

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858.

Abstract of the Will of Anthony Skynner of London, Esquire, written 18 Nov 1558, proved 11 Jul 1559.

Wills that his body be buried at St. Bride's Foot, in the chancel of St. Bride's.

Gives & bequeaths to Jane his wife his house, lands, tenements and other hereditaments within the city of London or its suburbs for the term of her natural life, and after her decease he bequeaths the same to his son William.

Item. Gives to his sons George and William all his wearing apparell.

Item. Gives to his daughter Prudence his hoop ring which he wove upon his little finger.

Item. Gives to the rest of his daughters a similar ring.

Item. Gives to his daughter Benett a silver salt cellar, a gilt spoon and 8 ounces of silver parcell gilt.

Item. Wills that the woods within Shelfield Park be felled and sold and the money divided among his three daughters Benett, Martha and Mary as follows: to his daughter Benett 400 marks, to his daughter Martha 200 marks, and to his daughter Mary 200 marks.....

Item. He forgives his servant Anthony Parsons the debt of £10 he owes.

Item. Gives and bequeaths to his servant Richard Turner his bay gelding.

Item. Gives to his servant Henry Marshall his indenture of apprenticeship so that he can continue as servant to his wife Jane for the term of a year after his death. Also gives to Henry Marshall 40 shillings to be paid to him at the end of the said year.

Item. Gives to his servant Matthew Foxe a tenement in Derby Green or Alkynne or Little Alne.

Item. Gives 20 shillings to his maid servant Joyce Pusse, to be paid to her at the day of her marriage.

Item. Gives 40 shillings to his maid servant Elizabeth Swetnam.

All the rest of his goods and chattels he gives and bequeaths to his wife Jane and his sons George and William, making them co-executors of his last will and testament.

Makes and ordains his son-in-law Richard Palmer as overseer of his last will and testament and to whom he gives his best colt for his efforts.

Witnesses: Richard Heywood, Thomas Nycoll, Richard Palmer