

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Name	Edmund SYLVESTER th'elder			Year	1568[1569]
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1. Document details					
a) Person		b) Document dates		c) Transcription	
Name	Edmund SYLVESTER	Will	10 January 1568[69]	Name	H. Lewington + H.Horner
Occupation	clothier	Bond		Date	March 2006
Date of death				Checked	August 2008 - A.M.Dix
Date of burial	(requests Lady chapel)			Keywords	eclesiastic family crops
Parish	Burford	Proved	14 February 1568[69]		family location farmstock clothing
					arms valuables endowments mills
2. People mentioned in the documents					
a) Family		b) Executor			
widow	Johanne Sylvester	Edmund Sylvester the younger			
son & heir	Edmund Sylvester the younger	c)Witnesses			
granddaughter	little Anne Sylvester (Ed's)	Thomas Dampore clerk			
2nd son	William Sylvester	John Hyerne			
3rd son	Robert Sylvester	Robert Evereste			
4th son	Thomas Sylvester	d) Administrators			
5th son	Danyell Sylvester	e) Overseers			
6th son	John Sylvester	Thomas Tayler of Witney			
daughter	Anne Sylvester	Richard Reynoldes of Burford			
daughter	Marye Sylvester	f) Appraisers			
Kynswoman	Joan Collier	g) Others			
Her children	(not specified)	William Hues (deceased) in the Lady Chapel.			
Stepson	Richard Jones	John Floyd of Burford Hill			
Brother in law	Thomas Tayler of Witney	Thomas Hues of Burford Hill			
Godson	Sylvester Braye	William Willcockes of Sheep Street			
Godson	Edmund Colburne	Maister Edmunde Harman of Burford Hye Streete			
Godson	Olyver Hues	David Widge of Burford Hill			
other godchildren	(not specified)	Symon Wyседome of Burford Hill			
? brother in law	Henrye Tayler of Shereburne	Robarte Hayter of Burford Hye Street			
? Kinsman	Roger Collier	Richard Jones of Burford Hye Streete			
		Henry Tayler of Sherbourne			
3. Details in the Will					
a) Bequests to family		b) Bequests to the church			
Eldest son Edmund		Reader of morning prayer		16s per annum	
entire estate less legacies		Burford church		6s8d	
Wife Johanne		c) Bequests to the poor			
£40 (depending upon her complaisance), a house		Poor men's box		3s4d	
and appurtenances, come livestock household .		Charity £20 to be set up for 4 poor young men of Burford			
goods beds napery & coopery etc.		(details of adminstration, lines 86-102)			
2nd son William		d) Items of interest			
3 messuages (inc."Osmundes") with arable land in Upton & Burford		Executor to have use of younger childrens legacies			
gelding, horses, carts with all necessities for farming.,		until majority			
and 12 quarters of seed barley		Overseers to have 13s 4d each			
3rd son Robert	£40, one Burford house "Broade gattes" with 32 acres land, clothes and a ring etc.				
4th son Thomas	£6 13s 4d one Burford house with outhouses & garden, and clothes				
	And all the implements of a tucker, and lease of Upton mills.				
5th son Danyell	£20 (when 20 yrs), a Burford house a close and ½ acre land				
6th son John	£20 (when 20 yrs), a Burford house with shop garden & backside				
Daughter Anne	£30 (when 16 yrs) bedstead and bedding spoons & crockery etc				
Daughter Marye	£30 (when 16 yrs) flocke bed & bedding spoons & crockery etc				
Grandaughter Anne		his gold ring			
Kinswoman Joan Collier and her children		13s 4d			
Roger Collier		a coate & hosen			
Godson Sylvester		3s 4d			
other godchildren		12p each			
For whoever brings up his children until age 12 years		40s each p.a.			
Henry Tayler		3s 4d			
4. Details in the Inventory					
a) Rooms in main place		No:			
b) Other places mentioned					
c) Values					
Crops and land	Trade/shop goods	Clothes	Household	Animals	Cash etc
					Total
					£
d) Particular items of interest					
This will uses specific terms when describing materials, second nature to a good clothier, (meanings taken from dictionary of archaic words)					
Draste flock = dregs flock or lowest quality (line 46, 50)					
Damyxe = damask (line 68)					
Thrumm = Thromme = rough or coarse knit (line 68)					
Dorinx = dornix = rough loose woven damask (line 72)					
CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD Lovely listing of legacies of household goods, especially for his wife (lines 61 – 72)					
LOCATION The will is very specific when naming and describing the exact location of each particular property bequeathed, with street names, sides of the street and names of the tenants on either side (eg line 10 – 14).					
Mention is also made of copy hold according to manor court rolls (lines 76 – 78)					
Several mentions are made of property obtained from (?the dissolution of) the 'Chauntrey'					
Stepson implies Johanne was previously Widow Jones (nee Taylor of Sherbourne?)					
The will of Edmund Silvester was contested in 1689 see ID323, a later Edmund Silvester					