

Also I will that after the decesse of Agnes my wiff, the  
lesse tenemente to be solde, and William Taverner my sonne to  
have of the forseide sume 33s 4d.

The residue of the said sume the tenemente shall be sold  
for, I will be done for my soull and all Christian soullis.

The residue of my goodes not bequethide, moveable and  
unmoveable, I bequeith to Agnes my wiff, the which Agnes, and  
William my sonne, I make my executores, and Roger Merten  
supervisore of this my last Will.

Witnesse Sir Richerde Slight, Sir Thomas Blakewell,  
Thomas Lowen, with moo.

Probate of the Will of William Taverner, 1531

[This will was] proved etc

Before us, Richard Bromhall, Commissary and Official of  
Huntingdon,

In the parish church of Welwyn,

On the 5th day of July in the year of our Lord one  
thousand five hundred and 31, and by us approved etc,

And administration of all and singular the goods and  
debts of the said deceased was and is granted to the  
executors in the said will etc,

Saving all rights whatsoever etc.

Will of Agnes Taverner of Stevenage

Hunts RO Ref A/Will Vol 9.22

In the name of God, Amen.

The 17th day of Aprill in the yere of our Lord God M CCCCC [1500; rest of date omitted?],

I, Agnis Taverner, of Stephynnage, widow, beinge in parfight mynde and good memorye, laud be unto God, make, ordeyne and dispose this my present testamente and last will in manere and forme folowing.

First and principally I bequeith my soull unto allmyghtie God my creatore and redemare, and to all the glorious company of heven, My body to be buryede within the church yarde of Stephynnage aforseid.

Item I geve and bequeith unto William Lorymere my best coffere, with all thinges beinge within the same, as it standith in the housse of William Robynson in Stephynnage aforseid,

Also my best greate brasse potte, with the longe feete, also a matresse, a coverlet, a payre of blankettes, a chargere of pewtere, 2 bell candlestickes [ie with bell-shaped bases].

Item, I geve and bequeithe unto Robert [?]Lorymer my second brasse potte.

Item, I bequeith unto Thomas Robynson, the sonne of William Robynson, my best panne orelles [?or else] my bankare [seat cover], and 2 kisshyns [cushions] at his choyse.

Item, I bequeith unto Katheryne Rypleye my litle brasse potte and my posnette.

Item, unto Mathewe Lorymer my best lesse brasse panne.

Item, I bequeith unto John Page my [?]spade and a payre of Andirons and a pott [?]hanggill [? pot hanger].

Item, I bequeith unto William Robynson wiff my best kirtell.

Item to [?]Anne [?]Haywayde a kirtell orelles a peticoate.

The residue of all my goodis, catalles, dettes [and] redye money, after my dettes paid, my funeralles done, and my legacies fulfillide in manere and forme aforseide, I will that myne executorys hereundere namyd to destribute for my soull, my frendes soulls, and all Christian soullis, in deades of charitie, as they thinke best by their discession.

And I do ordeyne and make myn executores John Norresse of [?]Walke Waltam [?White Waltham?] and John Page of Stevennage.

Theis beinge witnesse, John Dyare and Alice his wiff, Umfrye Norresse, and othere.

Probate of the Will of Agnes Taverner, 1551

On the twenty sixth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred [?]51 [1551], In the parish church of Hitchin,

The above will was proved before Master Thomas Reynde, Bachelor of Laws, Commissary and Official for Huntingdon, and by the same approved and favoured, and indeed etc,

And administration etc was and is granted to the executors etc. They being first sworn, Saving all rights whatsoever etc.

The Sum of the Inventory was £8 16s 8d.

Will of Thomas Taverner of Essenden, 1528/29

Hunts RO Ref A/Will Vol13.87

In the name of God, Amen.

The 20th day of Marche in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred 28 [1528/29].

I, Thomas Taverner, seke in body and hole of memory, make this my last will after this forme folowyng.

First I bequeithe my soull to God almyghty and to all the blisside company of hevynne, And my body to be buryede in the churche yerde of Emyndene.

First I bequeithe to the highe aulter of Emynden, 12d.

Also to the churche of Lincolne, 4d.

Also to the torchis [large candles] of Emynden, 4d.

I also bequeithe my howsse of Emynden to my wiff Johane Taverner duryng hir liffe,

And after hir deceasse to my sonne William and to his heirs of his body laufully begotten,

And after ther deceasse to my eldeste doughter Agnes Heyworde,

And after hir deceasse to Alice and Amye,

And after the deceasse of Alice and Amye, for to cum to the childerne of Agnes Haywarde.

All the residue of goodes not bequeathed I doo geve to Johane my wiff and Thomas Heywoode, whom I make my hole executores of this my last will.

Thes beyng witnesse, Sir Thomas Shotton, Thomas Bude' [?Budden] with other moo.

Probate of the Will of Thomas Taverner, 1529

The above will was proved before us, Richard Bromhall, Commissary for Huntingdon, and indeed Official of our lord the Archdeacon of the same,

On the 16th day of the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred 29 [1529], and by us approved and favoured,

And indeed the validity of the same lawfully pronounced,

And administration of all and singular the goods and debts of the said deceased was and is granted to the executors named in the same will,

They being first sworn,

Saving all rights whatsoever etc.

Probate of Will of John Taverner of St Sepulchre. 1541

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Saint Sepulchre  
The Will of John Taverner  
Robert [blank] the executor

By ... 29th January by the executor  
Pronouncement made etc.  
The Lord postponed it. as in the schedule.

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The same place (Saint Sepulchre)  
The Will of John Taverner  
His daughter the executrix  
By ... the Lord postponed it  
The same executrix. as in the schedule.

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Saint Sepulchre  
The Will of John Taverner  
Margaret Taverner alias [?] Roodhouse. to say who the executor is  
Postponed etc  
There appeared in Court the same executrix. whom the Lord  
ordered to appear before the justice to exhibit the will of the  
said deceased. to be accepted or rejected by the Court.  
She made faith and the Lord excused her from a fine.

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Saint Sepulchre  
The Will of John Taverner  
To exhibit the will and to accept or reject it  
His executrix has it  
The Lord made a pronouncement etc  
He excommunicated the same. as in the schedule.



# Litchfield Wills.

Robert

Bartolomew

Winifred. d1562

Edmund  
Eldest  
d1562

Henry  
|  
d. s.

Bartolomew

William

Robert  
Youngest

Elij  
|  
W<sup>m</sup> Loken

|  
Winifred  
Loken.

Witnes

John Hull.

W<sup>m</sup> Fawcse

George Loken

Thos Outon

W<sup>m</sup> Coken

Lichfield. Wills.

Bro Wm

Robert

Edmund T. = Isabella  
d 1581

Bartholomew

Elizabeth

Agnes

Catherine

John

of Poleworth.  
husbandman.

Son of Winifred  
widow

Isabella T

Richard Bromley

Nicholas ?

*Taverner, Suffolk*

Will of John Tavernar of Rendham, 1587

In the namyme of God, Amen, the 8th day of the month of June and in the yere of our Lorde God 1587.

I, John Tavernar of Rendham in the Countye of Suffolk, being hooulle of mynde and in perfytt Remembrans, thankes be geven unto Allmighty God for the sayme, doow constitue and ordayne this my Last will and Testament in writing in manner and Forme Following.

First I bequeath my Sooulle to the Loveing God and my bodye to be buried in the parishe Churche yered [yard] of Rendham affore sayd.

