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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Richard HODGES, yeoman of Burford

Will proved 1555

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1 Testamentum Ricardi Hodgis de Burford
2 **In the name of god amen** The laste day of Aprill in
3 the yere of o[ur] lorde god a thousand fyve hundred fyftie and three, y saye
4 1553 I Richard Hodges of Burforde in the countie of oxon Yeoman thanks
5 be to god whole of bodie and of parfett mynde and memorye doo make and
6 ordeyne this my laste wyll and Testamente in maner and forme followinge
7 Fyrste I bequeth my sowle to allmightie god and the holy companye of heaven
8 and my body to be buried in the churche or churche yarde wheare it shall
9 please god that I shall departe this naturall lyffe It[e]m I bequeth to the
10 mother churche iiij ^d And to the high altare in burford for negligent tythinge
11 iij ^s iiij ^d It[e]m I bequeth fortie shillinges to be distributed amongst the poore
12 people of burford and twentie shillinges amongst the poore people of oxford
13 and xx ^s amongst the poor people of allchurche in the Countie of Worcester
14 at the discretion of my overseers of this my last wyll to be distributed w[ith]in
15 one moneth nexte after my decease It[e]m I gyve towarde the mendynge
16 of the high wayes abowte burforde x ^s It[e]m I gyve and bequeth unto George
17 my sonne and to his heires for ever all that my mesuage or tenemente
18 called the George situated on the west syde of the high streete of burforde
19 aforesaid betwyxte the tenemente of Thomas Faller on the north p[ar]te
20 and a tenemente of Pooles lande on the sowth parte Allso I gyve unto the
21 said George my sonne and to his heires one meadowe platte called our
22 Ladie Hame lying by the churche yarde of burforde aforesaid To have and
23 to holde the said mesuage or tenemente called the George w[ith]all howses
24 cowrtes gardens and all and sing[u]ler the appurten[a]nces to the same belonging
25 and the said t[ene]m[ent]e with his appurten[a]nces unto the said George my sonne
26 and to his heires for ever of the chieffe Lorde of the fee therof by s[er]vice here
27 to fore dewe and accustomed It[e]m I gyve more unto the said George my

28 sonne twentie poundes of Englysshlye money or eles goodes and cattalles to the
29 valure of twentie pounde to be delyvered to him at the age of xxiiij^{tie}
30 yeres or at the daye of his mariage yf he fortune to marrye before that
31 age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres It[e]m I gyve and bequethe to Alice my dawghter and to
32 her heires for ever all that my mesuage or tenemente with a lytle
33 tenemente annexed to the same situated in burforde aforesaid on the
34 weste parte of the same Towne and adioyninge nexte to the bridge nowe
35 in the teanure of one Phillippe Griffiths To have and to holde the
36 said tenementes with all and singular their appurten[a]nces to my said
37 dowghter Alice and to her heires for ever of the chieffe Lorde of the
38 fee therof by s[er]vice before dewe and accustomed It[e]m I gyve more
39 unto my said dawghter Alice twentie poundes of Lawfull englishe money
40 or goodes to the valure of xx^{li} to be delyvered to her in maner and
41 forme as my sonne George portion is appoynted to be delyvered
42 It[e]m I gyve and bequeth unto Jone my dawghter and to her heires
43 for ever all that my tenemente situated in burforde aforesaid betwyxt
44 a tenemente belonginge to the parisshe church of the same Towne
45 on the north syde and a tenemente of Edmunde sylvester on the
46 Sowthe parte nowe in the teanure of one Roberte browne To
47 have and to holde the said tenemente with all and sing[u]lar thapurten[a]nces
48 therunto belonginge unto the said Jone my dawghter and to her heires
49 for ever of the cheefe Lorde of the fee therof by s[er]vice heretofore dewe
50 and accustomed It[e]m I gyve more unto my said dawghter Jone twentie
51 poundes of lawfull englishe money or goodes to the valure of xx^{li} to be
52 delyvered to her in maner and forme as my said sonne georges porcion
53 is appoynted to be delyvered It[e]m I gyve and bequeth unto Annys
54 my dawghter all that my mesuage or tenemente in the w[hi]ch one Wyllya[m]
55 harryby baker nowe doth inhabite situate on the west parte of burforde
56 aforesaid betwyxte a tenemente of Wyllyam Hewes on the Sowth
57 parte and a tenemente of John Chedwell of Resyngton on the north parte
58 To have and to holde the same tenemente with all and sing[u]lar thapurten[a]nces
59 therunto apperteyning unto my said dawghter Annes and to her heires for
60 ever of the cheiffe lorde of the fee therof by s[er]vice dewe and accustomed
61 It[e]m I gyve more unto my said dawghter Annys twentie poundes of lawfull
62 Englysshe money or goodes to the valure of xx^{li} to be delyv[er]ed to her

