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The Burial Register for St Alphege Canterbury records that Jeffery Smyth als Rayman was buried on 6 December 1571 – that is just 2 days after making his will./
see also inventory of Jeffrye Smythe/

In the name of god amen memoranda that the/
iiiiith day of december Anno d[omi]ni 1571 and in the xiiiith/
yeare of the Reigne of o[ur] soveraigne Lady Elizabeth Quene/
of England Fraunce and Ireland defendo[r] of the faithe &/
That I Jeffery Smythe al[jia]s Rayman of the parishe of/
St Alphege in the City of Caunterbury mercer, being sicke/
of body but whole of mynde and of good and perfecte/

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Remembraunce thanks be unto god doe make my laste wyll and/

Testament in manner and fourme following that is to saye, Firste/
I bequethe betake and com[m]end my soule into the handes of
almightye/

God o[ur] heavenly father and unto o[ur] Redemer Lorde and
Savio[ur] Jesus/

Christe and the holye Ghoste the Comforter of all his afflycted/
membres, and to all the blessed company of heaven beseching
hym/

that I maye throughe his grace willinglye prepare myselfe/

Redye w[i]th a constant faithe patiently to abyde such correctyon,/
plague or afflict[i]on as it shall please his godly will to try me/
w[i]thall, whether it be for the punishment of my sinnefull lyfe/

or to call me unto his mercy. Secondly, I bequethe my bodye/

to the grounde from whence it came forsaking the worlde w[i]thall/
his pompe pryde and vanitye, forgeving all that hathe at any/
tyme offended me as freely as I Beseche god to forgive me, and
my/

sayde body to be buryed in the church yarde of the sayde parishe/
of St Alphege. Item I geve and Bequethe unto thirte poore/
folkes thirty groates to be distributed after my deathe. Item I
geve/
and bequethe unto Robert Robyns upon considerat[i]on of his
paynes/
taken for me at diverse tymes thirty shillings. Item I geve/

and bequethe to the personne of the sayde parishe of St Alphege/
for his paines tenne Shillynges. Item I geve and bequeth to
Richard/
Wilmote being one of the Overseers to se my goodes in
savegarde/

to the use of William my Sonne twenty shillings. The Reste of/
my goodes not here bequethed after my debtes and Legacyes be
payde/
I geve and bequethe to the sayde my sonne whome I make
ordeine/
and constitute my full and sole Executo[r]. Item I make &
ordeine/
the sayde Mr Atkyns person of St Alphege and Richarde/
Wilmote my Overseers. Witnesses to this Mathew Biglande/
Robart Clarke, Richarde Wylmote, and John Atkyns/
person of the sayde parishe of Saynt Alphege with diverse/
other &r/

[The probate clause which is in Latin states that the will was proved
on 2 January 1571 English style (Julian calendar) by the oaths of
Richard Atkins and Richard Wilmote]/

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