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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Edmond HARMAN of Burford

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- 1 **In the name of god Amen** the xvijth day of marche in the yeare of our
- 2 lorde god one thousande five hundrethe threscore and sixtene and in the xix yeare of the
- 3 raigne of our sov[er]aigne
- 4 ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god quene of England Fraunce and Irelande defender of
- 5 the Faithe etc I
- 6 Edmond Harman of Burford in the County of Oxon Esquier beinge not perfecte in bodily
- 7 healthe but somewhat
- 8 sickly and yett in good and perfecte remembraunce, and of good and perfecte mynde and
- 9 memory thanks laude and
- 10 praise be to almighty god therefore revokinge all other wills and testamentes heretofore
- 11 by me made doe now ordaine
- 12 and make this my presente testamente and laste will, aswell touchinge and concerninge
- 13 the disposic[i]on of my
- 14 mannours landes tenementes and hereditamentes as also my goods and Chattells aswell
- 15 reall as personall moveable
- 16 and unmoveable in maner and forme followinge that is to saye Firste and principally I
- 17 bequeathe my soule
- 18 into the handes of almighty god my only maker saviour and eternall redeemer in whome
- 19 is all my onely truste, sure
- 20 hope, beleife and confidence and my bodye I comitt unto the earthe and it to be buried in
- 21 my parrishe churche
- 22 of Tainton. And foreasmuche as I have endowed and invested my welbeloved wiffe
- 23 katheryne Harman of and
- 24 in my manor and lordshipp of Tainton in the Countie of Oxon, and of and in my manor of
- 25 fished al[ia]s fifild
- 26 meimouthe in the saide County, and also of and in my house at Burforde comonly
- 27 knowen by the name of [th]e

15 priory of sainte John the evangelist with all the appurtu[na]nces unto all the sayde
premisses belonging and app[er]=
16 taininge duringe her naturall liffe by waie of a iointure¹ by my dede bearinge date as by
the saide dede dothe
17 at large appeare I will that my saide dede of iointure shall stand and by this my will be
notified accordinge
18 to the true purpose and meaning therof, alwais provided that nether my saide dede of
iointure nor any thing
19 contained in this my present will shalbe in any wise construed to the preiudice of any of
my ten[a]ntes that are
20 nowe in possession of any leas or copy holde or of any leas in reversion but that they shall
and maye enioye
21 theire saide tenures and holdinge accordinge to conscous and true meaninge And, wheras
I have in my
22 posession other landes tenementes and hereditamentes more theis are expressed in my
saide dede of Jointer
23 unto my wiffe as also other goodes & Chattells I will and bequeathe them in maner and
forme following
24 Firste the moytie or one halfe of my manour of widforde and also my mills called upton
mills in the County
25 of Oxon and also all my landes tenementes and hereditamentes in upton aforsaide with
th[e] appurtun[an]ces
26 now or late in the tenure of Richard Dalby butcher of the yearely rent of x shillings
above all
27 reprises, and also all that my meade and grounde in the parrishe of Sherburne in the
tythinge of
28 greate Rysington in the Countie of Gloucester nowe or late in the tenure of one Thomas
Dutton gent
29 of the yearely rente of five shillings above all reprises, and also all my landes tenements
and heredi=
30 tamentes in little Barington in the saide county of Gloucester, now or late in the tenure of
one mochell

¹ jointure - property settled on a woman at marriage, to be hers on the death of her husband

31 of the yearly rente of five shillings above all reprises, and also all that my house called
the personage
32 house and glebe landes of the parsonage of Tainton aforsaide of the yearly rente of iij
poundes above
33 all reprises, And also all that my house or burgage withe th[e]appurtun[an]ces in
Burfeilde aforsaide
34 late in the tenure of Richard Price wollen draper of the yearely rente of thirteene
shillings iiij^d
35 above all reprises, and also all my landes and tenementes in windredg of the yearely rente
of twelve
36 pence above all reprises shall descend to my heires by the com[m]on landes for the
quenes maiesty to have
37 livery and primer season of, or otherwise to have the custody of during the minority of
myne heires
38 as shall appertaine to her highness by the lawes of the realme w[hi]ch is the thirde parte
and more
39 of all my landes tenementes and hereditamentes. And wheras I am to charge and burden
my saide
40 wiffe with the paimente of my debtes and legacies followinge. I will and devise that shee
my sayd
41 wiffe, in considerac[i]on therof shall have holde and enioye over and above her saide
iointer the mills
42 called the Porte mills of Burforde withe all the com[m]odities thereunto belonginge or
any waies
43 appertaininge, and my whole lease and terme of yeares in the Rectory and parsonage of
Burford
44 withe all the tythes oblacions and emoluments thereunto belonginge, and my lease and
terme that
45 I have yett to come in the manour of Bury barnes w[hi]ch I purchased of Sir Edward
umpton
46 knight and the honorable ladye Ann his wiffe Countesse of Warwicke and all other landes
47 leases and chattells that I have or ought to have by any right or tythe except the landes
before
48 mencioned holden by primer seisin to descend unto my heires To have holde and enioye
the saide