And also Consarning [concerning] my Tenement and Landes the wiche I did purchase of Bennett Reavett and Henrye Towne, as well Freyhoulld as Copyhoulld and Customarye Tennor [tenure], lying within the parishe of Rendham in the Countye of Suffolk, and the Close the wiche I the sayd Testator dyd of layt purchase off William Grene of the sayd Towne of Rendham.

I will, geve and bequeathe to Thomas Denton my nevye, as well Tenementes as Landes, bothe Free and Copye. to hollid to him, the sayd Thomas, and to his heares for ever.

Apon Condicyon, thatt he shalle Content and paye, or Cowse to be trewlye Contented and paid, All thes sayd legases by me hereafter geven in this my Last wyll and Testament, As Followethe.

First, to my Sister, layt the wyff of Thomas Denton of Leeven in Yorkes Shyer [Leven in Yorkshire (East Riding)], Father to the sayd Thomas Denton, if thatt she be Alyve, £3 6s8d, and if thatt she be parted, then I geve the sayd 5 markes to William hir sonne and to his heayres.

Allso I geve to my sisters Children in Yorke Shyer or elles where, to be evenlye devyded emonge them, and to the most nedyst [neediest] to have yt in money, £10.

Allso I geve to the use of the poore people of Rendham, to be paid to the Church Wardens ther, 10s.

Item, I geve to the poowre peopell of Attweke [Atwick, Yorks], where my Father Lyeth buried, 10s. To be employed to the use of the poowre of the sayd towne.

Item, I geve to the powre people of Wellweke [Welwick, Yorks], where my mother Lyeth buried, 10s, to be employed to the werye [very, true] use of the poore of the sayme Towne.

Allso I geve to wydow Turner of Blyborough [Blythburgh, Suffolk], 10s.

Allso I geve to Katheren, the wyffe of Thomas Barthollomew of Snape, 10s.

Allso I geve to everye of my godchildren 12d a peece.

Allso I geve to Wyllyam Richis, my boye, 20s, to be paid unto him when he shall accompleshe the Full Age of one and twentye years.

Allso I will Thomas Denton my executor shalbe att the Charge of bringing upp of the sayd Wyllyam Rychis, the Supposed sonne of William Richis of Saxmundham, As well in apparell as mett [meat] and drynke, skollyng and Larnyng [schooling and learning], According to the intent and trew meanyng of his said Fathers Will and Testament.

Item, I geve to John Shanke, or to his wyffe, 20s in money.

Allso I geve to George Loppam, the son of the sayd widow Turner, 10s.

Allso I geve to Edmund Wyckam of Glewham 20s.

Allso I geve Angnes [Agnes], now the wyff of John Crysspe of Kellshalle, 20s.

Allso I geve to Robert Brigham, servant with Myghell Braye, 10s.

Allso I wille geve and bequeth to Isbelle Foorde my Servant 40s in moneye, and one younge kowe, a Feather bede and a bollster, and one payre of Shettes [sheets], a pyllow off dome and a coverlett, 2 pewter platters and 2 Sawssars [saucers], one Quessyn [cushion] that Mrs Portar did geve me, and one grett [great] kettyle.

The Rest of all my mowabell [moveable] goodes and implementes, stuff of howsehold and Redye money, and Chattelles, I geve the sayme To Thomas Denton my executor, and he to se [see] this my last wyll performed in all poyntes accordinfe to my trew intent and meanyng, ever affaythefullye, as I have mayd yt and wreten yt [made it and written it].

And to this my Last wyll and Testament I have putt Nicholas Cannap now wecar [vicar] of Rendham the superwyssor, and he to See this my last wyll perfoormyd in all powntes,

Thes being wyttnesses [none shown].

By me John Tavernoor

[Memorandum]

William Browne, William Fyske and Edmond Eade of Rendham have surrendred accordinge to the true meaninge of this his last will and Testament into the handes of William Browne in the presence of us the seid William Fiske and Edmond Eade with others.

Transcript of the Will of John Taverner, gent., MS Wills Oxon. 185.523

In the name of god Amen the 23rd daye of july in the yeare of our lorde god 1577 & in the 19th yeare of the Raigne of our Soverainge Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France & Irelande Quene Defender of the Faithe etc.

I John Taverner of the Citie & towne of Oxford gentleman doo make my Testament and last wyll in manner and forme Followinge  
 Fyrst I bequeath my soule to allmightie god and my body to be buryed in the earth from whence yt came Item I dooe bequeathe unto John Bingam late of Lathbury in the countie of Buckingham yeoman the sume of foure poundes by the yeare duryng the space of thre score and nyne yeares yf the sayed John Bingam doo so longe lyve to be payed owte of my rente charge of 48<sup>1</sup> which is issuinge owte of the manor and Lordshippe of Iselippe for the space of three score and nyne yeares to rune Item I doo give to the poore ministers of England 4<sup>1</sup> a yeare for the space of these twentie yeares to be payed lykewyse owte of my rent charge of Iselippe above specified which 4<sup>1</sup> I wyll to be distributed at the discretion of my overseer or his assignes Item I doo bequeathe to the poore twentie nobles payable owte of my goodes to be distributed within one hallffe yeare nexte ensuing lykewyse at the discretion of my sayed overseer or his assignes Item I doo give to Thomas Powell the yonger of Stratforde in the countie of Buckingham yeoman the sume of fourtie shillinges Item I doo give to Richard Vetie my servant 40 shillinges Item I give to Annes Haulton my servant the sume of fourtie shillinges All the which sayed sumes of fortie shillinges apeace I will to be levied of my goodes All the rest of my goodes annuities cattalles and rent charges before not bequeathed I doo give and bequeathe to Izabell Taverner my wyffe whom I do make of this my Testament and last wyll my wholle and sole executrix Item I doo make & appoynte my overseer of this my Testament and last wyll George Gylgred of Magdelene college in Oxforde student to whom I doo give and bequeathe the sume of 46 shillinges to be levied as before

In wytnes whereof I have setto my hand and seale the daye and yeare above written by me John Taverner

Sealed and subscribed in the presence of us by me  
 William Aldwoorth  
 Thomas Gowes  
 William Joyner  
 William Hurste

John Taverner = Izabell  
 d 1577  
 of Oxford.

John was the 3rd son of Richard Taverner of Wood Eaton. He was rector of Wood Eaton in 1575 and had the lordship of Iselippe.

John Taverner d 1577  
 Oxford

Richard Taverner who died at Wood Eaton Ox  
in 1575.

Judgement as to the Validity of the Will  
of Richard Taverner deceased (1583)

In the name of God Amen.

The merits and circumstances of a certain testamentary matter concerning Richard Taverner, late of Wood Eaton in the diocese of Oxford, deceased, which was before us.

Between Richard Taverner, bringer of the action in this regard, on the one part, and Edward Taverner and Peter Taverner, executors of the said deceased named in the testament or last will of the said deceased, against whom the action in this regard was brought, on the other part,

And which was outstanding and pending, and still is outstanding, pending and undecided, and now is lawfully proceeding, and the proctors for the parties aforesaid having been in court before us for lawful judgement,

And for judgement to be set down and justice to be done on behalf of the said Edward and Peter Taverner, excutprs aforesaid, on their part, and indeed on the part of the said Richard Taverner, who also on his own behalf respectfully begs and seeks justice,

Having been heard, viewed and considered, and fully and opportunely analysed by us, William Drury, Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and having been fully and wholly examined by us.

