

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 1 September 1589 and proved 30 October 1589, of Henry Prannell (c.1531 - 22 October 1589), who purchased Oxford's manor of Newsells.

The testator was the son of William Prannell of Martyr Worthy near Winchester. In the will below, he mentions four relatives surnamed Prannell, his brother, Robert Prannell; his nephew, Henry Prannell (son of his brother, Robert); and another Henry Prannell, 'son of Robert Prannell th' elder, deceased'. The testator also mentions a sister-in-law, Joan, who may have been the wife of 'Robert Prannell th' elder, deceased', and a 'cousin', Cornelius Cater.

The testator was granted a coat of arms in 1584. See Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *Grantees of Arms Named in Docquets and Patents to the End of the Seventeenth Century*, (Armorial Register, 1915), p. 204 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=yzbBCwAAQBAJ&pg=PA204&lpg=PA204&dq=%22Martyr+Worthy%22+%22Prannell%22&source=bl&ots=Ybio74OnyC&sig=nb9h11SQPGiuBQvOENY1gjQ4-L8&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjE-ZK1oYLMAhVNymMKHYZuD2MQ6AEIMDAF#v=onepage&q=%22Martyr%20Worthy%22%20%22Prannell%22&f=false>

The testator married Anne Baxter (d.1593?), the daughter of Edmund Baxter, by whom, according to the monument formerly in the south side of the chancel of the church of St Michael le Querne, he had three sons and one daughter. See Stow, John, *The Survey of London*, (London: Elizabeth Purslow, 1633), p. 388 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=UONBAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA388&lpg=PA388&dq=%22Stow%22+%22Survey+of+London%22+%22Baxtar%22&source=bl&ots=Y1rApehYwX&sig=3iTJY-jERc7Z5vGv3pThvWs8W8k&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwIjubDrxYTMAhUVzWMKHYPxpA18Q6AEIHTAA#v=onepage&q=%22Stow%22%20%22Survey%20of%20London%22%20%22Baxtar%22&f=false>

Here lyeth buried the body of Henry Prannell, late Citizen and Alderman of London, and free of the Vintners; who deceased the 22. day of October, Ann. Dom. 1589. Anno aetatis suae, 58. He had to wife Anne, the daughter of Edmond Baxtar; and had issue by her, three sonnes and one daughter.

Nothing further is known of the testator's wife's family apart from the fact that in her will she mentions a brother, Richard Baxter. See TNA PROB 11/83/132.

The church of St Michael le Querne was destroyed in 1666 in the Great Fire of London, and it may be that the epitaph was copied incorrectly (likely by Munday; the epitaph is not given in the 1603 edition) since in their wills both the testator and his wife name only one son and two daughters:

* Henry Prannell, who in early 1592 married Frances Howard (27 July 1578 – 8 October 1639), the daughter of Thomas Howard (c.1520 - 28 January 1582), 1st Viscount Bindon, by his third wife, Mabel Burton (1540-1580), the daughter of Nicholas Burton of Carshalton, Surrey. For the testator's son, see his will, TNA PROB 11/94/506.

For the education of the testator's son, see:

<http://www.prangnell.net/prannel.htm>.

[Henry Prannell] had a good education at Shrewsbury and Greyfriars Schools and was admitted to Caius College Cambridge in 1581 at the age of 15 and to the Middle Temple in 1584.

* Joan Prannell, who married Robert Brooke of Copfold, Essex. It appears that she and the testator's son, Henry, were involved in litigation against each other. See TNA C 2/Eliz/B19/46, and TNA STAC 5/P21/38. Joan Prannell and her husband are said to have been Catholic recusants. See:

<http://wwtn.history.qmul.ac.uk/search/csearch.php?uid=BB027>.

* Mary Prannell, who married John Clerke of Lincoln's Inn. See the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/clarke-john>.

John Clerke was the son of Francis Clerke, a proctor in the Court of Arches, for whom see the will, TNA PROB 11/75/199, of his brother, Bartholomew Clerke (c.1537-1590), translator of Castiglione's *The Courtier*, to which Oxford contributed a commendatory Latin epistle dated 3 January 1572 (see STC 4782).