49 Porte mills and the saide rectory or parsonage withe other the premisses except before
excepted duringe the terme of
50 her naturall life, if shee kepe her selfe sole and unmarried, yelding and payinge suche
sum[m]es, rentes and annuities
51 as hereafter shall be specified, and if it happen my saide wiffe to be conceived withe
childe at the makinge of
52 this my presente will and testament, my entente and meaninge is that shee shall occupy
and enioye all the p[re]misses
53 over and above her iointer by the space of tenne yeares after my deceasse althoughe shee
happen to marry any clause
54 fore spe[c]ified to the contrary notwithstandinge, and if it happen that my saide wiffe do
dye without issue by
55 me begotten then I will that imediatly after her deceasse my manour of Tainton aforsaide
with all the comodities thereunto
56 belonginge shall descend unto my daughter Agnes Braye wiffe unto Edmond Bray
Esquier, also the one moiety
57 of my lordshipp of Fished al[ia]s fifild merimouthe and also my house called the Priory of
St John the evangelist
58 neare unto Burforde withe th[e]appurt[en]ances shall in like maner descend unto my
daughter Agnes Braye and
59 to the heires of her bodye lawfully begotten. Allso I give and bequeathe unto my saide
wiffe the one halfe or
60 moyitie of my lordshipp of widford valued in the whole at forty pounde by the yeare, and
shee to paye oute of the
61 same tenne poundes yearely to maintaine the scoole at Tainton. Also I will and devise to
my welbeloved brother
62 James Harman all those my mills called or knowen by the name of the olde walke mylls
now sett and beinge
63 in the end or side of a certaine streate in Burforde aforsaide called witney streate, and also
one meade
64 by the same mills wherin are certaine pooles and clothe rackes, and also one close and a
little ham
65 there called or knowen by the name of pigg hill, and the ham belonging to the saide mills,
and the rev[er]sion

66 and reversions of the same and all the rente and rentes upon anye lease or demyse therof
heretofore made
67 reserved to have and to holde the saide mills and other the premises to the same
appertaining and belonging
68 and the rev[er]sions rent and rentes uppon any demise therof made reserved to the said
James for and during
69 the naturall liffe of the saide James yelding and payinge therefore yearly duringe his
naturall liffe
70 to suche parson or parsons as by reason and forte of this my presente laste will and
testamente
71 shalbe owners or inheritours of my saide manour of Tainton foure pence of good and
lawfull monye
72 of englande at the Feaste of St John the Baptiste or within one monethe after the same
feaste
73 withowt further delaye, and after the decease of the saide James I will and doe devise that
the same
74 mills and premises with th[e]appurt[en]ances shall remaine to the said Katheryn my wiffe
duringe her
75 liffe, and after her decease the remainder therof to the same Agnes Braye my daughter,
and to her
76 heir lawfully begotten in maner and forme followinge that is to saye on this condic[i]on
that if it shall
77 fortune my saide daughter Agnes to decease withowt issue of her body lawfully begotten
or if at anye
78 time hereafter the saide Edmonde Braye and my saide daughter Agnes or any of them or
any of the
79 heires of her bodye begotten doe earnestly, effectually apparently or willingly intende
practise goe
80 about or attempt, to doe make or suffer or cause to be done made or suffered, any
discontinuance
81 or alienacion, in fee simple or fee taile, or suffer any recovery, levy any fine, or doe or
cause to
82 be done, any acte or actes, thinge or thinges, touchinge the same manours moities landes
tenementes

