

TESTAMENT of ROBERT CLERK carpenter, citizen

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(translated from the original Latin)

The testament of **Robert Clerk, carpenter**, late citizen of Norwich was legally proved in the full court of the city of Norwich before Thomas Wetherby, mayor, Augustine Bange and John Cummyng, sheriffs of the same city the 14th day of January in the eleventh year of the reign of Henry the Sixth after the conquest (1433) by John Arnald senior carpenter and Robert Vode carpenter, executors of the testament of the aforesaid Robert Clerk.

They gave testimony of the above and were examined and sworn according to the custom of the said city regarding the freehold contained in the aforesaid testament in this manner.

Item I bequeath all that tenement of mine with edifying shops, rented premises and garden with all and singular pertaining to it, which once belonged to John Page in Norwich in the parish of St. Peter of Permontergate, to be sold by my executors or their executors for as high a profit as they are able and the money coming from that sale I bequeath to the improvement of the said church of St. Peter. 1 new screen, that is to be placed between the said church and the chancel of the same church, in the carpentry and the construction, the tumber and graving.

Item I bequeath to Margaret, my wife, xx marks from the sale of the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances, the proceeds to be paid to the said Margaret in the iiii years next following after the sale of the same tenement, that is, for each year of those i i i i years v marks. And if it should happen that the said Marsaret die within the said iiii years then I will that that sum of those xx marks not paid to the aforesaid Margaret be disposed by my executors or their executors in alms and in doing other charitable works for my soul and the soul of the aforesaid Margaret .

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Item I leave xvi marks for a priest to celebrate mass for the two years next after the sale of the said tenement in the church of St. Peter aforesaid for my soul and the souls of all to whom I am obliged.

Item I leave all my tenement with buildings and all their appurtenances which lately belonged to John Blake in Norwich to be sold by my executors or their executors and the money coming from the sale be used by my executors in charitable works and other things for my soul and the souls of all those to whom I am obliged

This testament is endorsed by the hand of John Hank, clerk.