See also the Prannell pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Hertfordshire*, (London: Harleian Society, 1886), Vol. XXII, p. 159 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofher222732cook#page/n175/mode/2up>.

See also:

<https://www.genealogieonline.nl/en/west-europese-adel/I1073985114.php>.

For Oxford's sale of the manor of Newsells to the testator, see Page, William, ed., *The Victoria County History of the County of Hertford*, (London: Constable and Company Limited, 1914), Vol. 4, pp. 28-9 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924088434463#page/n65/mode/2up>.

For the final concord between Oxford and the testator concerning the manor of Newsells, see Brigg, William, ed., *The Herts Genealogist and Antiquary*, (Harpenden: William Brigg, 1897), Vol. II, p. 255 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/hertsgenealogist02brig#page/n515/mode/2up>.

For the testator's trustee and 'cousin', Cornelius Cater, see the pedigree of Cater of Rempston, Blaydes, Frederic Augustus, ed., *The Visitations of Bedfordshire*, (London: Harleian Society, 1884), Vol. XIX, p. 89 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=9iTTAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA90&lpg=PA90&dq=%22vintner%22+%22Cornelius+Cater%22&source=bl&ots=5rtxWws8pL&sig=oiIROJTloVppXcYoTMc7yB0wUp&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjI4JK_54HMAhVP82MKHQ9qAWYQ6AEIHTAA#v=onepage&q=%22vintner%22%20%22Cornelius%20Cater%22&f=false.

For the testator, his brother, Robert Prannell, and the testator's trustee, Giles Hodgson, see also the London subsidy roll for 1576 at:

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~ahnelson/SUBSIDY/252ndxn.html>.

For the testator's brother, Robert Prannell, his wife, Margaret, and their sons, Henry and George, see the will of William Waltham alias Mason of London, TNA PROB 11/109/7, dated 19 May 1600 and proved 7 January 1607 at:

<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/p/o/p/Sandra-Popiel/FILE/0096page.html>.

For the testator's overseer, Sir Roger Townshend (c.1544-1590), who, like the testator, purchased property from Oxford, see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/77/149. On 6 May 1584 Oxford sold Townshend the manors of Wivenhoe, Battleswick and Great Bentley (see TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 51). For Townshend's account of a fray on 18 June 1582 between the men of Thomas Knyvet, uncle of Oxford's mistress, Anne Vavasour, and men purporting to serve Oxford, see TNA SP 154/13, ff. 23-4.

For the testator's overseer, William Fleetwood (c.1525 – 28 February 1594), Recorder of London, see the *ODNB* entry and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/fleetwood-william-i-1525-94>.

For the testator's overseer, Sir Cuthbert Buckle (1533-1594), Lord Mayor of London, see the Buckle papers at:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/rd/4c575b55-5c8c-43a3-b4f4-24ff50ff0a8a>.

The testator leaves a bequest to John Bowser (d.1615) and his wife. Earlier, John Bowser's father, Richard Bowser, who purchased Oxford's manor of Sheriffs, in his will dated 13 June 1585, TNA PROB 11/70/86, had bequeathed mourning gowns to the testator and his wife:

Item, I give & bequeath to Henry Prannell, vintner, and to his wife, to each of them a mourning gown of fine cloth of sixteen shinges [sic] a yard.

For the nuncupative will of the vintner, John Bowser, proved 4 October 1615, see TNA PROB 11/126/230.

For the testator's tavern called the Castle in Paternoster Row which he and his wife had jointly purchased from Thomas Sowthe, gentlemen, of Swallowcliffe, Wiltshire, see the marriage settlement dated 20 May 1577 in Pugh, R.B., ed., *Calendar of Antrobus Deeds Before 1625*, (Devizes: Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, 1947), Vol. III, p. 56, available online:

(d) a messuage or tenement in London in Pater Noster Roe called The Stone House otherwise the Castell in the parish of St. Meychelles in the Querne, now or late in the tenure of Henrie Prannell.