83 and hereditamentes, or any parte or parcell therof, wherby the estate taile or suche
remainder or
84 estates of the saide mannours moities landes ten[emen]tes and hereditamentes maye be
hindred and not
85 take place accordinge to my entente and accordinge to the true meaninge of this my laste
will and testament then I
86 will and doe devise that immediatly uppon suche intencion or going abowte to make or
suffer suche acte or actes thinge
87 or thinges as is aforsaide if any suche be or upon the deathe of the saide Agnes my
daughter withowt issue of her body
88 the same manour of Tainton and all other the landes tenementes hereditamentes and
premises before by this my present
89 laste will and testamente devises in remainder after the deceasse of the saide katheryn my
wiffe to the saide Agnes
90 my daughter and to the heires of her bodye lawfully begotten shall remaine for mary
Jonson my daughter the wiffe of will[ia]m
91 Jonson, gent and to the heirs of her bodye lawfully begotten upon condicion also that yf
the saide mary doe deceasse
92 withowt issue of her bodye lawfully begotten, or if at any time hereafter the said will[ia]m
Jonson and my saide
93 daughter mary or any of them or any of the heires of her bodye begotten, doe earnestly,
effectually apparently or
94 willingly, intend practise goe about or attempt to doe make or suffer, or cause to be done
made or suffered any
95 discontinuance or alienacion in fee simple or fee tayle, or suffer any recovery levy any
fine or doe or cause
96 to be done any acte or actes thinge or thinges of the whole or of any parte of the same
manou[r]s moities landes
97 tenementes and hereditamentes wherby the remainder dependinge uppon the saide estate
other of the whole or of
98 any parte therof maye be hindred or not take place or effecte accordinge to th[e]intent of
my saide will
99 then I will and doe devise that immediatly upon any suche intendment goinge abowte or
suche practise

100 as is aforsaide, if any suche shall happen to be or els uppon suche deathe of the saide
mary withowt
101 issue of her bodye lawfully begotten the same mannours moities landes tenementes and
hereditamentes
102 shall remaine to my brother James Harman and to the heires of his bodye lawfully
begotten, and for
103 default of suche issue I will that the saide manors moities landes tenementes and
hereditamentes shall
104 remaine to my eldest sister Jone Cressy and to the heires of her body lawfullie begotten
and for lacke
105 of suche issue I will that the same manors moities landes tenementes and hereditamentes
shall remaine
106 to George Godfrey the sonne of my second sister katherin godfrey and to the heires of his
bodie lawfully
107 begotten, and for lacke of suche issue I will that the saide manours moities landes
tenementes and
108 hereditamentes after the deceasse of mee and the said katheryn my wiffe shall remaine to
the heires of
109 my younger sister Christian Boswell lawfully begotten and for default of suche issue I
will that the same
110 manors moites landes tenementes and hereditamentes shall after the deceasse of me the
saide Edmond
111 and katheryn my wiffe remaine revert growe descend come and to be to my right heires
for ever
112 And also I will that the other moity and one half of fished alias fifild merimouthe shall
descend
113 unto my daughter Mary Jonson and also those my mills called the porte mills of Burforde
and also
114 the rectory and p[ar]sonage of Burforde with all th[e]appurt[en]ances tithes oblac[i]ons
and com[m]odities there
115 unto belonginge and also the remainder of my terme in the manour of Bury barnes withe
all the
116 appurt[en]ances To have holde and enioye all the saide premises after the deceasse of me
and of katheryne

117 my wiffe to my said daughter Mary Jonson and to her heires in forme followinge uppon
condicion [tha]t
118 if it chaunce my daughter mary Jonson to dye withowt issue of her body lawfully
begotten, or if at
119 any time hereafter the saide will[ia]m Jonson her husband or my saide daughter mary or
any of them
120 or any of her heires of her body begotten doe earnestly effectually apparently or willingly
intende
121 practize goe abowte or attempte to doe make or suffer or cause to be done made or
suffered anye
122 discontinuance, alienac[i]on in fee simple or fee taile, or suffer any recovery, levy any
fine or doe or
123 cause to be done any acte or actes thinge or thinges touchinge the saide moity of the said
manor of fifild
124 and other the premises in widford aforsaide and the said mills called porte mills or any
parte or p[ar]cell
125 therof wherby th[e]state taile or suche remainder or estate of the same or of any parte
therof hereafter
126 limited or mencioned in this my present laste will and testamente maye be hindred and
not take
127 place accordinge to myne entente and accordinge to the true meaninge of this my laste
will
128 and testamente, then I will and doe devise that imediatly uppon suche intendmente or
goinge
129 abowte to make or suffer suche acte or thinge as is aforsaide if any suche be uppon the
deathe
130 of the saide Mary my daughter withowt issue of her body the saide moity or one halfe of
fyffeilde
131 al[ia]s fiffeild merimouthe aforesaid and the saide mills called porte mills after the deathe
of the said Katherine
132 my wiffe shall remaine to the said Agnes Braye my daughter and to the heires of her body
lawfully
133 begotten uppon condicion also that if the saide Agnes my daughter deceasse withowt
issue of her body