63 in maner and forme as my said sonne George portion is appoynted
64 to be delyvered It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Susan my dawghter
65 and to her heires for ever all those my three tenementes with the
66 gardens to the same belonginge situated and beyng on the north syde
67 of Wytney streete in burforde aforesaid betwyxte a tenemente off
68 Alexander Heggess on the weste parte and a tenemente of the
69 Quenes majestie on the easte p[ar]te To have and to holde the said
70 three tenementes with the gardens therunto belonginge unto
71 my said dawghter Susanne and to her heires for ever of the cheiffe
72 Lorde of the fee therof by s[er]vice dewe and accustomed It[e]m I gyve
73 more unto my said dawghter Susan[n]e twentie poundes of lawfull
74 Englysse money or goodes to the valure of xx^{li} to be delyvered to
75 her in maner and forme as my said sonne George portion is
76 appoynted to be delivered It[e]m I gyve unto John Gest my kynsman
77 my best gowne not furred and I gyve to Elizab[eth] Gest twentie shillings
78 It[e]m I gyve to ev[er]y s[er]vante that is dwellinge with me at my deceasse
79 xij^d a pece It[e]m I gyve to Roberte browne my beste hose and my beste
80 dublet and my beste paire of bootes It[e]m I gyve unto Wylyam
81 Hodges my brother my best furred gowne It[e]m I gyve unto my syster
82 Alice twentie shillings And to my syster Denys twentie shillings
83 And to my syster Annys ten shillings It[e]m I gyve to Thomas my
84 poore boye a quarter of barley It[e]m I gyve unto every childe that
85 my brother lawe John Handes hath xx^d apece It[e]m I gyve unto Mr
86 George London of oxforde xx^s It[e]m I gyve to Thomas Faller my
87 beste cappe Allso I gyve and bequeth unto Richarde my sonne
88 and to his heires for ever all the reste of my landes and tenementes
89 with all and sing[u]ler their appurten[a]nces that I have w[ith]in the realme
90 of Englande whiche are not before gyven and bequethed to my
91 other children To have and to holde the same reste of my landes and
92 tenementes with the appurten[a]nces unto my said sonne Richard
93 and to his heires for ever of the chiefe lorde of the fee therof by s[er]vice
94 heretofore dew and accustomed Provided allwayes and it is
95 my verye wyll and mynde that if it fortune anye of my said
96 children to deceasse this naturall lyffe before they be married
97 or eles be not of the age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres that then the porcion

