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## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Thomas SIMES, fuller of Upton, Burford**

**Will proved 1557**

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1 **In the name** of god amen the xxiiijth day of aprill ye yeare of  
2 o[ur] lorde god a thousande five hundredth fyfte & seven I saye i557  
3 I Thomas simes of Upton of the the parishe of burforde in the  
4 countye of oxon Fullere/ Beinge sike of bodye but of good  
5 & perfect mynde & memorye laude & prayse be geven to  
6 allmyghty gevin to allmyghty god Do mak & ordayne  
7 This my present testament conteyninge herin my laste  
8 will in maner & form folowinge It[e]m first I bequeth  
9 my sowle unto the handes of allmyghtye god my only maker  
10 & Redemer and my body to be buryed w[ith]in som[m]e christy[e]n  
11 buryall As by the discretion of my executors & oversears  
12 hereafter to be named shalbe thought co[n]venye[n]t & miete  
13 It[e]m I bequeth to y[e] hye aultere in burford for nectige[n]tly<sup>1</sup> ty=  
14 thinges xij<sup>d</sup> & to ye mother church of oxon iij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I gyve  
15 & bequethe unto Willia[m] & John my twoe sonnes All my  
16 shears & burlinge Irons and all other thinges whatsoever  
17 they be that I hadd or ought to have at y[e] tym of my  
18 descees belonginge to myne occupations of fullers [~~illegible word crossed out~~]  
19 aforesaid or in any wysse thereunto apperteynithe to be  
20 equally devydede betwixt them and to be delyvered un=  
21 to them by my sayed oversears at y[e] age of xxj yeares or  
22 At y[e] day of ther maryage Iff they or eyther of them do  
23 fortune to marry before that age Allso my mynd & will is that & if  
24 it please god ether of my sayed sonnes depart this naturall lyff be=  
25 for ether of the tymes aforesayed then eyther of them to have othe[r]s p[ar]t

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<sup>1</sup> nectige[n]tly - negligently

26 of my sayed shears burlinge Irons and all other thinges belong=  
 27 inge to my sayde occupation a[s] befor is sayed but & iff the both  
 28 descēs as befor is sayed then my mynd is yt my sayed shers  
 29 & burlinge Irons & other thinges befor gevene unto my sayde  
 30 twoe sonnes shall Remayne unto anne my wyff & to her ~~Ass~~  
 31 Assyngnes forever All the rest of my goodes & catels whatsoe  
 32 vere they be w[ith]in this Realm of england my detes & legacys  
 33 truly contented & payed my funeralles expe[n]ses beinge godlye  
 34 done I holly geve & bequeth unto Anne my wyffe & to all  
 35 my children equally to be Devyded betwixt then that is to  
 36 saye To my sayede wyffe the on halff Deale & the other halfe  
 37 to Will[ia]m John anne elyzabethe & Jonne my sayed children  
 38 equally to be Devyded amonges[t] them to everyone lyke muche  
 39 & to be Delyveride to everyone of them by the oversyght of my  
 40 sayed supervysers at the age of xxj yeares or at y[e] daye of  
 41 ther maryages iff theye fortune to marry befor that age  
 42 and that iff it please god any of my sayede childrene to  
 43 depart this naturall lyff befor they have recevede the  
 44 sayed portio[n]s as befor is sayede then I will yt the porci  
 45 ons or legacis befor geven to anye of my sayd childrene  
 46 so dessesinge shall remayne amonge my other children  
 47 that then shalbe survyvinge equally to be distrybu  
 48 ted amongste them provydid allways & it is my Very  
 49 mynd that anne my sayed wyffe shall have the ordere  
 50 Rewle & governan[n]ce of all my sayed childrens porci  
 51 ons Till suche tym as the myht receive the same as  
 52 before is sayede iff she do kepe herselfe sole & Unmaryed  
 53 But iff it fortune she co[n]tracte & espouse herself to  
 54 any man[ner] of man befor suche tyme as before is sayed  
 55 Then I will yt before the daye of y[e] solimnisiatio[n] of the  
 56 sayed maryage that all my sayed goodes & catels be pray  
 57 sed And my sayede childrens to be equally knowene from  
 58 my sayd wyffes portyone of goodes & catteles At & bye y[e] ov[er]sight  
 59 syght of my sayed sup[er]vysors & that befor the sayed mary  
 60 age solemnysed the person w[ith] whom my sayed wyffe inten

61 dethe to marry To <sup>be</sup> boun[n]d to my sayede oversears w[ith]  
62 good & suffycient suartyes To se my sayede childrens portions forthco  
63 mying A[s] before is sayed And accordinge to the true meaninge of this  
64 my last will & testamente But iff the partye w[ith] whom she inten  
65 dethe to marrye Do denye & make Refulall[sic] so to do & so to be boun[n]de  
66 Then it shalbe lawfull immediatly upon suche Refusall so made  
67 for my sayed oversears to take retheyne into ther handes & custody all &  
68 everythinge of my sayed [*?childe*]rns portions To them or any of them before  
69 geven & bequethede And to ordere the same As they shall thinke  
70 Convenyente and good for the godlye Use p[ro]ffet & bringinge Up of my  
71 sayed children & etc And I do ordeyne & mak myfull & sole executrix  
72 of this my last will & testament Anne my wyff/ And Symon Wys=  
73 dome & Will[ia]m p[ar]triche of burforde aforesayed my supervysors & ov[er]  
74 sears of the same my sayede will & testamente Desyaring theme  
75 for godes sack to se it trulye executed And performed And in witness  
76 this to be my <sup>very</sup> laste will & testament/ I do utterlye Revok forsack &  
77 adnull all & allmaner of formare willes testaments legacies giftes  
78 & bequestes heretofore by me in anye wisse hade or made by these p[er]s[on]es  
79 forever Recordinge herunto Tho[mas] williams John Raff John gest w[ith] others

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Place Burford

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