

Transcription of theLast Will and Testament of Henry Bruges of Newburye

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T Henrici Bruges

1. **In the name of god amen** I Henry Bruges of Newburye of the Dioc[ese] of Sar[um]
2. Squyre hole of mynde of good remembraunce and not in playn helth of body make this my p[rese]nt testament and
3. last wille in maner and fourme as folowith ffirst I bequeth my soule to almighty god my Creatour to his blissed
4. mother saint mary virgyn and to all the holy saint[es] And my body to be buried in xpen [i.e. Christian, ff.] buryell in suche place as
5. it shall please our lord to take me vnto his marcye And I bequeth to the mother Church of Sar[um] vjs viijd
6. Item to the high awter of the parishe Church of Newbury for my tithes and offering[es] forgotten xxs Item
7. to the wark[es] of the same Church twenty pound[es] Also I will that in the Dayes of my buriall and monthis mynd
8. that in either of them there be distributed and gevyn to euery poure Creature thither comyng oon penny to pray
9. for my soule and all xpen soules And I geve and bequeth to euery of my meynyall seru[au]nt[es] which shalbe reteyned with
10. me at the tyme of my deceas oon hole yeres wagis as their couen[au]nt[es] before made w[i]^{t[h]} me hath been vsed over and beside their
11. wagis that then shall fortune to be due vnto theym for the tyme passed afore my deth Also I will that euery of the
12. same my seru[au]nt[es] at the provision of myn executour haue sufficient boording of meate and Drynke and convenient lod[-]

13. ging as shall beseme by oon quarter of a yere next ensuyng after my dethe the same charges to be borne of my good[es]
14. Also I will that by the space of sevyne yeres fully next after my deceas an honest scouler preest not benefised be heyred
15. by myn executo^r to pray for my soule and for the soule of Margery my wife late decessed and for all xpen soules vnto
16. whom I wott yerely to be paid truely ix m[a]rc[es] by the yere for his salarye And I will that the same preest shall celebrate
17. his dyvyne seruice in that Church where my body shall fortune to be buried and not in any other place Item I bequeth
18. to Johan Thornehull my Doughter twenty pound[es] Item to John Gifford sonne of my said Doughter in money [o]r plate
19. to the valour of twenty pound[es] Item to Anne suster of the said John toward hir preferment of mariage twentye
20. poundes Item to Anne Darell the Doughter of Constantyne Darell Twenty pound[es] Item to Robert Bedford son

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1. of my said wife Tenne pound[es] Item to Robert Sewey a Cupp of siluer to the valour of ffourty shilling[es] The Residue of my
2. goodes and Cattall[es] not bequethid my dett[es] and funerall[es] paid I geve and bequeth to Richard Bruges my sonne whom I
3. make my sool and lawfull Executour of this my testament Soo that he may therof Dispoase for the weall of my soule
4. as to him shall seme best to the pleasure of almighty god yoven at Newbury the vth Day of Decembre In the yere of o^{[u]r}
5. Lord god a Thousande fyve hundreth and xxxviiij And in the yere of the Reigne of our soueraigne Lord King Henry the
6. viijth the xxxth These men being witnesse John Wynscombe thelder of Newbury John Mayget parson of Weft Shifford
7. John Knyght of Newbury and Robert Sewey and other[s]

8. Probatum fuit test[amentu]m suprascripti Defuncti h[ab]entis &c xxviiij^o
Die mensis Januarij Anno D[omi]ni Millesimo

Proved was the testament of the above-written Deceased, having, etc.,
(on) the 28th Day of the month of January (in) the Year of (our) Lord the One
Thousandth

9. quingen[tesim]o xxxviiij^o apud London coram D[omi]no auc[torita]te D[omi]ni
n[ost]ri Regis &c Jurament^o R[ic]ardi Bruges executoris in h[uius]mo[d]i
test[ament]o no[m]i[n]at[i]

five hundredth (&) 38th/39th] at London before the Master, (by) the authority
of our Lord the King, etc., (by) the Oath of Richard Bruges, the executor in
this testament named.

10. Com[m]issa q[ue] fuit admi[ni]stracio o[mn]i[u]m et singulorum bonorum
Iurium et creditorum d[i]c[t]i Defuncti p[re]fat[o] executori De b[e]n[e] et
fidelit[er]

And administration was Granted of all and singular the goods, Rights, and
credits of the said Deceased (to) the afore-mentioned executor, For well and
faithfully

11. admi[ni]strand[o] Ac de pleno et fidei In[venta]ri^o secundo Die post festum
Ascenc[i]o[n]is D[omi]ni prox[imam] futur[am] exhibend[o] Necnon de plano
& vero compot[o]

administering (the same). And with regard to a full and true Inventory (on)
the second Day after the feast of the Ascension of (our) Lord next to come*
exhibiting. And also with regard to a plain & true account

[* Ascension Day fell on Thursday 15 May in 1539, with the Inventory thus
ordered to take place before Saturday the 17th]

12. reddend[o] Ad sancta Dei Eu[an]gelia Jurat[e]

rendering. Sworn on the holy Gospels of God.
