

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**William LAMBERTE, husbandman of Upton, Burford**

**Will proved 1559**

**Oxfordshire Record Office, MSS Wills Oxon, Archdeaconry Register 182.6**

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 **In dei no[m]i[n]e/** in the name of god amen the xvj<sup>th</sup> daye of marche An[n]o  
2 d[omi]ni i557 I will[ia]m lamberte of upton in the Counte of oxon hus=  
3 bandmane Sike in bodye notw[ith]tandinge of good & perfect memo=  
4 rye Lawde & thanks be geven to gode Do mak & ordayne This my p[re]  
5 sent testament Conteyning herin my last will in maner & form  
6 folowinge That is to saye First I bequeth my soule into the handes  
7 of allmyghty god My onlye maker savyo[r] & Redemar Allso as tou=  
8 chinge ye funerall of this my wrechede corpes or body I will it to  
9 Be buried w[ith]in ye p[ar]ishe church yarde of burford neare unto ye  
10 place wher my father is buryede It[e]m I will that suche detes  
11 and dewtys as I of Ryght or of Conscience Do owe unto anye  
12 person or persons Be well & trulye payed & co[n]te[n]ted by my exe=  
13 cutors or executrix hearaftear to be namede or so ordayned for  
14 to be payed It[e]m I geve & bequeth to the mother church of oxon  
15 ij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I geve & bequeth to ye hyghe aulter of Burforde viij<sup>d</sup>  
16 It[e]m I geve & bequeth to John lambert my eldest sonne after my  
17 decesse all thos my towne mesuages or ten[ament]es all housis dwel=  
18 linges & gardins w[i]t[h] all & singuler thappurtenan[n]ces whatsoev[er] to  
19 the sam tenementes dothe belonge or in any wysse apperteyne  
20 Situate lyinge & beinge in the towne or fildes of burforde in the  
21 county Aforesayed wherof on of ye sayed tenementes is situat in  
22 the shep stret there between ye ten[ement]e teneme[n]t of John smilthar of  
23 the weste parte & a ten[ement]te of John hannes on ye este partye And  
24 is now in ye tenure of on Thomas Johnson labourer And the other  
25 ten[ement]te is situat in the same streete betwene a barne of symon wis  
26 dom on ye west partye and a Certine lan[n]e there Caled laningtone  
27 lane of on ye este partye & is nowe in ye tenure of on Thomas denes

28 mason To have & to howld the sayed towne mesuages ~~and~~ or ten[emen]tes & all  
29 other the premises aforsayed w[ith] all & synguler thappurten[a]nces unto  
30 the sayed John lamberte And to the heyre of his bodye lawfullye  
31 begotene forevermor To be houlden of the shefe lorde a lordes of Fee  
32 by servysis therof Ryght & of dewe accustomed And if it shall  
33 fortune ye sayed Johne to decesse w[ith]owt ussue of his body lawfully  
34 begotene Then I will the same ij ten[emen]tes p[re]mises w[ith] thappurte  
35 n[an]ces shall hollye Remayne to will[ia]m lambert my sonne and  
36 to the heyars of his bodye lawfullye begotene ~~It[e]m & I will ye sam~~  
37 ~~tenementes & p~~ And for default of ussue of his bodye lawfullye  
38 begoten Then I will the sam two tenements & p[re]mises w[ith] all  
39 & singular thappurten[a]nces shall hollye Remayne to ye heyre ge=  
40 nerall of me ye forsayd Will[ia]m lamberte thelder that is to saye  
41 To my daughters that be then survyvyng And lyving & to  
42 ther hyres & assignes forever & the sam ten[emen]tes & p[re]mises w[ith] thapper  
43 ten[an]ces equallye to be devidede amongeste them by & at the dis=  
44 cretion of my executors or executrix & oversears hereafter to  
45 be named and apoyntede or thare lawfull deputes or assignes  
46 provyde allwaye And it is my verye will mynde & intent yt  
47 agnes lambert my mother shall have & take y[e] rentes & p[ro]fetes that  
48 shall yearly growe & cume of y[e] ten[emen]te in the tenure of Thomas  
49 denes aforsayde mason for & duringe her naturall lyff Anye that  
50 aforsayde notw[ith]standinge It[e]m I geve And bequeth more to  
51 Johne lambert <sup>my</sup> eldest sone aforsayed Thirtene ewes w[i][t]h ther  
52 lambes allso a horse y[e] beste yt is in my teame at ye daye of my  
53 Decees & allso on Costerne<sup>1</sup> of stone to be delyverede to hem by  
54 my executors or executrix or oversears or assynges at what  
55 tyme he shall Acc[om]plishe the age of twentye & on years It[e]m I  
56 geve & bequeth to will[ia]m my sonne aforsayde Twenty shepp & y[e]  
57 seconde beste horsse in my teame at my deseesse lykwys  
58 to be delyveride It[e]m <sup>I geve</sup> & bequethe to my two eldeste daghters  
59 agnes & Elyzabethe eche of them a cowe and to Jone my yon=  
60 gest daughter my third beste horse to be delivered at y[e] daye of