Proceedings in this matter having been had and made and diligently reviewed, and attention having been paid by us to the law in that regard in attending to our definitive judgement or final notice of resolve in the said matter, we proposed a deferral of proceedings, and we now proceed in the following manner:

Because, the acts enacted, allegations brought, and evidence produced, all having been equally approved and verified, we have considered and clearly settled upon the interpretation on the part of the said Edward and Peter Taverner in a certain allegation brought before us on their behalf for judicial purposes, and in favour of the will produced and specified and still remaining in the possession of our Registry.

Which allegation and will indeed we have read and set down for this purpose: that we wish to be held lawful, and equally, the examinations to be held sufficient, and of a full extent to have justified our decision: and nothing to have been found in that regard, or on behalf of the said Richard Taverner, to negate the allegation brought and approved, or to override, or in any way to render powerless, the interpretation of the said Edward and Peter Taverner.

For that reason we, William Drury, Doctor of Laws, the aforesaid Judge, first invoking the name of Christ, and placing and having the one and only God before our eyes, and by and with the counsel of those experienced in the law, and with whom we have conferred in that regard,

Pronounce, determine and declare the aforesaid Richard Taverner to have made the aforesaid testament, produced on behalf of the said Edward and Peter Taverner and exhibited and remaining in the possession of our Registry, whilst of sound mind and whole memory,

Which testament indeed we have approved and published, and wish it to be taken as having been made by him, and to have contained in it his last will,

And the same, in all ways, and for all things, to have willed, bequeathed, disposed of and left, and to have constituted the said Edward Taverner and Peter Taverner his executors, as named in his will, just as is set down and contained in the same will,

In accordance with this our definitive judgement or notice of resolve, which was as we approve and publish in these writings:

This definitive judgement was decided, set down and published by the said Master Drury, Commissary etc in the appointed place within the Cathedral Church of Our Lord Paul in London, sitting judicially and on behalf of the tribunal,

On the second day of the sitting after the Feast of St Valentine the Bishop, that is to say, on Monday the seventeenth of February in the year of Our Lord (according to the course and computation of the Church of England) one thousand five hundred and eighty three,

On the petition of Master Edward Barker, Notary Public, proctor of the said Edward Taverner and Peter Taverner,

In the presence of Master Francis Clerk, Notary Public, proctor of the said Richard Taverner,

On the evidence of whom the same Barker required me, Anthony Lawe, Notary Public, then being present, to cause one or more public notices, and witnesses etc, to be arranged for him,

These being present at the same time and in the same place, Masters Robert Forth, John Hammond, Thomas Creak and William Goldingham, Doctors of Law, Christopher Smith, William Babham, Peter Johnson and William Bedell, Notaries Public of the said Court of Proctors,

These being witnesses etc.

# Summary of the Will of Robert Taverner of Lambourne in Essex.

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- 3 witnesses were
  - John Lydbury, fishmonger
  - John Newcomenby
  - Edward Cromwell.





# In the name of God Amen

I Elizabeth wife of Thomas of the County of Devon  
 do hereby certify that the within and before  
 written is a true and correct copy of the  
 original as the same is now in my possession  
 and I have not altered or changed in any  
 manner the same since the date of the  
 execution hereof. In witness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and seal at Exeter  
 the 21 day of June 1838.

I Elizabeth my wife until Thomas my son 21

Age of 21 years will be my wife of full legal age

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1582

Summary of the will of ROGER TAVERNER of  
ALMINS-TER.

Roger was the second eldest son of John  
Taverner of North Elmham.

He left the residue of his goods  
to his two sons Robert and Richard.  
Robert was mentioned in the will of  
Robert Taverner in 1556 so Robert, Roger's son  
must have been at least 26 years old in  
1582.

Probate was overseen by William Druey a  
witnessed by John Burroughs Public Notary

SECOND SON OF  
JOHN T. N. ELLMAN. d1582

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Roger T.  
Upminster  
1582

**R.** Roger  
Caterner.

**I**n the name of god amen

I Roger Caterner being in perfect  
health And of godd memorie, thanked be gyven unto Almightie god and everlivinge  
bountifull of hise goodnes, it hath pleased god to call me unto that best and laste  
Doe make this my last will and testament wherewith I bequeathe my soule unto  
almighty god, And my bodye to be buried in such such place appointed for the  
buriall of christian folk, as by my executor (Elder youngste, wife and comberne  
And that such rightes be done at my funeral, as at the tyme of my decease shalbe  
made by the rightes of all my goodes and chattels, my debtes beinge payed, I bequeathe  
degrees & the residue of all my goodes and chattels beinge payed, I bequeathe  
unto my executor, whome I make and ordaine Robert and Richard my sonnes. In  
witness wherof I have written this my last will with myne owne hand and therto  
subscribed my name the sixte daie of January, in the twentieth yere of the reigne  
of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god, of Englande ffraunce and  
ireland Queene defende of the faithfull of 1582. By me Roger Caterner.

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Roger  
son  
Robert  
& Richard

**R.** Robertum

hinc supra scriptis testantibus apud London. coram venerabili  
viro magistro Martino Legum Doctore rite: interrogatus: certitudiniter commissario  
the Dilectissimo quibus diebus, mensibus, Annis Dominis in christum utique et compunctivis  
Ecclesie Anglicane, milibus quingentis octoginta sex, Instantibus Johes Burroughs  
Notarii publici procuratoribus Roberti et Richardi Caterneri executorum et vicibus Tomasa  
hinc Administratio est de bene est facta.

**R.** Georgij  
Caterner.

**I**n the name of god amen

The xxij daie of Februarie  
in the yere of our Lord god, according to the compunctivis of the Shire of England our honorabunde  
the hundred shire of two, And in the presence of our reigne of our soveraigne Ladye &  
Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of Englande ffraunce and ireland defende of the faithfull  
the & f George Lovell of Portmanston, in the Countie of Cornwalle gent beinge in  
very good health and perfect memorie, thanked be unto god, Doe ordeyne and make this my last  
will and testament in manner and forme followinge, that is to saye. Firste I bequeathe and  
committe my soule to almighty god, trustinge onlie by his merit and passion to be saved. And my







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John Lydbury, fishmonger

John Newcomen by

Edward Cromwell.



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find it necessary to read it says that on the 13th day of November 1593) Mary Taverner, relict of Robert Taverner formerly of Rayneham in the county of Essex, gent... was sworn well and truly to administer the goods and credits of the deceased (represented by) John Burrough, notary public.

My fee for this search & provision of the copy is £3.50 + 82p. = £4.32.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Spearman

(Margaret Spearman)

The other Son of Roger T. who died - 1582 - in Uppminster.

Edmundo Willmus. In ultimo die emanavit commissio Thomae et Henrici Edmundo filijs naturalibus et legitimis Willmi Edmundo imperatoris de Westphalia in Westphalia. Et admistravit bona iura et credita eiusdem de bene et honesta Johannis bene notij publici provincie et civitatis.

Mathus Frye. Eodem die emanavit commissio Willmo Frye filio naturali et legitimo Mathus Frye imperatoris de Westphalia in Westphalia. Et admistravit bona iura et credita eiusdem de bene et honesta Johannis bene notij publici provincie et civitatis.

Conradus Lovaco. In ultimo die emanavit commissio maritimo Lovaco filio naturali et legitimo Conradus imperatoris de Westphalia in Westphalia. Et admistravit bona iura et credita eiusdem de bene et honesta Johannis bene notij publici provincie et civitatis.