134 lawfully begotten, or yf at any time hereafter the saide Edmond Braye and Agnes my
daughter or
135 any of them or any of heires of her bodye begotten doe earnestly effectually apparently or
willingly
136 intende practize goe abowte or attempt to doe make or suffer or cause to be done made or
suffered
137 any discontinuance or alienac[i]on in fee simple or fee taile or suffer any recovery levy
any Fine
138 or doe or cause to be done any acte or actes thinge or thinges of the whole or any parte of
the saide
139 other moitye of the same manor of fiffeild and of other the premises in fiffeild aforsaide
or of [tha]t
140 whole or any parte of the saide mills called porte mills whereby the remainder dependinge
uppon
141 the same estate either of the whole or of any parte therof maye be hindred or not take
place or
142 effecte accordinge to th[e]intent of my saide will then I will and doe devise that imediatly
uppon any
143 suche intendmente goinge aboute or suche practize as is aforsaide if any suche shall
happen
144 to be or ells uppon suche deathe of the saide Agnes withowt issue of her body lawfullye
begotten
145 imedatly after the deathe of the same Agnes my wyffe the same other moity of the same
manour of fyfeild and of oth[er]
146 the premises and the mills called the porte mills and so from brother and his heires and
sisters and there heires as
147 before makes mencion And further I will and doe devise and my mynd and very intent is
that there shalbe yearly
148 paide and distributed to the poore howsholders and poore inhabitantes of the sayd towne
of burford in pure and
149 perpetuall almes forever the full and whole som[m]e of foure poundes by the yeare of
good and lawfull mony of
150 England to be yearly charged uppon and going owte of the said mills called the porte
mills and yearely

151 and for ever to be paid and delivered by the handes of suche persons or parson as shalbe
owners or inheritors
152 of the saide mills called porte mills unto the handes of the twooe Constables of the said
towne of Burforde
153 for the time beinge or to one of them to distribute and deliver without fraude covin or
collusion in alms
154 to the saide poore howsholders and poore inhabitants of the saide towne of Burforde in
order following
155 that is to saye that the saide Constables for the time beinge or one of them to distribute
and deliver without
156 fraude covin or collusion in almes to the said poore inhabitants and poore howsholders of
the saide towne of burforde
157 in godes name followinge that is to saye that the saide constables for the time beinge or
one of them shall
158 yearely repaire unto my saide porte mills of Burford aforesaid upon the Monday nexte
after the vth
159 sonday in lent com[m]only called passion sonday and then and there shall give knowledge
and warning
160 to the owners or inheritours of the saide mills called porte mills to prepare in a redines
th[e]one moiety
161 of the said iiij^{li} agai[n]st the Monday nexte before the feaste of easter then nexte
followinge and that done
162 the saide Constables for the time beinge or one of them to repaire againe unto the said
mills the saide
163 monday nexte before the feast of easter yearely ^{forever} betwene the houres of six and seaven
of the clock
164 in the morninge of the same daye and receive the said moietye of the saide som[m]e of
suche as shalbe then
165 owners or inheritours of the saide mills called the porte mills and betwene the hours of
eight & tenn of
166 the clocke in the forenone of the same daye by them selves or there lawfull deputies by
the oversight of
167 the owners or inheritours of the same mills or theire deputies to deliv[er] the same in alms
to the saide

168 poore inhabitantes after the rate of vj pence the pece in remembraunce of the glorious
death
169 passion and resurrection of my swete lorde and saviour Jesus christe, and also I will that
the saide
170 Constables for the time beinge or one of them or their deputies shall yearly upon the
eight or nynthe
171 daye of December give like warninge and knowledge into the inhabitours of the saide
mills called
172 porte mills at the mills aforesaid to prepare in a readines th[e]other moiety of the saide
som[m]e of iiij poundes
173 of good and lawfull mony of England againste the mondaie before the Feaste of the birthe
of Christ
174 then nexte ensuinge that so done and the mony received the same Constables or one of
them or their
175 or one of their lawfull deputies by the oversight of the saide owners or inheritours of the
same
176 mills called porte mills upon the saide monday nexte before the birthe of our lord god
yearlye to
177 give and deliv[er] in almes to the saide poore people of Burforde aforesaid yearly the
monday nexte before
178 the feaste of the birthe of our lorde god with the oversight of the owners or inheritours of
the saide
179 mills called porte mills after the rate of vj pence to every parson betwene the howres of
eight and tenn
180 of the clocke in the forenoone the same daye and for there paines in that behalf to be
taken I will that
181 the owners or inheritours of the saide mills shall give and paye unto them at ether of the
said daies
182 yearly ij^s that is to saye in the whole yearly iiij^s over and besides the som[m]e of iiij^{li},
and the said
183 Constables or distributours of the said almes shall give in charge to every parson
receavinge
184 the said almes that they and every of them speake good of all menn livinge and not evill
of them

