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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Thomas FOSTER, upholsterer (bedder) of Burford

Will 1557

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1 Testamentum Thome foster
2 De burford
3 **In the name of god amen** The third day of Aug[ust]
4 the yere of ower lorde god 1557 I Thomas Foster of burford
5 in the counte of oxford bedder¹ sicke in bodye notw[i]thstandy[n]g
6 of good and p[er]fett memorye laud and prayse be geven to god
7 do make and ordeyne this my p[re]sent teastament co[n]teynyng here
8 in my last wyll in man[ner] and forme folowy[n]g that is to saye
9 first I com[m]end my soule to Almyghty god my only maker saviour
10 and redemer and as towchyng the funerall of this my wret
11 ched corpse or bodye I wyll hyt to be buryed w[i]thin Christen
12 buryall where as hit shall please god to take me from
13 this p[re]sent lyfe Item I geve and bequethe to the mother churche of
14 oxford iiij^d Item I geve to the reparacions of the church of Burford
15 xx^d It[e]m I wyll there shalbe distrybuted in almes among
16 the poure people of the towne of burford at the day of my
17 funerall xx^s at & by the discretion of my executors and
18 ov[er]seers hereafter to be named and so ordeyned to be payd Item
19 I geve and bequethe to the reparacions & amending of the hyghe
20 wayes in suche place & places as shalbe thowght most requesyte
21 by the dyscretion of my sayd executors and ov[er]seers x^s Item
22 I geve and bequethe to Alyce foster my dowghter tenne powndes
23 of monye to be delyv[er]ed to her or to her use at what tyme
24 she shall acco[m]plyshe thage of xx^{te} yeres orellse at the daye of
25 her maryage as by the dyscretion of my executors & ov[er]seers

¹ upholsterer

26 shalbe thowght good Item I geve and bequethe to margary foster
27 other x^{li} of monye lykewyse to be delyv[ere]d Item I geve to the chyld
28 in the wombe of my wyfe if hyt be a male chyld xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d yf
29 hit be a woma[n] chyld then to have but x^{li} to be delyv[ere]d as be-
30 fore is sayd Provided allwayes that if any of my chyldren above
31 named do deceasse before the tyme the[y] shall receave or inioye
32 thes my legacies to them and ev[er]y of them geven and bequethed
33 as is aforesayd and before that tyme be not maryed Then I
34 wyll that all that part or portion of the p[ar]tye or p[ar]tys so
35 deceased shall remayne to them that be survivinge and lyving
36 equally to be devidid among them by the dyscretion of my sayd
37 executors and ov[er]seers and to the longest lyver of them to inyoye
38 the hole of thes my legacies And if all my chyldren deceasse
39 before the time above lymited beyng not maryed as god desid
40 then I wyll my sayd executors to hand all my sayd legacies
41 to my chyldren and ev[er]y of them geven and bequethed as before
42 is sayd any thyng aforesayd notw[i]thstandy[n]g It[e]m I geve and bequethe
43 to my Cousyn Christofer xx^s to be deliv[ere]d within vj moneths
44 nexte after my deceasse It[e]m I frely forgeve unto hughe waynes my
45 S[er]vant the su[mm] of xxx^s w[hi]ch he owethe to me at thes p[re]sens The
46 rest of all my goodes cattelles and debtes what soev[er] before
47 not geven or bequethed after my debtes beyng payd my funerall ex-
48 spenses donne and thes my legacies duely p[er]formed I wholye geve
49 and bequethe to Elyzabethe my wyfe whome I make and orde-
50 yne my sole and only executrix and she further to dyspose
51 thereof as god shall move her Also I wyll that the sayd Elizabeth
52 shall have the use gouvernyng & kepyng of all my chyldren a
53 bove named for and during the minoritie and minorage or
54 noneage of them and ev[er]y of them together w[i]th all and singular
55 singular of all thes my legacies to them and ev[er]y of them geven
56 and bequethed as before is sayd for and durynge the sayd
57 terme And if it shall fortune my sayd wyfe to marye a-
58 gayne after my deceasse then I wyll that my sayd wyfe
59 and the p[er]son w[i]th whome she intendeth to marye shall be-
60 fore the tyme of solemnization of the sayd maryage stand bo-

61 und to my ov[er]seers by there sufficient dede obligatorye for
62 the true p[er]formance of thes my legacies to my chyldren
63 geven ^{to} be justly and truly p[er]formed w[i]th owt fraud gyle or
64 desevyng and if my sayd wyfe and the p[ar]tie w[i]th whome she
65 shall marye do refuse to do acordyngly as before is
66 sayd then I wyll that my sayd ov[er]seers ther executors or
67 assignes shall take suche order to & for my sayd chyldren
68 as by ther dyscretion shall be thowght most requesite and
69 co[n]venient And of the execution of this my sayd wyll &
70 testament I make and ordayne my sup[er]visor or overseer
71 my father in lawe Ric[hard] Chawley of Burford aforesayd to se
72 thes my legacies geven obteyned truly and iustly p[er]formed
73 and for his paynes herein taken I geve to hym ij ^s Thes
74 bearyng wyttnes Ric[hard] Dalbye John best and henry
75 Parrat of Burford aforesaid w[i]th others

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