RM: T{estamentum} Henrici Prannell

[f. 242r] In the name of God, Amen. The first day of September in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred eighty-nine and in the one and thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I, Henry Prannell, citizen and alderman of London, being in good health, whole in mind and of perfect memory, thanked by God for the same, do make and ordain this my present testament and last will in writing in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I do give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my Creator, and I do trust to be saved and to enjoy his heavenly glory through the merits, death and passion of his only and dearly-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of me and of all mankind;

And I do will that my body shall be buried in the parish church of St Michaels in the Querne within the city of London in such manner and form as to my executrix hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the master and governors of the hospital commonly called Christ's Hospital in London and to their successors forever to th' use and for the finding and good education of poor children within the same hospital forever one yearly rent of five pounds of lawful money of England to be taken and paid out of my messuage,

tenements and houses situate and being in the parish of St Olave's in Hart Street near unto Mark Lane in London yearly after my decease at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady, Saint Mary the Virgin, and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions;

And my will and mind is that if the said yearly rent of five pounds or any part thereof shall happen to be behind and unpaid by the space of thirty days, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said masters and governors and their successors for the time being or their assigns into the said messuage, tenement[s] and houses or any of them to enter, there to distrain and the distress or distresses there had and found to carry away and keep until the said yearly rent and th' arrearages thereof, if any be, be fully satisfied and paid;

Also I do give and bequeath unto the poor prisoners being in every one of the four prisons in London, viz., Newgate, Ludgate and the two Counters, ten pounds of lawful money of England for every one of the said prisons, the same to be distributed and given within one quarter of a year next coming after my decease to and amongst the poorest prisoners remaining there for debt and upon commandment or for any felony except murder according to the good discretion of my said executrix and overseers hereafter named;

Item, whereas my well-beloved wife, Anne, now is and standeth jointly seised with me for term of her life of and in the tavern and greater messuage commonly called the Sign of the Castle in Paternoster Row in London and of other houses adjoining to the same by reason of a joint purchase by us made from one Thomas Sowthe, gentlemen, the reversion thereof in fee simple being in me and in my heirs, I do now give and bequeath the said reversion of the said tavern, messuage and houses unto Henry Prannell, my son, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And also I give and [f. 242v] bequeath unto the said Henry, my son, one annuity or yearly rent of forty pounds of lawful money of England to be taken and paid out of all my manors, messuages, lands and hereditaments as well within the city of London as in the counties of Middlesex and Hertford, to have and to hold to him and his assigns from and after my decease for and during the natural life of my said wife, to be paid yearly at four feasts in the year, that is to say, at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel, the Birth of Our Lord God, th' Annunciation of Our Lady and the Nativity of Saint John Baptist, by even portions, the first payment thereof [-thereof] to begin at such of the same feasts as shall first come and be next after my decease;

And I will that if the said yearly rent of forty pounds or any part thereof be behind and unpaid by the space of thirty days next after any of the said feasts in which it ought to be paid as aforesaid, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Henry or his assigns into the said manors, lands and tenements or any of them to enter and distrain and the distress there taken to keep till he be satisfied and paid of the said yearly rent and of th' arrearages thereof, if any be;

Also I do give and bequeath unto the parson and churchwardens of Martyr Worthy in the county of Southampton and to their successors for the time being forever one annuity or yearly rent of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England, to be taken and paid yearly forever out of all my said great messuage and houses in Hart Street aforesaid within the said city of London at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions for and towards the maintenance of a schoolmaster forever to teach and bring up ten children born in the said parish being sons of the poorest inhabitants there from time to time, to be brought up till such time as they severally shall attain and come to the ages of sixteen years and be meet and able to be prentices or otherwise to serve;

And my will and mind is that the said parson and churchwardens and their successors for the time being and their assigns or any of them shall or may enter into the said great messuage and houses in Hart Street or in any of them, there to distrain from time to time for the said annuity or yearly rent and th' arrearages thereof, if any be, when and as often as the same annuity or any part thereof shall happen to be behind and unpaid by the space of thirty days after either of the said feasts;