185 that be departed in the faithe of christe and that they give praise and glory to allmighty
god
186 for the birthe of our lorde and saviour Jesus christe the remembraunce of whose feaste
then
187 approchethe and is nighe at hande And if it fortune the saide som[m]e of iiij^{li} to be
behinde unpaide in
188 parte or in all at any of the saide daies at or in the whiche it ought to be payde and
lawfully asked
189 or demaunded as is aforsaide that then it shalbe lawfull to Constables of the saide towne
of burforde
190 for the time beinge or to any of them into the saide mills called the porte mills and into all
the houses
191 groundes to them appertaininge or belonginge to enter and distraine, and the distress or
distresses
192 there so taken to led dreve cary awaye and impounde or withe them or withe any of them
to detaine
193 and kepe untill the saide som[m]e of mony so beinge behinde unpaide with the arrerages
if any shall
194 happen to be unto the saide Constables for the time beinge or to one of them be fully
satisfied contented and paid any
195 thinge aforsaide to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge And also I give and
bequeathe to the
196 maintenaunce and reparacions of my parrishe churche in Tainton aforsaid and for and to
the releife of
197 the poore inhabitantes of this same parrishe the som[m]e of xx^s by the yeare to be levied
received and taken owte
198 of one of my cople holdes tenementes in Tainton aforsaid nowe in the tenure of John
Baker husbandman
199 by the foure survivors and the twooe churche wardens of the said towne for the time
beinge wherof the
200 one moiety of the saide yearlye som[m]e of xx^s to be employed forever to the
mainten[a]nce and reparacions
201 of the saide parrishe churche, and th[e]other moiety therof for and towards the relief of
the poore people of

202 the said towne and parrishe yearly to be given and deliv[ere]d in almes forever uppon the
mondaye nexte
203 before the feaste of the birthe of our lorde and saviour Jesus christe, and in honor of the
same feaste as is
204 aforsaide and if it shall fortune the same som[m]e of xx^s to be behinde and unpayde by
the owners inheritors
205 of the saide tenement in Teinton aforsaide after the daye of paiment before limitted and
appointed, that
206 then it shalbe lawfull to the churchwardens of Teinton aforesaid for the time beinge into
the saide tenement
207 to enter and distraine and the distresse or distresses there so taken to lead drive or carry
awaye and impound
208 and with them to withholde and detaine untill the saide som[m]e of mony be payde with
the arrerages
209 therof if any be founde. Also I give and bequeathe in pure and perpetuall almes forever
for the releife
210 of the poore people inhabitinge within my towne of fifeilde merimouthe the yearly
som[m]e of xx^s of
211 good and lawfull mony of englande yearly to be receaved perceaved and taken owte of
that halfe or
212 moity of my manor of fifeild merimouthe late in the tenure of one Roberte Eaton the
whiche is p[ar]cell
213 of my wives iointer duringe her naturall life, as dothe appeare by my dede unto her use
made the
214 remainder therof to the saide Agnes Braye and the heires of her body lawfully begotten
with other
215 remainders over as is aforsaide by the Churchwardens of the saide towne of fiffeild al[ia]s
fiffeilde
216 merimouthe for the time beinge and by them to be given and deliv[ere]d uppon the
mondaye before the
217 Feaste of christes birthe for ever by the oversight of the owners inheritours of the same,
and the constables
218 and tythinge menn of the same towne for the time beinge and by them to be given, and if
it shall fortune

219 the saide som[m]e of xx ^s to be behinde and unpaid in parte or in all at the said daye of
paimente in [tha]t whiche
220 it is appointed to be paide Then it shalbe lawfull to the churchwardens of the said towne
for the time
221 beinge into the saide moity of the same manour to enter and distraine and the distresse or
distresses there
222 so taken to lead drive and carry awaye and impounde and the same to witholde detaine
and kepe
223 untill the saide som[m]e of xx ^s be paide withe the arrerage therof in any weies
notwithstandinge and
224 also my mynd and will is that Elizabeth Heydon of fifeild widowe and will[ia]m her
sonne and Richard his sonne
225 beinge takers after his mother shall holde and kepe theire estates in the tenemente in
fyffeild aforesaid the whiche
226 hathe taken of my graunte by copy of Courte rolle accordinge to the custome of the manor
there and the
227 true meaninge of the same copy yealdinge and payinge therefore the yearly rente of eight
& twenty
228 shillinges and the customes and services therefore due aniethinge aforsaide to the contrary
notwithstandinge
229 And as touchinge my leases and termes I will as followethe, that is to saye I will and my
mind & intent
230 is that if katheryn my wiffe happen to dye or be marryed that then I will and devise to the
saide
231 mary my daughter the saide leas and terme of yeares of the said parsonage of burford and
the saide
232 parsonage and mansion howse therof and all other thinges to the same parsonage
belonginge or
233 appertaininge to have and to holde the same unto the said Mary her executors and
assignes from [tha]t
234 daye of the deceasse of the said katheryn my wiffe or from the daye of her mariage or
from suche daye of
235 them as shall firste happen for and duringe all suche and so many yeares of the terme of
yeares that is