Robertus Taverner. In ultimo die emanavit commissio Marie Taverner filie naturali et legitime Robertus imperatoris de Westphalia in Westphalia. Et admistravit bona iura et credita eiusdem de bene et honesta Johannis bene notij publici provincie et civitatis.

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1575

Summary of the Will of Richard Taverner of Woodcote.  
Elder son of John Taverner of N. Elmham.

Richard leaves bequeathes to his wife ~~Margaret~~  
(Mary Harcourt) & children

Peter, Edmund (or Edward), John, Richard (elder)  
Martha and Penelope  
(he doesn't mention his other daughters Jane & Margaret.)

His probate is by Peter Johnson Public Notary

Will of Richard of Wood Eaton 1575

- Son's
- Peter
- Taverner
- Edmond
- Richard
- Wife Margt
- Son John
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unto my Heire

All my last testament and last will

All my last testament and last will in these parts to be divided into three parts to be divided unto my three sons Peter Taverner, Edmond Taverner, to his first party to be equalled divided between the said Peter and Edmond. To have and to enjoy the other parts to my son Peter Taverner and his heirs forever. The other part to my son Edmond Taverner and to his heirs forever. I bequeath to my son Richard my eldest son, my daughter Jane and a half of good tenement. I bequeath to Margt, my wife, my daughter Mary, the daughter of my daughter Jane and a half of good tenement. I bequeath to my son John Taverner all my estate and goods. I bequeath to my daughter Mary, the daughter of my daughter Jane, a hundred pounds to be assigned unto her at the day of her marriage and five pounds yearly to find her. I bequeath to my daughter Jane a hundred pounds to be assigned unto her at the day of her marriage and five pounds yearly to find her. I bequeath to my daughter Jane a hundred pounds to be assigned unto her at the day of her marriage and five pounds yearly to find her. I bequeath to my daughter Jane a hundred pounds to be assigned unto her at the day of her marriage and five pounds yearly to find her.

**whatum** In the name of God Amen  
 I Richard of Wood Eaton  
 do hereby certify that the above  
 is a true and correct copy  
 of the original of my last  
 testament and last will  
 as written by me or by  
 some other person in my  
 presence and in the  
 presence of some other  
 persons who are named  
 in the said testament  
 and last will and who  
 are named in the  
 margin of this paper  
 as witnesses to the  
 said testament and  
 last will and who are  
 named in the margin  
 of this paper as  
 witnesses to the  
 said testament and  
 last will.

**In the name of God Amen**

Lord God according to the computation of the year of England one thousand five hundred and seventy five the first day of the month of January in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord King James the sixth of England the said Richard of Wood Eaton do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original of my last testament and last will as written by me or by some other person in my presence and in the presence of some other persons who are named in the said testament and last will and who are named in the margin of this paper as witnesses to the said testament and last will.

Julian  
 Clarke

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 1575

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Will of John Taverner of Ramsdon Bellowes, 1567

In the name of God, Amen, the 16th day of Marche Anno Domini 1567.

I, John Taverner, of the parishe of Ramsdon Bellowes in the countie of Essex, husbandman, beinge of whole mynd, and in good and perfect remembraunce, laud and prayse be unto Almighty God, make and ordeine this my present testament, conteyninge herin my last wyll, in manner and Forme Followinge, that ys to say,

First I do comend my Soule to almyghtie God my maker and redemer, and my bodie to be Buried in the parishe churche yarde of Ramsdon Bellowes aforsaid.

Item, I geve and Bequethe to William Croxston fortie lambes which ys nowe in the custody of the said William. And I will that the said William Croxston shall discharge the legaces due to Nicholas Williams the Somme of Richard Williams, which ys one cove and tenne Shillinges of lafull monye of England.

Item, I geve more to the said William Croxston, fyve Shepe, beinge nowe in the custodie of John Brett of the parishe of Ramsdon Crayse.

Item, I geve and bequeth to Edmund Croxston fyve Shepe, beinge nowe in the custodie of the forsaid John Brett.

Item, I geve and bequeth to Agnes Croxston fyve Shepe, beinge allso in the custody of the said John Brett.

Item, I geve to Elizabeth Croxston fyve Shepe beinge allso in the custody of the said John Brett.

Item, I geve to Davard [David] Taverner my brother all my weringe gere, and of this my present testament I make and ordeine the Forsaid William Croxston my Full Executor,

And I utterly revoke and adnull all and every other testamentes, willes, legaces and bequestes and Executors, by me in any wise before this tyme made, named, willed and bequethed.

Thes beinge witnesses, John Browne otherwise called Vines, Thomas Clerke, and Merteyne [Martin] Ingledewe, with others.

Probate of the Will of John Taverner, 1567

This first above written will was proved on the 28th day of June in the year of our Lord 1567,

By the oath of William Croxton, the executor named in the same,

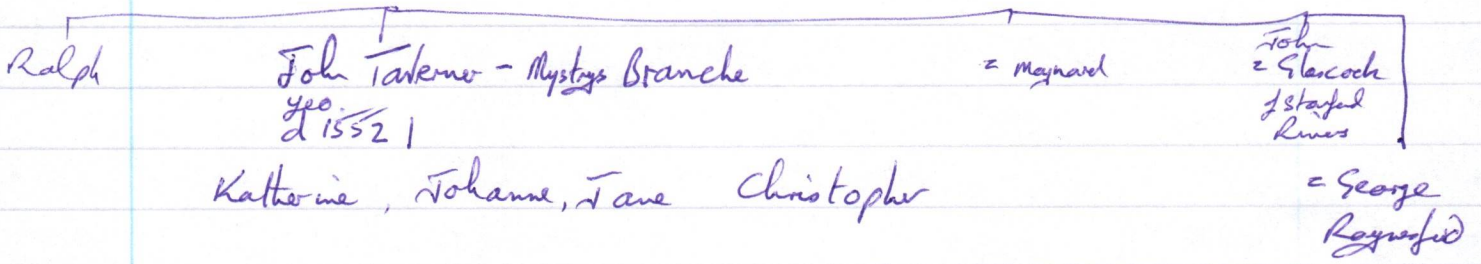
He being first sworn on God's Holy Gospel.

John Taverner  
Husbandman  
R. B. did 1567

David  
Taverner

Widow of John Taverner of <sup>the</sup> ~~Ramsden~~ Bellhouse. 1552

mother Wykes  
father's law of Coopersale



Will of John Tavener of Theydon Garnon, 1552

In the name of God Amen.

The 16th day of the monethe of August in the yere of our lord God M vC LII o (1552) and in the Sixt yere of the Raigne of our most Dread Soferaign Lord Edward the Sixt, by the grace of God of England, Fraunce and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and of the Church of England and also of Ireland the Supreme heade,

I, John Tavener of Theydon Garnon in the Countie of Essex, yeoman, beyng of perfitt mynd and memory, Make this my present testament and last will in manner and Forme following.

Fyrst I bequeth my Soule to the mercy of Almyghtie God, And my body to be buryed in Christian buriall.

Item, I geve in recompence of my tythes to the parson 3s 4d.

Item, I geve to the poore mens boxe, for the behoufe of the poore, 5s.

Item, I geve to my brother Walter Tavener of Hatfeld the £10 which my brother Rafe Tavener of Hemingham doth owe me, and yf my said brother Walter Tavener fortune to die afore I departe, then I will the same £10 to be equally devyded among his Chyldren.