Also I do give and bequeath to and amongst the poor prisoners within the city of Winchester, other than such as be imprisoned for murder, ten pounds of lawful money of England;

And I give to and amongst the poorest inhabitants of the same city other ten pounds of like lawful money, the same twenty pounds to be distributed within one half year next after my decease at and by the discretion of my said executrix and overseers;

Item, I do also give and bequeath unto my said dearly-beloved wife, Anne, two parts of all other my manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments within the said city of London and in the counties of Middlesex and Hertford in three parts to be divided, to have and to hold the said two parts unto the said Anne, my wife, and her assigns for and during her natural life if she shall so long live sole and unmarried;

And after her decease or marriage, which of them shall first happen to come, I do give the same two parts of all my said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments unto my said son, Henry Prannell, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever;

And the other third part of all my said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments I do leave to descend according to the statutes and laws of this realm unto the said Henry Prannell, my son, and his heirs forever;

And my will and mind is that if my said son, Henry Prannell, shall happen to decease without heir of his body lawfully to be begotten, that then two parts of all my manor of Newsells with th' appurtenances in the county of Hertford in three parts to be divided shall go, remain and be unto Joan, my daughter, now wife of Robert Brooke, gentleman, and to her heirs forever;

And that then also two parts of all my [f. 243r] manors of Rokey and Walter Andrews with th' appurtenances in Barkway which I bought of Sir John Petre, knight, in the said county of Hertford in three parts to be divided shall go, remain and be unto the said Robert Brooke and Joan, his wife, for term of their lives and of the life of the survivor of them;

And after the death of the survivor of them, then I give and bequeath the same unto Henry Brooke, their son and my godson, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for want of such issue, I will the same shall remain unto the right heirs of the said Joan, my daughter, forever;

And further I do give and my mind and will is that after the decease of the said Anne, my well-beloved wife, and of the said Henry Prannell, my son, without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, that two parts of all my messuages, tenements, tavern and houses in Paternoster Row and Hart Street or elsewhere within the city of London and county of Middlesex in three parts likewise to be divided shall go, remain and be unto Mary, my daughter, now wife of John Clerke, gentleman, and to her heirs forever;

And further, whereas my brother, Robert Prannell, Cornelius Cater and Giles Hodgson, citizens and vintners of London, do now stand jointly possessed of one lease of and in the foresaid tavern, great messuage and houses in Paternoster Row aforesaid for divers years yet to come as upon trust and confidence to th' use and behoof of me and of my assigns, my will and mind is that the said persons and their assigns and the executors and assigns of the survivor of them shall after my decease stand and be possessed of and in all the same tavern, great messuage and houses in Paternoster Row upon like trust and confidence to th' use and behoof of the said Anne, my wife, and of her assigns for and during so many years as she shall happen to live after my decease;

And after her decease then to th' use and behoof of the said Henry Prannell, my son, and of the heirs of his body for and during all the residue of the years which shall be then to come and unexpired;

And if the said Anne, my wife, shall happen to decease, and also my said son, Henry, shall happen likewise to decease without heir of his body lawfully to be begotten before all the said years shall be ended, then I will and my mind is that the said Robert, Cornelius and Giles and the survivors and survivor of them and the executors, administrators and assigns of the said survivor of them shall stand and be possessed of and in all the same tavern, great messuage and houses upon like trust and confidence to th' use of my said daughter, Mary, and of her heirs and assigns for and during all the residue of the said years then to come and unexpired;

And further my will and mind is that if the said Joan, my daughter, or her husband or either of them or any other for them or in the right or behalf of them or of either of them

or either of their procurement or consent shall vex, molest and sue my said executrix by force, reason or colour of the custom of this honourable city of London or otherwise for any other part or portion of my goods and chattels as to be due to them or either of them by the said custom or otherwise for her part or portion of my said goods and chattels or of any part thereof other than such as I have covenanted, granted or given unto her for and in respect of her child's part and portion in and by this my present last will and testament or by any other writing thereof by me heretofore made, that then all gifts and legacies of goods and chattels and all gifts and remainders of lands and tenements in this my present last will and testament given, limited or appointed to her, the said Joan, or to her said husband or their heirs and children or any of them shall be void and frustrate to all intents and purposes as though they had never been named in this my last will and testament, nor any gift, bequest or remainder herein had ever been made or limited unto them or any of them;

