

S^r Henrie Bentley pⁱste Rauffe Chikkens and Raffe Manwaringe
Geven the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HOLT DE ASHWORTHE
GENEROSI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The vjth day of Novēber in the yere
of o^r Lord God md and lxx and in the first yere of the reigne
of o^r soveraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. I Robt
Holt of Ashworth in the countie of Lanč gent sicke of bodie and of
good and pfitt remēbrance laude and praise be to Almighty God
therefore do ordeyne constitute and make this my pⁱsent testamēt
and last will in maⁿ and forme followinge ffirst and principallie I
bequethe my soull into the hande of Almighty God Maker and
Redem^r of mākinde and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe
churche of Midelton or els where hit shall please God to dispose
I^m I will that all my goodē cattallis and dettē after my dettē and
funⁿall expencis paide shalbe devided into thre equall partē whereof
one equall part I will that Johann my wyfe shall have in the name
of all her thridd part of all my goodē and cattallis And one other
equall part I will that my fowre children Williā Cicelie Dorithie and
Elizabeth shall have equallie devided amongē them And of the
thrid equall pt I geve grannt will and bequeth toward the reedyfy-
enge or sustenta^cōn of the parrishe churche of Midelton vj^s viij^d
to be paid by myne executo^{rs} as they churchwardeins shall reason-
ablie require the same I^m I geve &c. toward the sustenta^cōn of

¹ Proved Feb. 15th, 1559-60. The testator married first, Grace, daughter of Ralph Rishton Gent., marriage covenant dated 26th November, 14 Henry VIII., and secondly Joanna, daughter of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft Knt., marriage covenant dated 20th October 1558. She was living at Ashworth in 1560 "in plena vita."—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xi. p. 275. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 103, and *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 198 et seq.

Ashworth chappell vj^s viij^d to be paid by myne executo^{rs} when the church ryves shall reasonable require the same I^m I geve &c. to my sonne in lawe Robt Hulme iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I^m I geve &c. to my doughter Anne¹ Hulme iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I^m I geve &c. to Jone Hulme a calfe and two shepe. I^m I geve &c. to my suster Ellen Dene vj^s viij^d I^m I geve &c. to Thom^as Dene my nephewe two shepe I^m I geve &c. to John Kay my nephewe two shepe I^m I geve &c. to Anne Whitworthe one shepe I^m I geve &c. to Johanne Whitworthe on shepe I^m to Elizabeth Whitworth one shepe I^m I geve &c. to Thom^as Holland my servannt vj^s viij^d I^m I geve to James Lache iij^s iij^d I^m I geve &c. to James Holt xij^d I^m I geve &c. to James Fishe xij^d I^m I geve &c. to Ale^x Whitworthe xij^d I^m to Robte Collinge xij^d I^m to Ri^c Bridge xij^d I^m to Hughe Holt xij^d I^m I geve &c. to Ri^c Medwoodd xij^d I^m I geve &c. to myne execut^r hereafter to be named xx^s to be geven to the poor folke dwellinge in Asheworthe or nere Asheworthe as my execut^r shall thinke mete by ther discre^{co}ns I^m I geve &c. to my sonne Robte Holt my horse my saddill my bridell and all thinge^e belonginge therto wth all my harneis belonginge to the warres I^m I geve &c. to my said sonne Robte Holt a fetherbedd a matteras wth thinge^e belonginge to them and my coffer w^{ch} hathe my evidence in wth all my part of worke lomes pteynynge to husbandrie I^m I geve &c. my clocke my brasse pott all my spitt^e gawbert^e and stonne trowghes thre grett ark^e and two grett keres to my serve [*sic*] my wyeffe and my heires at Ashworthe I^m I will that my wiefe and my two sonnes Robte Holt and Wi^{llm} Holt shall have suche tacks of tithes at Oldam as I have under S^r Thom^as Holt duringe his lease and the residue of all my part of good^e my legacies conteyned herein p^rformed I geve to my said wyefe my sonne Robte my iij^{or} children Wi^{llm} Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabeth^e equallie to be

¹ Anne, wife of Robert Hulme of Manchester, and great grandmother of William Hulme Esq. the founder of the exhibitions at Brazenose. — *Lanc. Visitation*, 1664-5.

devided amonge them And of this my p^sent testamēt and last will I do ordene constitute and make Jone Holt my wiefe and Wiffm Holt my young^e sonne my faithfull execut^r to execute justlie in the p^rmysses as my trust is in them and supvisors therof I do ordene constitute and make S^r Thom^s Holt S^r Robt Langley kts. and ffrauncis Holt sonne and heire apparent of S^r Thom^s Holt kt. to o^vsee justlie this my last will and testamēt as my trust is in them Thes beyng wⁱtnes Thom^s Holland James Haworth Thom^s Deyne James Fishe Robt Collinge wth others.

TESTAMENTUM KATERINE BUCKLEY DE CHEDILL.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xvjth day of Novēber the yere of o^r Lord God mdljx I Caterin Bulkley of Chedale in the countie of Chester beyng of p^rfitt mynde and remēbraunce nevtheles fearinge the uncertaine howre of God^e visita^on not willinge to dye intestate do therfore ordene constitute ordene and make my last will and testamēt in manⁿ and forme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almighty God to Jhesus Christ his onlie sonne o^r Lord and to the Hollie Ghoste pcedinge of them bothe desiringe them to accept my said soull into their hollie hand^e and my bodie to be buried in the chauncell at Chedill before the grett windowe there Secondlie I geve and bequethe unto S^r Ri^{ch} Buckley k. my nephewe my best tableclothe of diap my best towell of diap also and my best carpet and to my Ladie Buckley my nece a gold ringe wth a blewe and a red stonne in the same desiringe her to accept the same for a simple token and remēbraunce and to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto my younge nephewe M^r Ri^{ch} Buckley my signet I^{tem} I geve &c. unto M^r Thom^s Buckley my brother

¹ No date of probate.