

SUMMARY: The document below is the nuncupative will made 11 July 1551 of Thomas Knolles, first husband of Elizabeth Martyn, the daughter of William Castelyn and the second wife of Sir Roger Martyn (d.1573), and stepmother of Humphrey Martyn, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* which describes Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575. For the will of Elizabeth Martyn, see PROB 11/65, ff. 288-9. For the will of Sir Roger Martyn, see PROB 11/56, ff. 2-4. For the will of William Castelyn, see PROB 11/32, f. 18.

LM: Testamentum Thome Knolles

Thomas Knolles, citizen and mercer of London, being of good & perfect memory, laud and praise be given to God, made and declared his last will and testament the 11th day of July Anno Domini 1551 et anno quinto Edwardi Sexto as hereafter followeth, that is to say:

First, he gave and bequeathed to Elizabeth, his wife, the third part of all his goods and chattels & debts;

Also he gave to Rowland Groeane(?), his servant, twenty pounds;

Item, to every other his servants, five pounds;

And the residue of all his goods, chattels and debts he wholly gave and bequeathed to Elizabeth, his wife, and to Thomas and Samuel, his children;

And he ordained and made the said Elizabeth, his wife, his full and whole executrix, these being witness: John Baron, mercer, and Rowland Greane(?)

Probatum fuit testamentum coram domino Cantuariensis Archiepiscopo apud London xvijmo die Mensis Iulij Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo Iuramento Elizabete Relicte et Executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominate Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et commissa fuit administracio omnium bonorum &c de bene &c Ac de pleno Inventario &c Ad sancta dei Euangelia Iurate

[=The testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the 17th day of the month of July in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifty-first by the oath of Elizabeth, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all the goods etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc., and a full inventory etc.]