

EXTRACT OF THE WILL OF KING ELDRED

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re me lystyth my lody foz to reste. Testamen
tū Edredi Regis in lingua latina.
Q In nomine dñi istud est testamentum
Edredi Regis. Quod est persoluendū.
In primis uē legat loco in quo sibi placet post
obitum suum requiescere duas cruces aureas
cum ymaginib; aureis. et duos enses quozū
capli sunt aurei et quadringentas libras. Cōā
legat veteri monasterio Wyntonue tres villas
que sūt. Duntone. Damerham. et Calne. Bre

Translated it reads

In the name of God this is the testament of King Eldred, which is to be performed. Firstly, he leaves to the place in which it pleases him to rest after his death two golden crosses with golden images, and two swords, with golden hilts, and four hundred pounds. Also he bequeaths to the old monastery of Winchester three towns which are Downton, Damerham and Calne.

The testament ends.

..... And I will that this testament shall remain immutably as long as Christianity shall endure in consideration of the divine love for the salvation of my soul Amen