

## **Introduction to the Logge Register of PCC Wills, 1479-1486**

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This two-volume set contains full transcriptions, and, where necessary, translations from Latin, of the 379 wills and testaments contained in the register of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for the years 1479 to 1486. It also includes a few wills dating from 1478. This register is known as 'Logge' because the first will recorded is that of John Logge, woodmonger of London, who died in 1479. The original register is held at The National Archives, Kew, as PROB 11/7.

The testators include leading figures in the realm, in the church and in the commercial world of London. All were part of the turbulent late-fifteenth-century world. The introduction discusses many aspects of the wills: testators' bequests to charity, burial requests, attempts to control their nearest and dearest from beyond the grave, their books, servants and beliefs. An important section analyses and explains the Latin probate clauses.

There are full notes after many wills, adding information about the lives of the testators. Two were executed: William, Lord Hastings, by Richard III in 1483, and William Catesby by Henry VII in 1485; two others were found to have been among the eleven London commoners who attended Richard's coronation; another was one of Edward IV's London trading partners; and another may have had a miracle take place in his house.

These books are essential for historians of all aspects of life in the late fifteenth century and for family historians researching the period.