And immediately after such vexing, molesting or suing as is aforesaid, and after the decease of my said wife and of the said Henry, my son, without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, I do give and bequeath and [f. 243v] my will and mind is that all the foresaid two parts of all my said manors, messuages, lands and tenements in the said county of Hertford shall remain and be unto my said daughter, Mary, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, so as my said executrix shall not be vexed, molested or sued by her or her husband or in her right and behalf contrary to my meaning before expressed in this my present last will and testament;

And for lack of such issue or upon any such vexing, suing or molesting to be had or made, I will the same two parts shall remain and be unto my brother, Robert Prannell, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof unto Henry Prannell, son of Robert Prannell th' elder, deceased, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue I do give and bequeath the same two parts unto the masters and governors of the said hospital called Christ's Hospital in London and to their successors forever for and towards the maintenance and education of poor children there in learning and otherwise forever;

And also my will and mind is that if the said Mary, my daughter, or her husband or either of them or any other for them or either of them or in the right or behalf of them or right of them or by their or either of their procurement or consent shall vex, molest and sue my said executrix by force, reason or colour of the said custom of London or otherwise for any other part or portion of my goods and chattels as to be due to her by the said custom or otherwise for her part and portion of my said goods and chattels or of any part thereof other than such as I have covenanted, granted or given unto her for and in respect of her child's part and portion in and by this my present last will and testament or by any other writing thereof by me heretofore made, that then all gifts and legacies of goods and chattels and all gifts and remainders of lands and tenements in this my present last will and testament given, limited or appointed to her, the said Mary, or to her children or any

of them shall be void and frustrate to all intents and purposes as though they had never been named in this my last will and testament nor any gift, bequest or remainder herein had ever been made or limited unto her, them or any of them;

And immediately after such vexing, molesting or suing as is last before rehearsed and also after the decease of my said wife and of the said Henry, my son, without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, I do give and bequeath and my will and mind is that all the foresaid two parts of my messuages, tenements, tavern and houses in Paternoster Row and Hart Street or elsewhere in the city of London and county of Middlesex shall remain and be unto the said Joan, my daughter, and to th' heirs of her body lawfully begotten, so that the said Joan or her husband or either of them shall not vex, molest or sue my said executrix contrary to my meaning expressed in this my present last will and testament;

And for lack of such issue or upon any such vexing, molesting or suing of my said executrix by the said Joan or her said husband or in the right and behalf of the said Joan as is aforesaid to be had and made, I do give and bequeath and my will and mind is that all the said two parts of all my said messuages, houses, tavern, lands, tenements and hereditaments in the said city of London and county of Middlesex shall remain and go unto my said brother, Robert Prannell, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof unto Henry Prannell, son of Robert Prannell th' elder, deceased, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then I give and bequeath the same unto the masters and governors of the said hospital called Christ's Hospital in London and to their successors forever towards the maintenance and education of poor children there in learning and otherwise forever;

And my will and mind is that if my said son-in-law, Robert Brooke, do not vex, molest or sue my said wife for any further portion or child's part of my goods and chattels than in this my present last will and testament is given, limited or appointed unto him or his children, then I do by this my present last will and testament forgive him, the said Robert, the sum of four hundred and forty pounds which he owes me by [f. 244r] obligation;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Robert Brooke a ring of gold of the value of five marks and a black mourning gown, and I do release unto him, the said Robert, the sum of one hundred pounds more which he owes me for money received of some of my tenants and otherwise which I lent him;

I give to Joan, his wife, my daughter, a black mourning gown;

Item, I give and bequeath unto John Clerke, my said son-in-law, a ring of gold of five marks and a black mourning gown;

I give and bequeath unto the said Mary, my daughter, now wife of the said John, the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money and a black gown;