I geve to my brother Raffes Children 20s a pece.

I geve to my godsonne John Raynsford 20s.

Item, to my syster Johanne Pyck 20s, and to my goddawghter her daughter 3s 4d, and to all other godchyldren 12d a pece.

I geve to my Mystrys, Mystrys Branche, my best gray colte.

To my mother Wyberd, my baye gelding.

To my syster Maynard, a gowne.

Item, I give to the mending of the highwayes 40s.

Item, I geve to my poor Neighboures underwritten, that ys to say, Symond Raynold, Frauncys Newman, Grenes children, Father Wood, Deryng widdowe, Johanne Carter, Thomas Runnyngton, Patches wyfe, mother Mundaye, Richard Martyns Chyldren, and to mother Sparowe, and to every one of them, one bussshell of wheate, and to the Poultar a bussshell.

Item, to Johanne Leonard my mayd 3s 4d.

Item, to Thomas Tanner my boye I geve 2 bease [beasts].

Item, to Agnes Yong a Cowe, 2 payer of Sheetes and £10 in money.

Item, I give to Kateryne my daughter £20, to be delyveryd her att the day of her mariage.

Which Kateryne, with her £20, I will my brother George Raynsford to have, he to bring upp unctuously my sayd dawghter, and to Invest the sayd £20 to the most advauntage for her behouf, and I give to him for his paynes therein Taken fyfty Shelinges.

Item, I geve to my dawghter Johanne £20, to be delyveryd her at the daye of her mariage.

Which Johanne, with her £20, I will my brother John Glascocke of Stanford Ryners to have the governaunce of her, and he lykewyse unctuously to bring her uppe, and her sayd £20 to occupye to the moost advauntage for her behoufe, and I geve him for his paynes with her, fyfty shelinges.

Item, I geve to Jane my daughter £20, which shalbe delyveryd to her at the day of her mariage.

Which Jane, with her £20, I will my father in lawe John Wiberd of Copersale to have, to bring her uppe unctuouslye and to use her £20 to the moost advauntage for her behoufe, and he to have for his paynes 50s,

Provyded alwayes, that yf it fortune any of my said daughters to dye before the day of her mariage, that then I will her parte So deceasyd to be equallye devyded amonge my other daughters, then lyving, and that to be delyveryd to here behoufe Immediatly after any of there deceasys,

And yf they all Fayle afore there daye of mariage, then I wyll there hole legaces of £60 to Remayne to Chrystopher my Sonne.

Item. I will all my howsehold stuffe shalbe equally devyded among my 4 Children.

Item. I geve to Christopher my Sonne my farme callyd Garnoshe Myll and all the terme of yeres therein, with all the stocke and store thereupon, which Christopher I make Executor of this my testament and last will.

And I will that my brother Maynard have the Ordering and bringyng upp of my sayd Sonne during his nonage, and I give him for his paynes 50s.

The Resydewe of all my goodes and dettes, my dettes being payd, my will Fulfilled, and my sayd Farme well and sufficiently Stocked, I will be equally devydyd emong my 4 Children.

And where [whereas] my sayd Sonne ys nowe in his minoritie and nonage, I will that my brother Maynard and my brother Glascocke shall have the keypyng and occupying of my sayd farme and the Stock thereupon, to the use and behoufe of Christopher my Sonne, duryng his nonage and to such tyme as he shall cume to his Full age of 21 yeres.

And that yerely they do make there accompt of all the Renewes [revenues] and profittes to my brother Raynsford, my father in lawe Wyberd, and my neighbure Thomas Shingleton, all which revnewes and profittes I will to be devyded among my 4 children, as my brother Raynsford, my father Wiberd, my brother Glascocke and my brother Maynard shall thinke moost best.

And my will ys, that all Reasonable charges shalbe allowed att all tymes in the sayd accompt,

And yf it fortune my Sonne Christopher to dye before he shall cume to the age of 21 yeres, and withoute Issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I will his parte to be equally devyded emong his systers then lyving, So that my brother Maynard and my brother Glascocke shall thene occupye my sayd farme, and all the stocke thereupon, to the use of my sayd daughters during the terme of yeres therein, and yerely to make there accompt to there behoufe.

And yf all my Chyldren dye withoute Issue, then I will that all my goodes shalbe equally devydyd Emong my brothers and systers chyldren by the discretyon of my brother Glascocke, my brother Maynard, my father in lawe Wibard and my brother Raynsford, my Overseers.

And fynally I will that my brother Maynard and my brother Glascocke shall have th'administracion of my goodes during the nonage of my Sonn, and they to pay my dettes and Fulfyll the legaces of my wyll, and to make there accompte thereof to him at his Full age.

These being witnes, Gerad Michell, clerke, Thomas Shingleton, with other.

Will of William Taverner. 1557

Essex RO Ref D/AEW 3/222 1557

In the name of God, Amen, the 21 day of May in the yere of our Lorde Gode 1557,

I, William Taverner of Hartfort Stocke, being of the holle mynde and goode Remembrance, do ordayne and make this, my last wyll and testament, in manner and forme as herafter folowethe.

Fyrst I bequethe my soull to allmyghtye God, ande to our blessed lady Saynt Mary, and to all the holy company of heaven.

And my body to be at the plesur of allmyghtye God.

Item, I geve and bequethe to Robart Tavarar my son 40s of lawfull mony of England, to have at the age of 20 yerers.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to Mary Tavarnar my doughtar 40s of lawfull mony of Englande, to have it at the day of maryag [marriage].

Item, I geve and bequethe to Margret Tavarnar my doughter 40s of lawfull mony of Englande, to have it at the day of maryag.

And yf the sayd Mary or Margret do dye befor the sayde day of Maryag, one or bothé them, then I wyll that Robart my son shall have ther porcyon [portion] or porcyons.

And yf tha sayd Robart do dye befor the ag of 20 yeares, then I wyll that the sayde porcyns shalbe devided betwext my 2 dowghters.

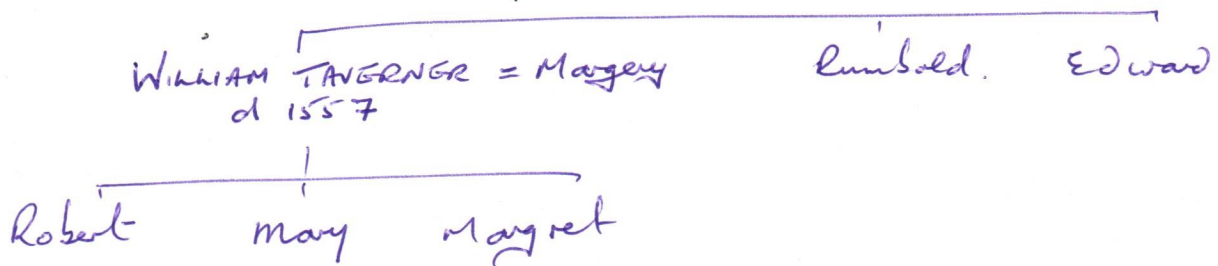
Item, I geve and bequeth to Olyve Manfelde 10s at the day of maryag.

And I wyll, and yf Margery my wyf do mary, then I will, that the sayde porcyns shall be delyvered into the handes of Rombold Tavarnar my brother, or els to [in error for "he"] to have suffycent bonde for the paying of the sayd legacyes, my detes [debts] payd, my wyll fulfilled.

