

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**William PATTEN, husbandman of Signet, in Burford**

**Will proved 1551**

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1. Testamentum Willi[a]m Pattey de Signet par[is]he de Burford
2. **In the name of** God Amen This yere of our Lorde God a thowsande five
3. hundred and fiftie The xiiij daye of July in the fowth yere of the reigne of
4. our soferaigne Lorde Edward the vj<sup>th</sup> by the grace of god kynge of England
5. Fraunce and Irelande defender of the faith and of the church of England and
6. allso of Irelande in earth the supream heed I Wyllyam Patten of Signet
7. in the parishe of Burford within the Countie of Oxford husbandman beyinge
8. sumwhat sicke in bodie but wholle of mynde and of good and p[er]fet remembrance
9. thankes be gyven unto God do make and ordayne this my Testamente contay
10. nyngte herin my laste wyll in man[n]er and forme followinge Fyrste I beq[ea]th
11. my sowle to allmightie god my onely maker and redemer and my bodie to be
12. buried within the parishe churche yarde of Burford aforesaid It[e]m I gyve
13. unto the poore mens coffer there iiij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I wyll that all suche dettes and
14. dewties as I of right and conscyence doo owe unto p[er]son or p[er]sons be well
15. and trewly payed and contented by myne executors hereafter to be named
16. and ordeyned so for to be payed It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to henry p[smudged]n
- [?Patten]
17. my sonne a foldynge boorde a quorne or malt myll and a holle oner
18. worne bande for a carte with owte nayles w[hi]ch p[ar]cells I have
19. delivered unto hym at his requeste and desyre before the makynge of this
20. presente wyll It[e]m I gyve to Elizab[et]h Wheler the dowghter of Thomas
21. Wheler of Donyngton two chylver shepe<sup>1</sup> a little brasse potte and a calffe
22. waynable to be delyvered to her or to her assigne[e]s within one quarter

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<sup>1</sup> Chylver sheep: ewe lambs

23. of a yere nexte after my decease It[e]m I gyve to Elizab[et]h Sawyer my  
24. doughter four olde ewes and to Thomas and Wyllyam her sonnes eny  
25. of theym one chylver shepe and to Roberte Sawyer her sonne two chylver  
26. shepe to be delivered as before is sayd or before as by the discretion  
27. of my said executors shall seme good It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Agnes  
28. my wyffe thirtie shepe of the [be]st sorth followinge that is to saye ten ewes  
29. and twentie wethers wherof the wethers to be of the beste and the reste  
30. sortynge lik to be delivered to her within one moneth nexte after my  
31. decease and allso I wyll that John Turner my sonne in Lawe shall fynde  
32. theym meate bothe wynter and sumer at his propre costh and charges  
33. durynge the lyffe of my said wyffe Allso I wyll that my said wyffe  
34. shall have durynge her naturall lyffe one halfe wayt of good and  
35. lawfull malte to be delyvered to her yerely by my said executors  
36. Item I gyve and bequeth to John Johnson the sonne of Thom[a]s Johnson  
37. one ewe to be delyvered hym within one month after my deceasse and I wyll  
38. that John Turner my said sonne in lawe shall have the k[ee]pynge of the same  
39. untill the said John Johnson be of a lawefull age but I wyll that all the increase  
40. that shall come of the said Ewe by all that tyme shall hoolly remayne to  
41. the use of the said John Johnson yf the said John Johnson so longe doth dwell  
42. with the said John Turner The rest of all my goods catalls and dettes off  
43. what nature or qualitie so ever they be of and not before gyven and bequeathed  
44. I wholly gyve to the said John Turner and Margery his wyffe whom  
45. I doo make my full executors upon condicion followinge that is to wytte  
46. that the said John and Margery and either of theym ther executors or  
47. assignees shall fynde me and Agnes my wyffe with meate and drynke good  
48. and holsome for mans bodie durynge o[ur] naturall lyves And of this my laste  
49. wyll and Testamente I make myne overseers and supervisors to se the same  
50. well and faithfullye donne and p[er]fourmed accordyng to the trewe meanynge  
51. therof John Lambarte and Wyllyam Collyns to whom I gyve for their  
52. paynes takynge in this behalffe each of theym a wether shepe to be delyvered  
53. within one month after my said decease. And as for all other wylls or  
54. Testamentes by me the said Wyllyam Patten before the daye of makynge  
55. herof I utterly renounce and disanulle and the same from henceforth  
56. to be [?]adinichillate and stande voyde and this my presente laste wyll to

57. stande in full power and strength for ever. In wytnesse wherof I have  
58. to this my said wyll putte my marke with myne owne hande in the  
59. presence of the foresaid John Lamberte Wyllyam Collyns Richarde Hobbes  
60. and Henry Perrotte the daye and yere above wrytten

*[Summary of Latin probate]*

Date of probate: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1551

Place of Probate: Witney

Executor: John & Margery Turner

Court official: Walter Wryght

Inventory value: £16 17s 8d

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