I give and bequeath to Robert Brooke, Henry Brooke, Anne Brooke, Joan Brooke, Elizabeth Brooke and Mary Brooke, children of my said daughter, Joan, to every of them twenty pounds apiece to be paid unto them at their several age of one and twenty years or marriages, which of them shall first happen to come and be after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to Anne Clerk, Frances Clerke and Mary Clerke, children of my said daughter, Mary, and to the child my said daughter is now withal twenty pounds apiece to be paid unto them at their several ages of twenty-one years or days of marriages, which of them shall first happen to come and be next after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother, Robert Prannell, ten pounds, and to him and his wife, either of them a black gown;

I give unto Henry Prannell, their son, ten pounds;

And to Henry Prannell, son of Robert Prannell th' elder, deceased, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Thomas Gregorie and to his wife in consideration of their service twenty pounds of lawful money of England, and to either of them a black gown;

Item, I give unto my cousin, Cornelius Cater, and to his wife, either of them a black gown;

To Giles Hodgson and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To Henry Carpenter and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To Thomas Lewis and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To Henry Sacheverell and his wife, either of them a black gown;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the master and wardens of the Company of Vintners for a dinner six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

And to the thirteen poor almsfolks of the said Company, to every of them a black gown and five shillings in money;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Joan, my sister-in-law, dwelling in the parish of Martyr Worthy in the county of Southampton, twenty pounds to be paid unto her within one half year after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Giles Myles, my servant, one annuity or yearly rent of five pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my said executrix quarterly at the four usual feasts by even portions during his natural life;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving friend, James Gardner [=Gardiner?], three pounds six shillings eight pence for a ring, and to him and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To Henry Beverley three pounds six shillings and eight pence for a ring, and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To Thomas Browne [+a?] ring, and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To John Bowser and his wife, either of them a black gown;

To John Griffin and his wife, either of them a black gown;

The residue of all and singular my goods, chattels, plate, implements and household stuff whatsoever, after my debts paid and my funeral charges borne and sustained, I wholly give and bequeath the same unto the said Anne, my well-beloved wife, whom I make and ordain my sole and only executrix of this my last will and testament;

And I make and ordain my worshipful friends, Sir Roger Townshend, knight, and Mr William Fleetwood, serjeant at the law and Recorder of the city of London, and Mr Cuthbert Buckle, alderman, my overseers of this my said will, and I give and bequeath unto either of them for their pains five marks apiece and either of them a black gown;

And I do hereby revoke all other wills and executors by me heretofore made, and I will that this my present testament shall stand and be for my only last will;

In witness [f. 244v] whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal, given the day and year first abovesaid. Per me, Henry Prannell.

This will containeth twelve sheets of paper without any interlining but only the making of Mr Recorder to be one of the overseers as is aforesaid, whereunto the hand of Henry Prannell is subscribed to every leaf, and the same Henry Prannell, alderman, did seal, acknowledge and declare this present will to be his only last will and testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written, viz., James Gardyner, Giles Myles, William Bonham, Morris Jones.

Vicesimo Octobris a thousand five hundred eighty-nine, Mr Alderman Prannell did affirm this to be his last will and that it did contain twelve sheets of paper and that his hand was and is subscribed to every leaf as it is unto this, and this was done in the presence of us, Moris Jones, Elizabeth Vaughan and of Thomazine Watlington, Francis Clerke, Jona(?) Gilpin.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro m{agist}ro Will{el}mo Drury Legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} mag{ist}ro Custode siue Com{m}issario &c tricesimo die mens{is} Octobris Anno Domini mill{es}imo quingentesimo octogesimo nono iuramento Petri Johnson notarij publici procuratoris Anne Prannell relicte d{i}c{t}i def{uncti} et executric{is} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{e} Cui com{m}issa fuit administratio bonorum iurium et creditorum eiusdem def{uncti} de bene et fidel{ite}r administrand{o} &c ad s{an}c{t}a dei evangelia iurat{e}

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury etc., on the thirtieth day of the month of October in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred eighty-nine by the oath of Peter Johnson, notary public, proctor of Anne Prannell, widow of the said deceased and executrix named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer etc.]