98 of goodes that I have gyven and bequeathed to suche childe or
99 children so deceased shall remayne and be distributed amongst
100 my children that doo survive equally to be devyded amongst
101 theym Allso I gyve and bequeth more unto my said sonne Richard
102 foortie poundes of lawfull englysshe money or goodes and cattall
103 to the valure of xl^{li} to be delyvered to hym in lyke maner
104 and forme as my said sonne George portion is appoynted
105 to be delyvered It[e]m I gyve more to hym my best potte and
106 beste panne and a standing bedde with a fetherbed bowlster pyllows
107 and covering to the same And allso yf it fortune my said sonne
108 Richarde to departe this naturall lyffe before the age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres & not married
109 then I wyll that the porcion of goodes that I have gyven and bequeathed to hym
110 shalbe distributed amongst my children that doo survyve but my wyll and
111 mynde is that the porcyon of landes and tenementes that I have gyven to anye
112 of my said chidren so departinge shall hooly remayne and reverte unto
113 my nexte heire or heires and to his or their heires for ever Yf my said
114 children or anye of theym departe this naturall lyffe with owte heires
115 of his or their body lawfully begotten before he or they so dep[ar]tinge cum[m]e
116 to the age of twentie and foure yeres Provided allwayes and it is my
117 very mynde and wyll that Jone my wyffe shall have the orderynge rule
118 and government of all my said children and to have and take all the goodes
119 landes and tenementes w[hi]ch I have gyven and bequeathed to theym tyll
120 they cum[m]e to the age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres or eles be married and my said
121 wyffe shall fynde to theym therfore sufficiente meate and drynke and
122 other necessities tyll they come to the said age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres or eles be
123 married Yf they wyll be ordered by her and followe her commandement
124 and yf they wyll not obey and followe her wyll and mynde but wyll be
125 obstinate and followe their owne sensuall appetyd and mynde Then
126 it shall be lefull¹ for my said wyffe with the consente of my overseers
127 to reteyne and debate suche porcion and quantitie of the legacies off
128 suche obstinate and disobediente childe or children and to distribute
129 the same as they shall thinke goode and conveniente anye thinge hereto
130 fore to the contrarye notwithstandinge Moreover my mynde and wyll

¹ he writes lefull – but does he mean lawfull?

131 is that if my said wyffe doo contracte mariage before all my said children
132 cum[m]e to the age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres that then the partie w[ith] whome she
133 entendith to marrye before the solemnization of the same marriage
134 shalbe bounde with sufficiente sureties to the overseers of this my laste
135 wyll and to their heires to fynde and kepe my said children to the age
136 of xxiiij^{tie} yeres accordyngly as my said wyffe owght to doo and allso
137 to delyver to ev[er]y of theym their holle legacies at the same age or
138 before to suche of theym as be married trewly with owte annye
139 debatemente therof And if suche partie that doth or entendith to
140 marrye my saide wyffe do denye and make refusall so to doo and so to
141 be bounde Then my very wyll is that my said children that then
142 have not receaved their portion shall be delyvered with their holle
143 legacies before my said wyffe be married unto the overseers of this
144 my laste wyll and they to commytte the same children to such p[er]son
145 or p[er]sons as wyll be bounde with goode sureties to kepe and fynde the
146 same children accordyngly as is before specified and allso to delyver to
147 everye suche childe so commytted his or their hole legacies well and
148 trewley at the age of eightene yeares with owte anye debatinge or
149 minisshinge² thereof Allso whether my said wyffe doo marrye or not
150 I wyll that she shall have hallfe the portion of all my landes and
151 tenementes that I have bequeathed and gyven to ev[er]y of my said children
152 durynge the naturall lyffe of my said wyffe and after her deceasse
153 to reverte hoolly to my said children and to their heires for ever
154 accordynge to my gyfte withowte waste thereon to be made or anye
155 other decaye Allso I gyve and beque[a]the unto the childe that my wyffe
156 is in childe with all at the daye of makynge hereof the myll that I
157 have taken of Mr Harmon³ by indenture with all other thinges
158 conteyned in the same Indenture durynge the terme of yeares co[m]prised
159 in the same Indenture and allso fyve poundes of money to be delyvered
160 at the age of xxiiij^{tie} yeres And the reste of all my goodes and cattalles
161 my dettes payed and my legacies trewley contented and p[er]formed
162 I gyve and beqeth holly to Jone my wyffe whom I doo make and

² he writes this and not diminishing

³ or might be Harmoy

163 ordeyne the sole and full executrix of this my laste wyll and
164 Testamente And I doo make and ordeyne the overseers of this
165 my said wyll and Testamente my brother Wylliam Hodges Simon
166 Wysdome John Hannes and John Geest my kynsman and I gyve
167 and bequeth to everie one of theym for their paynes in that
168 behalfe ten shillinges a pece desyeringe theym for godes sake to
169 see this my laste wyll trewly executed and p[er]formed And
170 in Wytnesse that of a trewth this is my verie laste wyll and
171 Testamente I have wrytte it with my owne hande and have
172 subscribed my name and putte my seale the daye and yeare fyrte
173 above wrytten
174 Ricardus Hodges manu propria

[*Summary of Latin*]

Probate granted at Burford

2nd May 1555 to the executrix

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