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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Name	Edmund HARMAN					
Code	PROB 11/59	ID No.	364	Year	1577	
1. Document details				c) Transci	c) Transcription	
a) Person		b) Docum	ent dates	Name	Angela Dix	
Name	Edmund HARMAN	Will	17 March 1576[7]	Date	April 2007	
Occupation	Gentleman	Inventory		Checked	Janice Cliffe, Feb.08	
Date of death	19 March 1576[7]	Bond		Keywords	family location	
Date of burial	10 April 1577	Admon		prices mills	s/looms tithes	
Parish	Taynton,nr. Burford	Proved	18 November 1577	ecclesiasti	c endowment	

2. People mentioned in the documents								
a) Family		b) Executors	Katherine, widow					
widow	Katheryne Harman							
son		c)Witnesses	William Heydon;John Huddy;					
daughter	Agnes Bray(w.of Edmond	l Bray)	Robert Ensdall; John Coby;William					
daughter	Mary Johnson(w.of Wm.	lonson)	Bony + another [illeg.]					
sister	Christian Boswell							
brother	James Harman	e) Overseers	Hon. Mr. Bell-chief baron of exchequer					
sister	Joan Cressy		Mr. William Lovelace-sargeant at law					
son-in-law	Edmond Bray	Servants: William Heydon, John Hady, John Gorye, William Barye, Robert						
son-in-law	William Johnson	Ensdall, John Gardener, John Pottar, John Cooke, Thomas Egly, William Egly,						
nephew	George Godfrey	Alice Hares, Katheryn Hicks, Mary Cambery, Robert Brayne, Edmund Hiat,						
sister	Katherine Godfrey	John Doffield, William Maynare, William Bunting, Robert Bussel, Elizabeth						
		Lonkishern, Mistress Redings, mother Stevens, William Beri,						
		Alles Toe, Margaret Shepparde.						
grandchildren	Ann,Dorothy,Sara,Elizabeth Braye & Harman,Wm,Hester,Elenor,Eliz,Ann Jonson							
tenants	Ric.Dalby,Thos.Dutton,Rich.Price,Wm.Phillips,John Williams,Rbt.Twentiman							
nephews	Thos,Edmond, Mark Boswell (sons of Rich.Boswell)							
neices	Elizabeth, Mary Boswell (dau. of Rich Boswell)							
others	Edmund, John, Jane Jackson & Elizabeth Heydon, widow & her son Wm. & grd.son Richard							
	Sir Edward Umpton & wife Ann, Countess of Warwick							

3. Details in the Will a) Bequests to family 10s to Taynton church b) Bequests to the church Katherine and Agnes-half each of all property Mary - Katherine's share on her death c) Bequests to the poor £4 p.a. to poor of Burford James Harman - Old Walk Mills in Witney St. 10s to poor of Taynton; 20s to poor of Fifeilde Merimouthe; Bequests to grandchildren at age 18 40s to poor of Langley Marres. Money for sermons in Bequests to Boswell children Taynton, Fifield and Widford. others Bequests to servants Wife Katherine to have house called Priory of St. John and Manor of Tainton for her life.

4. Details in the Inventory			No surviving	inventory			
a) Rooms in main place		No:					
b) Other places	mentioned						
Crops and land	Trade/shop goods	Clothes	Household	Animals	Cash etc	Total	
d) Particular items of interest							

Edmund Harman married Agnes Silvester of Burford, although his family came from the Ipswich area. The monument he had erected in Burford church depicts 16 children although only 2 appear to have reached adulthood according to his will. Agnes was buried on 30th March 1576 at Taynton. It seems he then married a Katherine (surname unknown). He died on 19th March 1576 and was buried at Taynton on 10th April 1577. An Inquisitio post Mortem took place which confirms these dates but there is no clue for the reason for the delay in burial. [see Tolsey Paper No. 6 by Michael Balfour]

At the time of his death Edmund Harman held the Manor and lordship of Taynton and the manors of Fifield and Widford. He also owned or rented numerous other properties, mills and land in and around the area.

In 1573 Master HARMAN of Taynton is cited as a witness in a matrimonial contract (ref ORO MSS.OXF.Dioc.Pps.c.21 f.347-374, item No 109; JHD 1570-1574)