

WILL OF JOHN ALLEN

1534

1 In the name of god Amen. The 24th daie of
2 February in the yeare of oure lorde 1533.
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4 I John Allen of Saint Peters of Pmantergate, beinge in holle
5 mynde and good memorye, god be lauded, make my testament
6 and laste will within this forme followinge:
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9 Fyrste I comend
10 my sowle unto allmighty god, our lady saint marye, saynt
11 peter advowe and to all the holye compenye in heven, and my
12 bodye to be buried within the churche of the graye friers
13 in Norwiche before the ymage of the trinitie.
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16 And I bequeth to every frier there, being a preste, 4d. And to every novice
17 there 2d. Allso I bequethe to the high Alter of Saynt
18 peter in permantergate for my tythes negligentlie forgotten
19 20d. And to the repracon of the same churche 6s 8d.
20 Also to the drinkyng of our blessed ladye 20d. Also I
21 bequethe to the Cathedrall Churche of Norwiche 6d.
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24 Also I gef to my sonne frauncis the frier 20s And to Robt.
25 my sonne 20s And to John my sonne 20s. Also I bequeth to
26 Mary Stewarde 76 6d to be paied at the daye of her mariage.

All my other goodes, moveabills and unmovabills
not bequethed I put them into the good disposicion of myn
Executrice whome I order and make Anne Aleyn my
wief sole, she to take my dettes and paye my dettes And to dispose for me
and my frendes as she do thinke beste to the pleasour
of god and healthe of our sowles. Allso I desire Mr Austen
Stewarde to be supervisor of this my laste will and I
gief hym for his laboure and paynes that he shall take 20s.

Notes

Probate granted Norwich 1534. The name is a common one and it has not been possible to identify this John Allen with any mentioned in the Freeman's rolls. The Parish register starts 1538 and is no help. This pre-Reformation will is of interest, there being one son who is said to be a friar and there also seems to be some connection with the Steward family.