236 specified or conteyned in the lease of the saide parsonage as then shalbe to come and
intended so that
237 shee the said mary her executors administratours and assignes and every of them havinge
and enioiyng
238 the same doe yeald and performe all and every thinge and thinges whiche I the said
Edmonde
239 stand charged and am bound to doe by reason of the saide leasse duringe the saide terme
and so that
240 also shee the said Marye and will[ia]m Jonson her husband there executors
administratours and
241 assignes and every of them doe permitt and suffer all suche my tenementes unto whome I
have
242 made any lease unto or anie parte therof to have holde and enioye there saide lease as is
expressed and specified accore
243 dinge to the true intente purporte and meaninge of their saide lease anythinge aforsaid to
the contrary therof not
244 withstandinge Item I give to the said mary my daughter after the deceasse of me the sayde
Edmond and katheryne
245 my wiffe all those my leases possession and terme of yeares as well in possession as in
reversion whiche then shalbe for
246 to come of and in the manor of burford aforsaide called bury barnes whiche I doe now
holde by the letters pate[n]tes
247 of the late kinge of famousse memory kinge henry the eighth, and the reversion therof I
nowe likewise have and
248 holde for certaine terme of yeares of the demise and graunte of the right worshipfull Sir
Edward umpton
249 knight and the right honorable lady Ann his wiffe Countesse of Warwicke and the
mansion house of the
250 saide manor, and all other the houses edifices and buildinges romes easmentes closes
arable landes & all
251 and other the rights members and appurten[an]ces whatsoever to the saide manor
belonginge to have and to
252 holde the said manor mansion house, houses buildinges romes easmentes arable landes
closes and all and singular

253 other the rights members and appurten[an]ces therof and of the saide after the deceasse of
me the saide Edmond and
254 katheryne my wiffe or at her marriage as is aforsaide unto the same mary her heires
executors assignes
255 for and duringe suche termes of yeares as then shalbe to come in the said severall leasses
and if it fortune
256 the saide mary to deceasse before shee shall or maye have posession and enioy the giftes
legacies and bequestes
257 of the saide leases to her given and bequeathed in manor and forme aforsaide and then
havige noe children
258 of her bodye lawfully begotten, then I will and doe give graunte and bequeathe the saide
leases and interestes
259 of the said manour of burford to my daughter Agnes Braye. And now touchinge the
disposicion of suche
260 my personall goodes as I mynde to declare my will of, I will as followethe that is to saye I
give and
261 bequeathe unto Ann Braye Dorothy braye Sara braye and Elizabethe braye the daughters
of my sonne in lawe Edmond
262 Braye aforsaide to every of them severally twenty poundes of monye to be severally paide
to them and every of them at
263 theire severall ages of xvij yeares and if they or any of them shall happen to deceasse
before the saide age and not
264 marryd then her or there parte or partes so dyinge shall wholly remaine to suche of them
as shall survive equally
265 to be devided amongst them as they shall severally come to and be of the saide age of
xviiij yeares and if all dye
266 savinge one of them before there saide age and unmarried then the survivor and the
longest liver of them to have
267 the wholle that is to saye the whole som[m]e of foure score poundes. Item I give unto
Ann Jonson the elder the
268 daughter of the saide will[ia]m Jonson the som of one hundrethe poundes to be paide her
at the daye of her marriage
269 Item I give and bequeathe unto Harman Jonson, will[ia]m Jonson, Hester Jonson and
Elenor Jonson and

270 Elizabethe and Anne Jonson the yonger the children of the said will[ia]m Jonson and to
every of them severally xx ^{li}
271 of mony to be paide unto them and every of them severally at there severall ages of xviiij
yeares and if any of
272 them shall fortune to deceasse before there saide age of xviiij yeares and not married that
^{then} his her or their
273 parte or partes so dyinge shall wholly remaine unto the survivor or survivors of them in
forme as is before
274 specified of my sonne braye his dauughters. Item I give to George godfrey five markes² of
lawfull mony of
275 England to be paide to him within twooe yeares after my deceasse. Item I give to Edmond
Jackson of London
276 five markes of like monye likewise to be paide, Item I give to John Jackson of London
fortye shillings to be paid
277 above appointed then I will that his or their legacies so beinge deceased to remaine to my
executors or
278 executrice hereafter in this my will to be named anythinge aforsaide notwithstandinge.
Item I give
279 to Jane Jackson of London five markes of lawfull englishe monye to be paide at the daye
of her marriage
280 Item I give to Thomas Boswell the eldest, the sonne of Richard Boswell five markes of
lawfull monye of
281 Englande to be payde within twooe yeares after my deceasse. Item I give to Edmond
Boswell fortie
282 shillings likewise to be paide Item I give to Mark Boswell five markes of lawfull
englishe monye
283 to be paide as aforesaid. Item I give to Elizabethe Boswell vj ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d of lawfull
englishe monye
284 to be paide to her at the daye of her marriage. Item I give to Mary Boswell five poundes
of like monye
285 to be paide at the daye of her mariage, and if it happen that any of the children of the said
Richard

² mark - worth 13s 4d.

