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Will of Henry Bridges, Esquire, of Tangleay, 1587

In the name of god amen The xv^j daye of

October, in the foure and twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth
by the grace of god Quene of England Frannce and Ireland defender of the Faith etc And
in the yeare of our Lord god A thowsand Five hundredth Fourscore and twoe I Henry
Bridges of Tangleay in the County of Oxon Esquier being of whole minde and perfect
memorye god be thanked doe make my Last will and testament in manner and forme following
First and above all thinges I commend and bequeathe my sowle into the mercifull hands of
Almighty god my creato[r] maker and redemer trusting faithfully in the merittes of Christes passion
and his mercye to attayne remission of my sinnes and the kingdome of heaven And as for my body I
will that it be buryed and my exequyes donne and solemnized in suche convenient place and in suche
manner and forme as to my executors shall seeme most meete and necessarye And towching the
disposic[i]on of my Landes and tenements and of my goods and chattelles. Forasmuche as god hathe
endewed

me with an honest and Loving wyffe unto whome I am of all creatures most bounde And that she maye
be the more advannced to the mayntenancce of her living by her couplement with me I give and
bequeathe to the Sadie Anne my wyffe my howse of Keinsham with the scite of the said howse and all
other howses perteyning to the same The graunges of Estover and Westover, the Farme of Stockwoode
with all their appurten[a]nces in the County of Somerset To have and to hold the saide howse of
Kenisham with the scite of the same, the said granges of Eastover and Westover, the saide Farme of
Stockwoode and all other the premises with th[e]appurten[a]nces com[m]odityes and proffittes to my
said wyfe

during her naturall lyfe without doing or making of any manner of waste spoile or distruption Item I
give and bequeathe to the said Anne my wyffe my mannor of Chidley in the county of Devon with all
the Lands

tenements and comodityes and appurten[a]nces thereunto belonging or reputed knownen or taken to be
parte

parcell or member of the saide mannor or any parte thereof lying and being in the said county of Devon
And also I give unto the saide Anne my wyffe my gruange and farme of Langley and all the Lands
ten[amen]tes

and hereitaments with the appurten[a]nces to the saide graunge or farme belonging lying and being in the county of Oxford together with one meade called Tangleys Meade neere Unto Brewern in the said county of Oxford To have and to holde the said mannor of Chidley aforesaide and other the pr[re]misses

in the saide county of Oxford to the saide Anne my wyffe for the terme of her lyfe without doing or making any manner of waste spoyle or destruction Item I give and bequeathe to the saide Anne my wyffe

all my Leases termes of yeares and interests that I have yet to come and enduring of and in the mannor or farme of Shewell the parsonage of Swynbrock Idburye and Fyfield in the said county of Oxford Item I will and bequeathe unto Thomas Bridges my sonne until he shall accomplishe the full age of one and twenty yeares the sum[m]e of twenty pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid him yearly

towards his bringing upp and maynren[a]nce at schoole or elles where owte of all suche landes and tenementes

as are before by these presents or otherwise given bequeather assured or conveyed unto my wyffe
Item

I give and bequeathe unto Ellynor my eldest daughter seaven hundredth pounds of currant money of England whereof twoe hundredth poundes to be paid unto her in and uppon the daye when she shall happen

to be maryed, and the other Five hundredth poundes at suche reasonable daye and times within three yeares space then next following her saide mariage as by my executrix shalbe thoughte meete and needefull So that my saide daughter doe not marrye without the assent consent and good lyking of her mother my saide executrix otherwise this my gifte and bequest to be voide and of none effecte Item I give and bequeathe to Margaret my daughter seaven hundredth pounds of currant money of England Lykewise whereof I will twoe hundredth pounds to be paide to my saide daughter in and uppon the daye and

time when she shall happen to be maryed, and th[e]other Five hundredth pounds to be paid unto her at suche

reasonable dayes and times within three years space next following her said mariage as by her mother my saide executrix shalbe thoughte convenient and needful So that she my said daughter doe not marrye without th[e]assent consent and goodliking of her mother my said executrix otherwise this my gifte

and bequest to be voide and of none effecte The residue of all my goods and chattelles moveable and unmoveable not before by these presents given or bequeathed my Funeralles and Legacies performed and paid I give and bequeathe to Anne my said wyffe whome I ordayne make and constitute my full and sole executrix to see me decently brought in earthe And all suche other thinges as shall seeme to her discrec[i] to be donne fore the discharge of my conscience in all thinges and for my sowles

healthe fulfillied and performed/ In wittnes whereof I have unto these presents Sealed and subscribed the daye and yeare above written in the presence of these persons undernamed

Probate granted in London on the 28th June, 1587 by Doctor William Drury to Lawrence Swinborne, public notary, procurator for Anne Bridges relic and executrix

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