

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Alexander HODGYS, yeoman of Burford**

**Will proved 1554**

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*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 In the name of god amen The xxj<sup>st</sup> daye of Marche i553 and the fyrste  
2 yere of the reigne of our soferaigne ladie Marie by the grace of gode off  
3 Englande France and Irelande Quene defensor of the faith and of the church  
4 of England and allso of Irelande on earth the supream eed I Alexandre  
5 Hodgys of Burford in the Countie of Oxon yeoman sicke in bodie but of p[er]fect  
6 remembrannce thanks be gyven to god doe make and ordeyne this my  
7 presente Testamente conteyninge herein my laste wyll in maner and  
8 forme following Fyrste I bequeth my sowle in to the handes of allmyghtie  
9 god the Father of our Lorde Jesus Christe and my bodie I wyll to be  
10 buried within the parisshe churche yarde of Burforde aforesaid It[e]m I  
11 wyll that all suche dettes and dewties as I of right or of conscience  
12 doo owe unto anye p[er]son or p[er]sons be well and trewlye payed and  
13 contented by my executrix hereafter to be named and so ordeyned  
14 for to be payed It[e]m I gyve and bequeth unto Margaret Hodgys now  
15 my wyffe all those my landes tenementes and hereditamentes whatsoever that  
16 I have within the Towne and felde of Burford Upton and Signet in the Countie  
17 aforesaid with all and singuler their appurten[an]ces to theym and everye  
18 of theym belonging or in anye wyse apperteyninge To have and to holde the  
19 same landes tenementes and hereditamentes with all and singuler their  
20 appurten[an]ces unto the said Margaret my wyffe and to her assignes  
21 From the daye of my death for and duryng the lyffe naturall of the same  
22 Margaret my wyffe To be holden of the cheife Lordes of the fee by the sezein  
23 therof right and of due accustomed And after the decesse of the said  
24 Margaret my wyffe I wyll that all and singuler those my said  
25 landes tenementes and hereditamentes with all and singuler their  
26 appurten[an]ces shall holy reverte descende and r[e]m[ai]ne unto Alexander  
27 Hodgys now my eldest sonne and to the heires of his bodye lawfully

28 begotten for evermore To be holden to hym and to his heires of his  
29 bodye lawfully begotten for ever of the cheiffe Lordes of the fee by the  
30 sezone therof right and of due accustomed And if the said Alexander  
31 my sonne doo deceasse with owte issue of his bodye lawfully begotten  
32 (as god defend[)] Than I gyve and bequeth all those my said Landes ten[emen]tes  
33 and hereditamentes with all and singuler their appurtenn[an]ces holly unto  
34 Margerie my dowghter and to the heires of her bodie lawfully begotten  
35 for ever more To be holden of the cheiffe Lorde of the fee in maner and  
36 forme before declared And if it shall fortune the said Margerie  
37 to deceasse w[ith]owte yssue of her bodie lawfully begotten as god  
38 defend Than I gyve and bequeth all those my said landes ten[emen]tes  
39 and hereditamentes with all and singuler their appurtenn[an]ces  
40 holy unto Agnes my dowghter and to the heires of her bodie lawfully  
41 begotten as afore is said for ever more To be holden of the cheiffe  
42 Lordes of the fee as afore is mencioned And if all my said children  
43 doo decesse with owte yssue of their bodies lawfully begotten as  
44 before is said (as god defende) Than I wyll that all my said Landes  
45 ten[emen]tes and hereditamentes with all and singuler their appurtenn[an]ces  
46 shall holly revert descende and r[e]m[ai]ne to the nexte right heires off  
47 me the foresaid Alexander Hodgis for ever more To be holden  
48 of the cheiffe lordes of the fee by the sezone therof right and of due  
49 accustomed The reste of all other my goodes catalls and dettes what  
50 so ever before not gyven or bequeathed I wholly gyve and bequeth  
51 unto the said Margaret my wyffe towards the bringinge up of my said  
52 children and she to disburse or gyve to theym suche porcion therof as god  
53 shall move her whom I doe make my sole executrix of this my said wyll  
54 Those beringe wytnesse Sir Robert Webster clercke vicar of burford  
55 aforesaid Edmund Sylvester of the same Towne and Phillipp Curtesse  
56 of Northlye with other

*[Summary of Latin probate]*

Probate date: 5 May 1554

Place Oxford

Inventarium

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