286 Boswell shall happen to deceasse before the time that theis my legacies shalbe due unto
them then I
287 will that the parte or partes of suche sommes of mony of every suche childe of them so
dyinge wholly
288 to remaine to the survivors or survivor of them as is aforsaide. Item I give to Godfries
wiffe of
289 London twenty shillinges of monye to be paid within one quarter of a yeare after my
deceasse if shee be then livinge. Item
290 I give in almes to the poore people of the towne of Langley marres forty shillinges of
lawfull englishe mony to be
291 distributed to them in almes by my executors or execitrice hereafter to be named or there
assignes within one
292 quarter of a yeare nexte after my deceasse without any further delaye Item I will and
devise that there shalbe
293 growinge owte of my yearely rente of these tenementes undernamed fower marks of
currant englishe monye
294 for the mainten[a]nce of eight sermons yearelye to be preached for ever that is to saie
twooe sermons in the p[ar]ishe
295 churche of Burforde and iiij sermons in the parrishe churche of Tainton and one sermon
in the parrishe
296 churche of fiffeild, and one other sermon in the parrishe churche of widford and that for
every suche
297 sermon the preacher and preachers shall have in recompence of his travaile vj ^s viij ^d and
for the twooe
298 sermons to be preached at Burford I will that theis my tenementes followinge shalbe
charged with the
299 paiment of xij ^s iiij ^d namely owte of the howse now in the tenure of will[ia]m Phillips
sett and beinge in
300 shepstreate in the towne of Burford vj ^s viij ^d and owte of the howse nowe in the tenure of
Heminge
301 sett and beinge in the highe strete in Burford other vj ^s viij ^d, and for the iiij sermons to be
preached at
302 Tainton shalbe paid owte of the howse of the widowe dampport vj ^s viij ^d and owte of the
howse nowe in [th]e

303 tenure of John will[ia]ms other vj ^s viij ^d and owte of the howse nowe in the tenure of one
John Thorpe vj ^s viij ^d
304 and owt of the howse of will[ia]m Taylor vj ^s viij ^d , and for the yearly sermon at fiffeilde
shalbe paid vj ^s viij ^d
305 owte of the howse of Robert Twentiman, and the the yearely sermon to be preached at
widford my house
306 there shalbe charged withe vj ^s viij ^d All whiche rentes beinge paide duely and truely
accordinge to the true
307 purporte of this my presente laste will and testamente I will and appointe that this my
presente will
308 shalbe a sufficient discharge to my saide tennentes and to there heires and successors for
so muche of there
309 rente herin specified and I will that the Churchwarden or churche wardens of every of
these places shall
310 require the same at suche time and times as they my saide tennentes ought to paie there
rente unto me &
311 my heires, and the saide churche wardens in there severall parrishes shall and maie acquit
by acquittaunce
312 under there handes my said tenant for the receipt of so muche, and this my will shalbe
there warrantize against
313 all menn, and I will and devise that my lovinge and beloved wiffe katherin Harman shall
by her discretion
314 duringe her naturall liffe nominate and appointe the preacher or preachers from time to
time for the
315 accomplismente of this my devise, and after her deceasse I referr that nomination to my
heires that
316 shall happen to enioye my manor and lordshipp of Tainton, and if any of my said
tenauntes or any of there
317 successors in the same tenemente shall refuse to paye the said yearly portion at suche time
as there rente
318 shalbe due then it shall be lawfull for the saide churchwardens in there severall parrishes
to enter and distraine
319 uppon the saide tenemente and the distresse or distresses so taken to drive carry awaie and
impounde and the

