

1 **TESTAMENT OF MARGARET WETHYRBY**, widow of Thomas Wethyrby. (translated from the original
2 Latin) NCC WILLS 1458 83/84 Broseyard M.F.28.

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4 In the name of God Amen I, Margaret Wethyrby, lately wife of Thomas Wethyrby,
5 esquire, deceased, being in sound mind and memory in my pure widowhood, on the thirty first day
6 of the month of January in the year of our lord 1457 make my testament in this fashion.

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8 First I leave my soul to almighty God, the blessed Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried
9 in the church of the Augustinian Friars of Norwich, next to the body of Thomas Wethyrby, my
10 husband, interred there.

11 Item I leave to the prior of the same house xxd.

12 Item I leave to Brother John Slole xiiiiiid. and to Brother John Holkham visviiiid. And to each friar of
13 the same house, being priest, viiid. and to every other novice there iiiid.

14 Item I leave to the Preaching Friars of Norwich visviiiid.

15 Item to the Friars Minor there visviiiid. and to the Carmelite Friars there visviiiid.

16 Item I leave to the Anchorite there xiid,

17 Item I leave to the Hospital of St. Giles in Norwich visviiiid and to every sister dwelling there iiiid and
18 to every poor person sick in bed there iid.

19 Item I leave to the Prioress of Carhowe lxd and to every nun there xxd.

20 Item I leave to the Anchorite dwelling there my cloak or mantle furred with [Fycheirys]

21 Item I leave to Lady Alice Pryce xiid.

22 Item I leave to Brother John Fulham iiiiid. and to Brother Edmund Fulham xs.

23 Item to Lady Alice Wethyrby, my daughter, nun at Carhowe, ten marks legal English money.

24 Item I leave to the Sisters, full and half, of Normannys in Norwich to each of them iiiid.

25 Item I will that Sir William Walsingham, chaplain, celebrate mass for my soul, for the soul of my
26 husband and the souls of all those to whom I am obliged, to pray for two continuous years taking
27 for his salary and stipend vi li annually.

28 Item I leave to the lepers at every gate of the city of Norwich xiid.

29 Item I leave to the lepers in the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene vid.

30 Item I leave to the prisoners in Norwich Castle iis iiiid.

31 Item I leave to the prisoners in Norwich Gaol iis iiiid.

32 Item I leave to the Rector of Intwode iiiiid.

33 Item I leave for the repair of the bell tower of the church of Intwode visviiiid and to every poor
34 parishioner having domicile there xiid.

35 Item I leave to the Vicar of Swerdeston xxd. and to every poor man there however enfeoffed iiiid.
36 And to the upkeep of the parish church there xld.

37 Item I leave for the upkeep of the church of Brundale visviiiid and to every parishioner there vid.

38 Item I leave to the high altar of Cryngelford xxd and for the repair of the same church xld.

39 Item I leave to the parish church of St. Edward in Norwich xld.

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40 Item I leave to the parish church of St.Clement at the bridge in Norwich xld.
41 Item I leave to the repair of the church of St Cuthbert in Norwich xxd.
42 Item I leave to Sir Robert Mateshale, chaplain, xxd.
43 Item I leave to the sacrist of the nuns of Carhowe for the purpose of providing a new chapel in
44 honour of St.James in the church of St.James there vis viiid.
45 Item I leave one hundred marks to the fabric fund of the new library within the religious house of
46 the said Augustinian Friars to be new built and constructed, on this condition, that eche of the
47 windows and each one of the books shall be inscribed and be entered in our names, that is of me
48 and my husband Thomas Wethyrby.
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50 For a certain sum the prior and religious house of the said Augustinian Friars have conceded to me
51 by his letters patent his common seal that one of the Friars, a chaplain, shall celebrate mass in
52 perpetuity, annually in his said church, for our souls and the soul of Sir John Vakeryng lately Bishop
53 of Norwich of good memory and to whom I am obliged.
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55 The true residue of all my goods not bequeathed above I give and leave in the hands of my executors
56 that they may ordain and dispose for my soul as they would see to be more pleasing to God and to
57 profit my soul. And I ordain, make and constitute my executors Sir John Wygenhale and Sir Simon
58 Thornham clerks, Lady Alice Pagen, Prioress of Carhowe, Lady Alice Wethyrby, my daughter, fellow
59 nun there, and Sir William Walsyngham, chaplain.
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61 Dated the day, place and year aforesaid.
62 Probate granted at Norwich 26th April 1458.
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