All the Resydew of my goodes I geve and bequeth to Margery my wyff, whome I ordayne ande make myne excecutriss, [erased; -and to have Rombowld Tavarnar my brother excecutor], and I wyll that Edwarde Tavarnar my brother shalbe myne overseer.

Here being present Hary Helles and William Foster with other mo [more].

By me Wyll'm Tavarnar





Will of John Taverner, 1558

Essex RO Ref D/AMR 2/3 1558

In the name of God, Amen, in the yere of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundrethe fyfthe and eight, the 15th day of the monthe of Apryll.

I, John Taverner of Hatfeld Brodoke in the cownty of Essex, husbandman, beyng sycke in bodye but hole of mynd and good memorye, lawde and prayse be gyven unto Almyghty God, do make and ordayne this my present testament and last wyll in manner and forme folowyng, that is to say,

Fyrst I bequethe my soule unto Almyghtye God my maker and redeamer, and to our blessed Ladye Saynt Marye, and to all the holye companye of heaven,

And my bodye to be buried within the hallowed ground of Hatfeld aforsayd.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to the reparacions of Hatfeld church aforsayd 12d.

Item, I gyve and bequeth to Pernell my dowghter, at the day of her mariage, a cowe, and 20s of lawfull money.

Item, I geve and bequethe to Margaret my dowghter, a cowe at the day of her maryage, and 20s of lawfull monye.

And yf that the sayd Pernell or Margaret do deceasse before they do marye, then I wyll that Agnes my wyffe shall have the sayd bequest, or her assignes.

Item, I bequethe to Jone Horwood, my dowghter, 16s 8d, the same yere after my deceasse.

Item, the rest of all my goodes not bequethed I gyve and bequethe to Agnes my wyffe, whom I make myne executryx, bryngyng me honestiye to the yearthe [earth], and payng the costes and charges of thyes [these] my sayd legacyes.

Item, I wyll that Wylliam my sonne shalbe oversear of this my last wyll.

Wytnesse therto John [?Salford] and William Bennet, with other more.

Probate of the Will of John Taverner, 1559

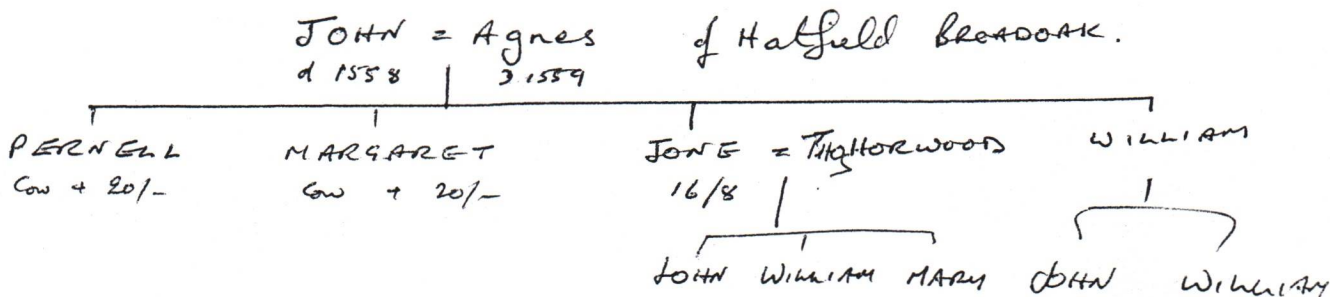
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This first will was proved in the parish church of Kings Hatfield, on the 26th day of the month of May in the year of our Lord 1559.

Before us, John ... and by us approved and favoured, And administration of all and singular the goods was granted to the executrix named in this will,

She being first sworn ...  
Saving all rights whatsoever.

...



Will of Agnes Tavner, 1557

Essex RO Ref D/AMR 2/13 1559

In the name of God, Amen, and in the yere of our Lorde God 1557.

I, Agnes Tavner of Hatfeild Brodoke, wydowe, beyng hole of mynde and in good and perfitte Remembraunce, lawde and prayse be unto Almighty God, do make this my last Will and Testamente in maner and forme folowyng, that is to saye,

Fyrst I bequeth my soule unto Almighty God, and to our blessed ladye Saynte Marye, and to all the blessed companye of heaven.

And my bodye to be buried within the hallowed ground of Hatfeild aforesaid.

Item, I gyve and bequethe to Thomas Horwood 2 quarters of wheate and 12 busshelles of Barley and 12 busshelles of Otes.

Item, I gyve and bequethe unto John Horwoode his sonne, halfe a quarter of Barlye.

Item, I gyve and ["bequeath" omitted] unto William Horwood, halfe a quarter of Barlye.

Item, I gyve unto Marye Horwood, halfe a quarter of Barlye.

Item, I gyve unto John Taverner and to William Taverner, the sonnes of William Taverner my sonne, of Cowyakburye, eather of them, a bullocke of a yere olde.

All the Resydue of my goodes unbequethed I gyve unto my 2 dowghters unmarried, equally devyded by the discrecion of my supervisors.

Item, I make William my sonne myn executor, and for his paynes I gyve hym a marke.

Item, I make Thomas Horwood my overseer of this my last will.

In wytnes wherof John Benton, William Bennys, withe other mo [more]. *Salford? or Bennett in John's will,*

Probate of the Will of Agnes Taverner, 1559

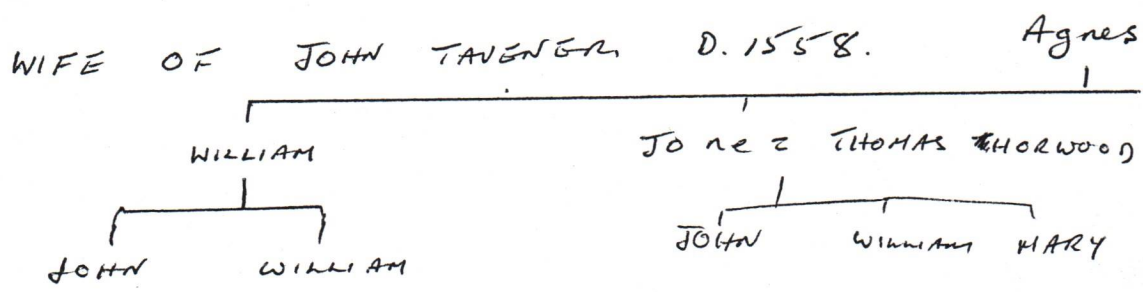
This will was proved on the 26th day of the month of January in the year of our Lord, according to the computation of the Church of England, 1559.

Before Master Baker, Official of our Lord the Archdeacon of Middlesex etc,

And administration of all the goods of the above named deceased was granted by him to the executor named in the same will etc,

He being first sworn well and faithfully to administer etc,

Saving etc.



Will of Christopher Taverner of Stamforde Rivers, 1574

Essex Record Office Ref D/AER 13/51

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Christofer Taverner, of the parrishe of Stamford Rivers in the countie of Essex, husbandman, beinge sick of bodye but of perfette remembrance, thanks be to God, do make this my laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge.

First I commit my soule into thandes [the hands] of almightie God my creator, and to his sonne Jhesus Christe my saviour and redemer, who diede for my sinnes, and by his deathe I hope to be saved at the finall resurrection.

I commite my body to be buried in the churche or churche yarde of Stamforde aforesaide.

Item, I bequethe unto one Arnolde 12d ... [illegible] to Mr Branche.

I requiar my executor to pay to the saide Arnolde 4d that I owe hime.