320 same to detain until full payment thereof be made with the arerages if anie happen,
provided alwaies
321 that theis yearely sermons shalnot discharge or excuse the parson viccar or curate of anye
of theis p[ar]ishes
322 from his or there quarter sermons or other ordinary sermons by order of the quenes
iniunctions and by
323 any other order appointed. Item I will and ordaine that all my houshold servantes that at
the makinge of this my
324 last will shall have & enioye suche wages by the space of twoe yeares after my deceasse
as I have given unto them
325 the yeare before so that they ether continue in my wives service or otherwise doe departe
with her favour and
326 good will to be quarterly paide namely to will[ia]m heydon foure marks by the yeare,
John hady xxvj ^s vij ^d by
327 the yeare for annuity duringe his life, John gorye xl ^s, will[ia]m Barye forty shillinges
Robert ensdall xl ^s
328 John gardener xxvj shillinges viij pence, John Pottar xxvj shillinges viij pence, John
Cooke fower m[ar]kes
329 by the yeare, Thomas Egly forty shillinges, will[ia]m Egly forty shillinges by the yeare,
so that my will is
330 that my howshold servaunts shall have twooe yeares wages whether they goe or tarry yf
they departe
331 with theire mistresses favour, Alice Hares xvj shillinges, katheryn hickes tenn shillinges
by [th]e yeare
332 Mary Cambery xx shillinges a yeare Also my will is that mother Stevins widowe shall
have forty
333 shillinges of mony paide her within one wholle yeare nexte cominge, my will is that all
my servantes
334 shall have there wages dobled every man and woman departinge withe their mistres
favour whether
335 they goe or byde withe her my trewe meaninge is they shall have theire wages doubled
those names
336 under written m[ist]ris Redinges wages to be doubled and to have iij yeares wages of her
mistresse, John hady

337 anuyty will[ia]m heydon John gardiner, John goby will[ia]m Beri, Robert ensdalle
Thomas eglye will[ia]m eglye John
338 Cooke the be your servinge menn and of my sares John pottar, Robert brayne, Edmund
hiat, John doffeild, will[ia]m
339 maynare Robert Bussell hewe, will[ia]m buntinge, the maides as followethe mary
Cambery Alles toe Alice
340 harris, katheryn hickes, Elizabethe lonkishern, Katherine at Tainton margarett Shepparde,
Item I will
341 and charge in godes name all and every of my heires my executrice and every of them
that they and every
342 of them doe diligently forsee that aswell all theis legacies giftes and bequestes in this my
presente
343 laste will and testamente contened or specified as also all other pensiones porcions
annuities or yerely
344 rentes fees and suche like whatsoever I have given and devised or by writinge conveyed
over and besides
345 this my testamente or laste will to any person or persons whatsoever havinge special^ly
under my hande
346 and seale be well and truly performed fulfilled contented and payde accordinge to the
tenor effecte
347 true intente and meaninge of the same specialties, and of this my will also without fraude
guile
348 or collusion the reste and residue of all my goodes Cattells iewells and plate whatsoever
not before given and
349 bequeathed after my funerall done my dettes paide and my legacies performed I wholly
give and bequeathe
350 to katherine Harman my wiffe whome I doe make and ordaine my sole and whole
executrice of this my
351 laste will and testamente, and shee further to dispose therof as god shall move her. I make
and ordaine my
352 overseers the honorable Mr. Bell lorde chefe baron of th[e]exechequer, and mr. will[ia]m
Lovelace sargeant at
353 lawe desiringe them for the tender mercy of god to see this my laste will in every pointe
duely executed

354 and performed accordinge to the true entent and meaninge therof, and for their paines
therin to be taken
355 I give unto the saide honourable lorde cheife baron ij stone cuppes withe covers, lippes
and feete of
356 silver wholly gilte, and to the saide Mr. Lovlace I give and bequeathe one drinkinge cupp
of silver
357 wholly gilte withe a cover, humbly desiringe them to aide and assiste my saide executrice
withe
358 their good counsaile and advise and in wittnes that this is my very true laste will and
testament
359 and all other whatsoever before the daye of the makinge and finishinge hereof by me the
saide Edmond
360 Harman in anie wise made for or in the name of a will or wills to be adnihilated frustrate
and
361 voide in the lawe to all intente and purposes I have to the ende of this my presente laste
will and
362 testamente subscribed my name withe my owne hande and to the file or pendent therof I
have putt to
363 the seale of my armes in the presence of theis menn hereunder named whiche are the
witnesses of this
364 my laste will and testamente. Edmond Harman, This will conteininge seaventene sides
besides
365 this laste leafe of paper was read ratified and allowed by Mr. Edmond harman and
subscribed with
366 his hande and double sealed with his seale the eightenthe daye of Marche a thowsand five
hundreth
367 seaventy six in the presence of us whose names followe. [*name illegible*], will[ia]m
heydon, John huddy, Robert Ensall, John Goby, will[ia]m bony.

[Summary of Latin probate]

Probate granted by William Drury

18th November 1577

in London

Richard Winder public notary, procurator for Catherine, widow of the deceased and executrix
named in the testament.

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