

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, beyng 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, iij s. iiij d. ... 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 procession 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. xij s. iiij d. 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 chirehe, and the olde to be takyn away. Item, I will myn annyuersary and erthetide shalbe kepud weell and honestly duryng vij yeers, ymmediatly folowyng after my discese, and at euery annyuersary to be delid xs. in bred to poure folks duryng the seid vij yeers. Item I bequethe to Stevyn my sone xx marcs 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 xiiij vncez, j maser with iij feet siluer and gilt, vj siluer spones knoppid with lyons, weyng to gedyr, vij vncez and di. Item, I bequethe to the seid Stevyn iij l., to be payed hym be Agnes my wyff, whan he shall take commensement in the scole at the vniuersite. And if hee die afor that tyme I will the seid iij l. shalbe payed to Thomas Edon and Richard Edon, gentilmen, to remayne to John and Jone, my cheldryn, 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 peyre blanketts, and j peyre shets. Item, I bequeth to Rose, my doughter, x marcs, 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 marcs; and if the seid Jone fortune to be maried afore the seid age of xx yeers, I will she shalbe payed the seid xx marcs at her mariage. Item I bequethe to the seid Jone at the seid tyme to hir afor assigned, j reed cors gyrdill, powdrud with gold and harneysid with

* Reg. of Wills, Bury, Lib. Pye, f. 196.

siluer, j peyre beds of whyte amber of fyfty, the paternostres siluer 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 stondyng 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 discese of Agnes my wyff, my jron beme, with the scalyss 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 nexte the beste. And I will the seid Agnes my wyff shall haue the occupyyng of the same shers till the seid John comyth to his seid age assignyd; and if she die afor that tyme, 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 chirche 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 bequethe to William my sone x marcs, to be payed hym withyn xij monthes after my discese. Item, I bequethe to the same William j brod lome and ij narow lomes. Item, I bequeth to the seid William ij tenements with j gardyn 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 resseyve for me of William True, of Lynn, marchaunt, and Richard Amfles, of the same town, marchaunt, xxvj*l.* xijs. as apperith by obligacion; also of Robert Clerk, of Norwiche, xv*l.* vjs. viij*d.*; also of Symond True, of Lynne forseid, xviii*l.* vjs. viij*d.*; also of John Byrd, of Bury Seynt Edmond, scryvener, lxvjs. viij*d.*, and with the seid lxiiij*l.* 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 aforeseid, except the iiij*l.* 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 mille, 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 Fstgate 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 fullille 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 soule as she shall thynke best to the most plesur of God. And I make myn executrice the seid Agnes my wyff.... These witnessen, Maister Geffrey Launde, parish pryst of Seynt James Chirche, Robert Cranewys, William Bolton, and other.

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