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<sup>1</sup> costerne – possibly a tray

61 ther maryages It[e]m it is my mynd will & intent that  
62 Jon[n]e my wyffe shall as well have the governinge & bri[n]ginge  
63 up of all & everye of my childrene aforsayed allso shall have y[e]  
64 use of all and every of ther legacies Aswell landes as other whatsoev[er]  
65 before is to them gevene or bequethede for & duringe the minorite or  
66 nonages of them & everye of them iff she my sayed wyffe kepe herselfe  
67 sole & Unmariede But iff my sayede wyff do maraye then I will that  
68 All such my legacies to my sayede childrene geven beinge goodes and  
69 Cattel shalbe praysed fowre indifferent persons At the election  
70 of my oversears & then I will that y[e] partye that shall maraye  
71 to & w[i]th my sayde wyffe shall stand bounde w[i]th suffytient surtis  
72 by his deed oblygatory to my sayde oversears ther heyres or assignes  
73 To se my sayed childrene honestlye Brought ~~up~~ up & goverened acor=  
74 dinge to y[e] tonur of this my saye will & testament And allso to  
75 delyver to everye of them ther legacis aforsayde or the value ther  
76 of in mony acordinge ~~to the value~~ as the same is is preysed at  
77 the tyme lymitid w[i]thout frawd diseat & Covyn<sup>2</sup> And if he refus  
78 this to do then I will my sayede oversears shall tak order in  
79 & for the sayed goodes & cattell geven to my sayed children as by  
80 ther discretion shalbe thought most requisit & co[n]venient But  
81 yete I will the sayd Joane my wyff after ye deseesse of my <sup>said</sup> mother  
82 shall have houlde and enioye to her use ye rent profetes & com[m]odities  
83 of the aforsayde two tenements w[i]th thappurten[a]nces duringe ye no  
84 nages of my sayd childrene and every of them any thinge Afor=  
85 sayed not w[i]thstandinge and allso it is my will that if any of my  
86 sayede childrene shall happen to deseesse befor the do or shall en=  
87 Joye thes my legacis to them gevene as before is me[n]cioned &  
88 before that tyme is not maryede Then I will that such part  
89 or portion of everye such party or partys so beinge deseessed shall  
90 Remyne amonge the rest of my sayede children that be then  
91 survyvyngge equallye to be devydede amonste them and so co[n]se=  
92 quently the longeste lyver of tem to enioye the hole legacies to  
93 them geven any thinge aforsayed not w[i]thstandinge It[e] m I geve

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<sup>2</sup> covyn – fraudulent action

94 & bequethe To Edmonde taylore my wyfes sonne a carte bede  
95 and a carte bande of Iron a plough and all y[e] furniture to  
96 and for the same Allso ij shepe & all my wearinge apperell  
97 to be delyvered to hem when he shall acco[m]plishe y[e] age of xxj  
98 yeares It[e]m I geve & bequethe to ethare of my godechildren daughters Daught[er]  
99 elyzabeth collins & annis luckins on shipe apiece to be de  
100 lyverede unto them after shiringe tyme next after my  
101 desees Reste of all my goodes catell & detes whatsoever they  
102 be before not geven or bequethede after my detes beinge payed  
103 my funerall expencis done & performed and thes my legacies  
104 fulfilled I hollye geve & bequethe to y[e] sayade Joanne my wyffe  
105 whom I do mak & ordayne my sole & onlye executrix of this  
106 my sayed laste will & testament And execution of the same  
107 I mak and ordeyne my supervisores or oversears symone  
108 Wysdom & will[ia]m hewes alias Calcot to whom I geve  
109 for ther paynes takynge in & for the p[ro]mises vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> the peace  
110 To be paye to them on [?]oxten<sup>3</sup> of a yeare next after my decesse  
111 w[ith]oute any furthe[r] delaye Thes bearinge witnesse of the  
112 Makinge this my sayede laste will & testemente Sir Robert  
113 Webster klerke Vycar of burford aforsayede Willi[a]m  
114 collins Thomas Simes & John Chadwarth of Uptone  
115 aforsayed & he[n]rye perrot of burford Aforsayede w[i]th other  
116 Yomene the daye and yeare firste above wrytene.

Inventory

no value given

*[Summary of Latin probate]*

Probate date: 6 May 1559

Executor: not given

Place Burford

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<sup>3</sup> This word seems like oxten, though it might be vxth.