

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 29 March 1604 and proved 22 January 1605, of Henry Prannell, nephew of Henry Prannell (c.1531 - 22 October 1589), who purchased Oxford's manor of Newsells.

For Oxford's sale of the manor of Newsells to the testator's uncle, 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's uncle 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>.

The testator and his parents are mentioned in the will of the testator's uncle, Henry Prannell (c.1531 - 22 October 1589). See TNA PROB 11/74/370:

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.

The testator's mother, Margaret Prannell, and brother, George Prannell, are mentioned in the will of the testator's aunt, Anne (nee Baxter) Prannell (d.1593?). See TNA PROB 11/83/132:

Item, I give and bequeath unto my sister [=sister-in-law], Margaret Prannell, ten pounds, and unto her son, George Prannell, ten pounds.

At the time of his death, the testator was a merchant in Morocco in the service of John Suzan. For John Suzan, see Willan, *infra*, pp. 194, 279, 283. For the Queen's letters of credence for the testator to the King of Morocco dated 20 October 1600, see TNA SP 71/12/62; and Alexander, Catherine M.S. and Stanley Wells, eds., *Shakespeare and Race*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), p. 33 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=05vx3imyDv4C&pg=PA33&lpg=PA33&dq=Prannell+letter+of+credit&source=bl&ots=GvGD2U86Fv&sig=j-1OZxyXzfSDoZN0appmihwiVco&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwib2Y2Y_PzLAhUQ62MKHcilA5AQ6AEINTAC#v=onepage&q=Prannell%20letter%20of%20credit&f=false.

See also Willan, T.S., *Studies in Elizabethan Foreign Trade*, (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1959), p. 307 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=VQcNAQAIAAJ&pg=PA307&lpq=PA307&dq=%22Castries%22+%22Prannell%22&source=bl&ots=n91TS2MZMg&sig=HhVZlz7A2_20_ZmQGrL6PkdykHw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjjs2P7vzLAhVH_WMKHx_8C5YQ6AEIIDAB#v=onepage&q=%22Castries%22%20%22Prannell%22&f=false

RM: T{estamentum} Henrici Prannell

Laus deo in Morocus in Barbary the 29th of March 1604

[f. 23r] In the name of God, Amen. Be it known unto all men by these presents that I, Henry Prannell, merchant, being now resident in the city of Morocus aforesaid, being sick in body but yet in perfect memory, do make this my last will or testament in manner and form following etc.:

First I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God who is my Creator, hoping to be saved by no other means whatsoever than by the precious death of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is my Redeemer, which died for me as well as for all mankind, and my body to be buried according to the disposition of my friends and the custom of the church of England, and that without any further ceremonies whatsoever;

Secondly, whereas I have not only the charge of goods belonging unto my master, John Suzan, merchant of London, but also of divers and sundry other men, as in my books of account appeareth, my will is that first my master being satisfied, and likewise else every man whatsoever, the remainder which shall be due to me to be disposed of in manner and form following, that is to say:

I give and bequeath unto my father, Robert Prannell, and to my mother, Margaret Prannell, or to either of them living the one half of my proper goods whatsoever;

Likewise I give and bequeath unto my brother, George Prannell, [f. 23v] and his wife or to either of them living one quarter part of my said proper goods;

More, I give and bequeath unto William Prannell, the son of George Prannell, my brother, the other quarter part of my said proper goods;

And if it should happen the said William Prannell should be dead, that then the said quarter part of my goods to the next child of my said brother's, William Prannell [sic?];

And thus in witness hereof I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year above-written. Per me, Henry Prannell, in the presence of us under firmid: Roger Howle, Thomas Lydeat, Richard Leigh, Nicholas Ionsworth.

Vicesimo Secundo die mensis Ianuarij Anno Domini iuxta cursum et computac{io}{n}em Eccl{es}ie Anglicane mill{es}imo sexcentesimo quarto emanauit com{m}issio Georgio Pranell f{rat}ri n{atu}rali et l{egi}timo d{ic}t{i} defuncti ad administrandum bona iura et credita eiusdem defuncti iuxta tenorem testamenti h{uius}mo{d}i De bene et fidel{ite}r administrando eadem Ad s{an}cta Dei Evangelia Iurat{o}

[=On the twenty-second day of the month of January in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English church the thousand six hundred fourth a grant issued to George Prannell, natural and legitimate brother of the said deceased, to administer the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased according to the tenor of the same testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same.]