

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Name** Kenelme CHAUNCE  
**Code** ORO 89/2/18; 186.41; 187.142 **ID No.** 69 **Year** 1578

| 1. Document details |                 |                          |                          |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>a) Person</b>    |                 | <b>b) Document dates</b> |                          |
| Name                | Kenelme CHAUNCE | Will                     | 16 December 1577         |
| Occupation          | Shoemaker       | Inventory                |                          |
| Date of death       |                 | Bond                     | 7 September 1583 £40     |
| Date of burial      |                 | Admon                    |                          |
| Parish              | Burford         | Proved                   | 23 January 1578[9]       |
|                     |                 | <b>c) Transcription</b>  |                          |
|                     |                 | Name                     | Angela Dix               |
|                     |                 | Date                     | November 2006            |
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|                     |                 | Keywords                 | -                        |

### 2. People mentioned in the documents

|                  |                   |                          |   |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>a) Family</b> |                   | <b>b) Executors</b>      | Humphrey Chaunce; Elizabeth Chaunce. Son and daughter   |
| widow            | Elizabeth Chaunce |                          |   |
| children         |                   | <b>c) Witnesses</b>      | Robert Scarborough; John Roffe; Edmund Smith; Thomas Jacob and Bartholomew Canon (writer of will) |
| Son              | Humphrey          |                          |   |
| Daughter         | Elizabeth Chaunce | <b>d) Administrators</b> | Humphrey Chaunce  |
| others           |                   | <b>e) Overseers</b>      | Robert Scarborough; John Roffe (shoemakers)   |
| Apprentice       | William Porter    |                          |   |
| Godson           | Edmund Smythe     | <b>f) Appraisers</b>     |   |
|                  |                   | <b>g) Others</b>         | John Kennall-court official<br>Thomas Averie - bondsman   |

### 3. Details in the Will

|                              |  |                                  |     |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----|
| <b>a) Bequests to family</b> |  | <b>b) Bequests to the church</b> |     |
| wife                         | one half of all goods, leases and debts              |                                  |     |
| Humphrey & Elizabeth         | one half of all goods, leases and debts between them | <b>c) Bequests to the poor</b>   | 12d |
|                              |  | <b>d) Items of interest</b>      |     |
| others                       |  |                                  |     |
| Apprentice                   | William Porter - 6s 8d                               |                                  |     |
| Godson                       | Edmund Smythe - 12d                                  |                                  |     |
| Overseers                    | 3s 4d  |                                  |     |

### 4. Details in the Inventory

**a) Rooms in main place** No surviving inventory  
No:

#### b) Other places mentioned

#### c) Values

| Crops and land | Trade/shop goods | Clothes | Household | Animals | Cash etc | Total<br>£ |
|----------------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|------------|
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#### d) Particular items of interest

From Gretton we learn that in 1547 Kenelm Chaunce was fined 2d as a common alehouse keeper.

Not found in secondary sources

It is not clear why a Bond for £40 was sworn 5 years after probate was granted.  
Was there some dispute about the administration of the estate?