WILL OF JOHN GARDENER, OF BURY.—1506.*

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Gardener, of Bury Seynt Edmond, clothmaker, with an hool and good mynde, beying at Bury aforseid, the xvij. of January, in the yeer of our lord god, MDvj., make my testament and last will in manner and forme folowyng: First, I bequeth my sowle to almyghty god, to our lady Seynt Mary, and to all his seynts, and my body to be beried in the north eyle of Seynt James's chirche afore the Salutacion of our Lady, stondyng by a glas wyndow in the same ele. Item, I be queth to the heigh awter, in the same cherche, for my tithes and offeryngs forgotyn and negligently payed xxs. Item, I bequeth to the Seynt Mary preist of the same chirche to prey for my sowl, iijs. iiiijd...Item I bequeth to the seid chirche of Seynt James a cope of the value of xl., and I will the preist of Candelmesse Gilde for the tyme beyng, shall alwey wear the seid cope in procescion at suche tyme as it shalbe occupied. Item, I bequeth to an honest preist to synge and prey for my sowle and all my good frends sowlis that I am indette or bounde to, by the space and terme of ij hoole yers, in the seid chirche of Seynt James, at Seynt John's awter, taking for his stipendy xl. xijjs. iiiijd'. Item, I will ther be mad a newe Salutacion of our Lady, to stonde in the wyndow ther the olde salutacion stondith, in the seid chirche, and the olde to be takyn awey. Item, I will myn annueriesary and erthetide shalbe kepid weell and honestly during viij yeers, ymmediatly folowyng after my discese, and at euery annyueriesary to be delid xs. in bred to poure folks during the seid viij yeers. Item I bequethe to Stevyn my sone xx mares of lawfull mony of Engelond to his exhibicion to fynde hym to scole, to be payed hym as he shall nede it honestly. Item, I bequeth to the said Stevyn, whan he comyth to the full age of xxj years, a siluer salt with a covertill, parcel gilt, weyng xij vncez, j maser with ij feet siluer and gilt, vj siluer spones knoppid with lyons, weyng to gedyr, vj vncez and di. Item, I bequeth to the seid Stevyn iiij/., to be payed hym be Agnes my wyff, whan he shall take commensement in the seid chirche at the universite. And if hee die afor that tyme I will the seid iiij/. shalbe payed to Thomas Edon and Richard Edon, gentilmen, to remayne to John and Jone, my childryn, in forme folowyng. Item, I bequethe to the seid Stevyn j federbed, j bolster, j reed couerlight of damask work, wrought with v Jhesus thereon, j peyreblanketts, and j peyre shets. Item, I bequeth to Rose, my doughter, x mares, to be payed here whan she is mad nunne. Item, I bequeth to Jone, my doughter, whan she comyth to the full age of xx yeers, xx mares ; and if the seid Jone fortune to be maried afor the seid age of xx yeers, I will she shalbe payed the seid xx mares at her mariage. Item I bequethe to the seid Jone at the seid tyme to hir afor assigned, j reed cors gyrdill, powdrid with gold and harneysid with

* Reg. of Wills, Bury, Lib. Pye, f. 196.
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silver, j peyre beds of whyte amber of fifti, the paternostres silver and gilt, j ffetherbed, j bolster, j couerlight, j peyre blanketts, and j peyre shets. Item, I bequeth to John Gardener, my sone, whan he comyth to the full age of xxj years, xxl. Item, I bequeth to the seid John, my sone, and his heirs, at the same age, ij stallis stondying in the gret market, wherof j letyn to Thomas Chesteyn, and the other letyn to Thomas Munnyngs. Item, I bequeth to the seid John, after the diocese of Agnes my wyff, my jron beme, with the scalys thereto and vj leden weights, weyng to gedyr ccc quarter. Item, I bequethe to the said John, whan he comyth to the seid age, j fetherbed, j bolster, j couerlight, j peyre blanketts, and j peyre shets, and ij peyre of my shermans shers neste the beste. And I will the seid Agnes my wyff shall haue the occupuyng of the same shers till the seid John comyth to his seid age assignyd; and if she die afor that tymne, I will they shall remayne to the seid Thomas Edon and Richard Edon...And if it fortune them all thre to dye afore there ages abouelymytid, I will all ther bequests of mony, plate, and stuff shalbe disposid in the seid churche of Seynt James in thos thyngs that may be most plesur to almyghty God by the advice of the seid Thomas Edon and Richard Edon. Item, I bequeth to William my sone x marcs, to be payed hym within xij monthes after my diocese. Item, I bequeth to the same William j brod lome and ij narow lomes. Item, I bequeth to the seid William ij tenements with j 'ourdyn lyyng on Sparowhill, in Bury forseid, that I holde of Seynt Nicholas. Also I will the seid Thomas Edon and Richard Edon shall take and rescyve for me of William True, of Lynn, marchaunt, and Richard Arolles, of the same town, marchaunt, xxvj. xijs. as apperith by obligacion; also of Robert Clerk, of Norwiche, xvjl. vjs. viijd.; also of Symond True, of Lynne forseid, xvijl. viijd.; also of John Byrd, of Bury Seynt Edmond, servyener, lxvjs. viijd., and with the seid lxiiij. xijs. that the seid Thomas Edon and Richard Edon shall resceyve, I will they shall paye and contente to eche of my seid childryn there bequests of mony as be expressid and bequethid them aforesaid, except the iiij. whiche the seid Agnes my wyff shall paye and contente....Item, I will the seid Agnes my wyff and heir assignes shall haue and occupie the fullyng mine, callid Stowe mille, that I holde of Maister Hospitaler duryng the terme of myne indenture therof mad. Item I will the seid Agnes my wyff shall haue to heir and heir assignes, iiij acres medow that I holde be copy of the Estgate bernes. The residue of all my goods and catalls, mevabills and onmevabills, and all my detts not bequestid nor assigned, I bequeth and assign them vnto the seid Agnes my wyff for to pay my detts, brynge my body honestly to the erthe, and fulfille this my testament and last will in euery thyng, except the bequests of mony to my seid children bequestid, wiche the seid Thomas Edon and Richard Edon shall contente and pay, and to doo good deds of charite for the helthe of my sowle as she shall thynke best to the most plesur of God. And I make myn executrice the seid Agnes my wyff....These wittessen, Maister Geffrey Launde, parish pryst of Seynt James Chirche, Robert Cranewys, William Bolton, and other.

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