Item, I geve and bequeathe unto John Marshall of Stamforde Rivers all my goods, moveables, dettes, demaundes, claims, legaces and other things owinge and apparteinginge unto me whatsoever, all my legaces performed, my dettes [paid] and my funerall discharged by hime.

I do make and ordaine the said John Marshall my sole and only executor, and in witesse hereof I have put to this my hande, the 21st day of Marche in the 16th yeare of our soveraigne lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Quene of England, Fraunce and Irelande, defender of the faithe etc.

Probate of the Will of Christopher Taverner, 1574

This will was proved on the last day of the month of March in the year of our Lord 1574, at High Ongar.

By the executor named in the same will.

And [administration] was granted etc,

He being first sworn [well] etc to administer [the same] Inventory exhibited £7 6s 6d.

Hugh  
s 1570  
Bill.

John 1530.  
|  
Alice  
1562

THOMAS  
D1556  
Bill.

LINCS  
WILKS

Will -

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Elizabeth 1562      EDWARD 1566

Edward - 1570  
Tat

Maud = John D1585  
Bill  
witness Thos, Robert Edward -

Robert

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1562      1560  
Fulbeck 15m W  
of Tattershall.

John  
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William  
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Thos  
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Richard  
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Robert = Jane Fisher 1592  
Bourne

Uffington Nr Stanford.

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Alys c    1584  
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Elizabeth = T. Harrington 1592  
~~Anne = T. Dignall 16~~

Elizabeth = Greg. Benicle 1592  
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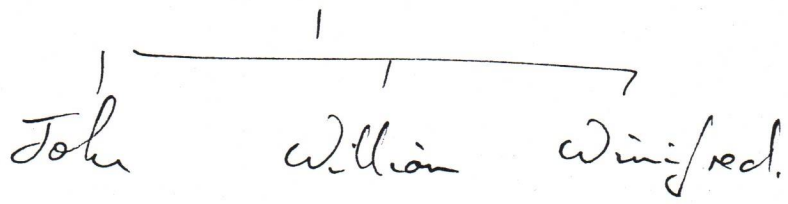
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Elizabeth = Thos Barnet 1592  
Frieston

Granby

Dorothy = Will Hitchcock  
1588

Will of  
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Will of Robert Taverner of Fyshetofte. 1587

In the name of God Amen.

The 24th of Aprill in the year of our Lord 1587.

I. Robert Taverner, of Fyshetofte in the Countie of Lincoln, beinge whole and perfecte in mynd, although sicke in bodie, do make and ordaine my last will and testament in manner as followeth,

First I bequethe my soule to God my maker and creator, stedfastlie hopinge and fully assuringe my self, that not for any desert of myne owne, but for the merites of my saviour and redemer Christ Jesus, he will receive the same into lif everlastinge,

And my bodie I will and appointe to be buried in the churche yard of Fishetofte.

Secondlie I do give and bequethe unto my sonne **Roberte** my plowe, with all the geares thereunto belonginge, my carte with six newe paire of geares, a paire of harrowes, 4 meares, 2 bay with two whit slites in their noses, one blacke, and the other graie,

All which portion, together with my sonne, I will to be in the custodie and tuition of **Alice** my wiffe, untill he come unto the age of 21 yeres, conditionally that she procure sufficient suerties to be bound that she shall bringe him up in Learninge.

Otherwise my will is that she have in her kepinge onelye the plowe and plowe geares, and that my sonne, together with the rest of his portion, be delyvered into the custodie of Antony Ingoldesbie, Parson of Fishetofte, with the condition that he be bound to bringe him up in learninge.

Thirdlie I do give to **Ellyn**, my daughter, my counter table, my best bed and bedestead with all the furniture thereunto belonginge, one pott, one newe kettle, one chaire, 10 ewes and 10 lambes, all which my daughter's portion, my will is, it shold remane in the custodie of my wiff, untill ether she be married, or come to the age of 18 yeres,

Conditionally that she procure sufficient suertie to be bound that at ether of thes tymes all thes thinges shalbe delyvered unto my daughter,

Fourthly I do give and bequethe unto my sister Elizabeth 3s and one ewe and one lambe,

Unto **Roberte Browne** one lambe,

Unto **Ellin Ingoldesby** halfe a litter of pigges of my sonne, that is at Vincent Hoodes howse,

Unto **Vincent Hode** one stryke of barlye,

Unto **John Browne** on stryke of barley,

Unto the poore of Fyshetofte one stryke of barley, to be delyvered them imediatlie after my deathe and departure oute of this world,

Sixtly I do bequethe unto **Nicolas Wolmer**, gent, the lease I bought of **Thomas Burche**, conditionally that he do discharge the money which I am to paie for the same.

Moreover to my wiffe I do give and bequethe a yonge rone mayre, one old sorrell mare, and a blacke bald nage, and to my daughter **Elizabeth** I do give a blacke amblinge fillie,

Will of John Taverner of Billinghamborough, 1585

In the name of God Amen, the 30th daie of Maye in the yeare of our Lord God 1585.

I, John Taverner of Billingborow in the countie of Lincoln, blacksmyth, Sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte remembrannce, thankes be unto God, do ordeine and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowinge.

First I bequeth my soule unto the mercifull God. And my bodie to be buried in the churchye yeard of Billinghamborowe aforesaid.

Item, I give unto the poore there 12d.

Item, I give unto Thomas my sonne the bed wherein I nowe lie, and all thinges belonging to the same, and three paire of shetes, three ewes and lambes, my best brase pot and a silver spone.

Item, I give unto Henrie my sonne, a bed and all that belonges to the same, and three shepe.

Item, I give unto Richard my sonne, a bed and all thinges belonging to the same, two ewes and lambes, and foure hogges and a cowe.

Item, I give unto Jonye my daughter, 4 hoges, a great red chist, 4 paire of shetes, 2 chargers, 2 pewter dishes, 2 sawcers, the best brase pot but one, a kettle and a pann, a spitt, a paire of cobirons.

Item, I give and bequeth unto Maud my wife, for her parte, all suche goodes as I had with her in mariage as remayneth, and for that is sould thereof, I give unto her two kye and five shepe.

Item I give unto everie one of my servantes 2s 6d.

Also I will that if anie of my said children departe this lif before thei be able to receive suche portions as shall belonge to them, that then the parte of the deceased to be equallie divided amonge the survivors of them.

The rest of all my good and land not geven nor bequethed, I will to be sould by John White and Hugh Taverner, whome I do ordeine and appoynte.

And thei two I will to paye all my debtes, legacies and funerall charges with the mony thei shall receive for the same, and that which remayneth unpayd and not bestowed aboute the said uses, I will to be equallie devided amonge my foure children by the said John White and Hughe Taverner, whome I ordeine gardeners for my childeren and there parte, untill thei come to age, and I ordeine and make Thomas my sonne executor of this my last will, unto whome thei maye make accompte, And I give unto either of them for there paynes 5s.

Will of Thomas Taverner of Billingborough. 1556

In the name of God Amen.

The 16 day of Auguste in the yere of oure lord God 1556.

I, Thomas Taverner of Billingborough in the Cowntie of Lincoln, inkeper, beyng seke of body, but, thanked be God, of an hole mynde and perfite remembrance, do make this my will and testamente in manner and forme folowing.

Firste I give and bequeathe my soull to God Almightye, to our Blessed Ladye Saynt Marye, and to all the holy companye of heaven, trusting most faithfullie to be saved by the death and passion of our lord Jesus Criste, and to have remission and forgevnes of all my sines thourgh his most presiose blode shedinge,

And my body to be buried in the churche yeard of Saynt Androwe in the sayd Bilingborough.

Item. I give for my mortuarye as the law requerethe.

Item. I give to the mother churche of Lincoln 4d.

Item I give to the hie alter in Bilingborough, for tithes and oblations forgoton, 4d.

Item. I give to Hugo Taverner my sonne, one cowe and 40s in monye.

Item. I give to John my sonne, all his (?)shopgere freley, and one cow

Item I give to Bartilimewe Taverner my brother, to his wiffe and to every one of his chelderne, 8d a pece.

Item. I give to Thomas Taverner, the sonne of Willyam Taverner, 6s 8d.

Item. I give to Thomas Sutton, my wiffes sister son, 12d.

Item, I give to Hugo Taverner and John Taverner, my sonnes, ether of them, one bed with thinges therto belonginge, at the sight and disscretion of my wiffe.

Item. I give to Hugo Taverner my sonne one bay marye and a fole.

Item. I give to Rafe Eshton wever, to his wife, and to every one of his chelderne, 4d.

Item. I give to Thomas Marshall, my godson, 8d.

The residew of all my goodes not bequeathed, my debts payd and legacis fulfilled, I give to Alice Taverner my wiffe and to William Taverner my sonne, whom I do make myne exequators of this my will and testamente, to have and enjoye all my forsaid goodes, and to se my detes discharged and my selfe honestlye brought to the ground, and to do for my soille healthe, and all my good frendes soulles, as they thenke good at ther disscretions, and my brother Bartilmew to be my supervisor of this my will and testamente and to have for his paynes takyng 3s 4d.

Item I give to Isabell Waller my cosine 6s 8d.

Thes beyng witnesses, Edward Buckberye, Robert Buckberye, John Towers and Robert Alwike, with other moo.

Probate of the Will of Thomas Taverner. 1557

This will was proved at Aunsbie on the 21st day of the month of July 1557, before Master Roger Bromhall, Official etc, and all execution of the said will was granted to the executrix, she being first sworn etc.







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In the name of god Amen the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August in Anno  
1587 Elizabeth Taverner of Billingborough in the county of  
Lincolnshire do ordaine and make by this my last will and testament  
in this forme following first I bequeath my whole but the inferior  
part thereof by of the first gift to be given and my body  
to be buried in the churchyard of Billingborough aforesaid

ELIZ. TAVERNER 1587 of Billingborough

and my debts payed I give and bequeath to Alice Jane  
my two daughters w<sup>ch</sup> I make my executrixes of this  
last will And I ordaine and appoint for my Executor  
my brother and kinsman Taverner my body to be buried  
with my last will and gardenes for my Executors to have  
of my good and the execution of my last will and be  
able to receive the same at their own And if either  
of them die before their time to age or otherwise  
my good and will upon you I will the labor to give  
the or other of the above 23<sup>rd</sup> if they have done  
will be more here than you I will all my land you  
divided for one part to my brother and sisters and  
half to my late husband's brother and sisters half  
to my brother and sister Taverner and sister  
of the being witness John White William Olive  
and William Chambers

Witness my hand the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1587  
John White  
William Olive  
and  
William Chambers

Will of Thomas Taberner of Billinghamborough, 1585

In the name of God Amen.

The 25th daie of June and in the yeare of our Lord God 1585.

I, Thomas Taberner of Billinghamborowe in the countie of Lincoln, laborer, sicke in bodie but of good and perficte remembrannce, thankes be unto God, do ordene and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme folowinge.

First I bequeth my soule unto the mercie seat of God, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard of Billinghamborowe.

Item, I give unto the poore there 6d.

I give and bequeath unto Alice and Avis, my two daughters, either of them, £10, and I will that Hughe Taverner, my uncle, have that same to put forth for the use of my said two children, at his discretion, till thei come to age.

And if either of them departe this life before thei come to receive theire parte, then the parte of the deceased to remane unto the overliver.

And if thei bothe departe, then I give unto Alice my sister 40s of there portions, and to Richard my elder brother 20s

And unto my brother John 20s

Also to Richard my younger brother 20s.

And to my sister Margarie 10s.

All which sommes, yf my said daughters departe this life before they come to age, I will to be payd out of ther portions, or else thes giftes to be of none effecte.

Item, I give unto my said brother Richard my best dublet, a sprust leather jerkyn, my best russet hose and a daggar.

I give to my brother John my best whit hose and netherstockes, a blacke frese jerkin and a lether dublet.

Item, I give to Richard my younger brother my worst russet hose and worst russet netherstockes and a greye frese jerkyne.

I give to Alice my sister a lynnens shete and fembleshet and pillowbeare.

I give to Margerie my sister a paire of harden shetes.

And to William Chambers myn old russet cloake.

The rest of all my goodes and chattles ungeven and bequeathed, my debtes, legacies and funerall charges beinge paid and discharged, I give and bequeth unto Elizabeth my wife, whome I make my executor of this my last will.

And I ordeine and appoynte Hughe Taverner my uncle to be my supervisore over the same.

And I give him for his paynes aboute the same, 5s.

Thes beinge witnesses, John White, William Chambers, John Soule, Robert Taverner and others.

Probate of the Will of Thomas Taberner, 1585

Proved at Folkingham on the 13th day of July 1585 before John Belley, Doctor of Laws, Vicar Spiritual and General etc.

And all execution of the said Will was granted to the executrix abovenamed, she being first sworn in form of law etc.

271 Anno Domini 1553 et 1554

In the name of god amen the xxij day of may in the  
 of our lord god king of England and of hertford  
 countie of Lancastre in the xxij day of may  
 I Roberte to godes gift remembrance making  
 and witness <sup>that</sup> my wife will testifies from  
 remembrance my wife will in mind and forme  
 following first and before all of Henry Jewons  
 my son to whome god trustyng to give possession  
 of all my synners by his grace and poffion of his  
 lowe sonnes Jesu christ my son and my body to be  
 mye I do the xxij daye of february laste  
 in the said hertford in the laste part of my husband  
 stay to the poor man by whome I am to be wedded  
 Henry Jewons my son to whome I have given  
 my sister one year and a half and one penny and  
 by the st to John parsons my brother in the  
 presence of all my wife and my great petyr Paul  
 Jewons stay to be paid unto my sister one petyr of  
 my wife Jewons and to be paid to my wife I pay  
 my sister one year and a half and one penny and  
 one penny and in the presence of all my wife  
 of the said daye I will to be paid unto the  
 of the said marriage to be given parsons  
 my sister brother Jewons by the said Jewons and  
 all of Henry Jewons my wife my wife and table  
 of wayestall Jewons to be paid unto my  
 my wife Jewons and all the said Jewons Jewons

Robert Jewons  
2nd wife of R.R.

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In the name of God Amen

We both say of our in the year of our lord 1552

and in the last year of the reign of our lord Edward the sixth

of the name of the sixth year of his said Majesty's reign

we the said John and the said Anne have been lawfully

married together in the lawful manner of matrimony

and have had issue of our said marriage one son

the name of the said John the said son of our said

marriage and we the said John and the said Anne

have given unto the said John the said son of our

marriage the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful

money of England unto the said John the said son

of our said marriage the day of the said giving

unto the said John the said son of our said

marriage the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful

money of England unto the said John the said son

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Wid of Rose Taverner of Boston

1552. Boston. Recd. T. 56