

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Robert WIGPITT, fletcher of Burford**

**Will proved 1544**

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Testamentum Roberti Wipitt de Burford

1 In dei no[m]i[n]e Amen the xiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of Januarie in the  
2 xxxvj<sup>th</sup> yere of o[ur] lord the Regne of o[u]r soverayne Lorde Henry  
3 the viij<sup>th</sup> by the grace of god of England France and Ireland  
4 Kynge defendre of the fayth and of the church of England and  
5 also of Irelande in earth the supream heede I Robert Wipitt  
6 of Burforde w[i]thin the comit[as] of Oxford fletcher<sup>1</sup> beinge of good  
7 and p[er]fect memory not w[i]th standinge sike in bodye do make this  
8 my last wyll & testament in maner and forme foloyng First  
9 I bequethe my soule unto allmighti god my maker and redemer  
10 and my bodye to be buried in the p[ar]ysh church or church yarde  
11 of saynt John baptiste w[i]thin the towne of Burforde aforesayd.  
12 It[e]m I gyve & bequethe to [th]e halter iiij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I gyve to Johanne  
13 my wyffe all the p[ar]cels of hir owne goodes w[hi]ch she browt  
14 unto me the w[hi]ch is or shalbe left at the daye of my dep[ar]ture  
15 And the sayde Johanne shall discharge all & sing[u]lar suche  
16 dettes as she dothe owe to any parson or parsons for hyr  
17 selfe of her owne goodes as before is sayd It[e]m I gyve  
18 to the sayde Johanne after my decease a fetherbed a cov[er]let a payare  
19 of blankettes a bolster & a bedsted standing in the inmost chamber  
20 p[ar]cell of my goodes. It[e]m I wyll the sayde Johanne shalbe inhabite  
21 yff that she be disposed w[i]thin my teneme[n]t the w[hi]ch I bowght  
22 of Wyllyam Pynnocke duryng her naturall lyffe & she to have  
23 there the ij Romes beneth & on chamber above & the other  
24 chamber above nexte to the high strete I will my kynsman

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<sup>1</sup> fletcher                  maker of bows and arrows

25 Richard Wiggitt shall have to his use & occupyng And also I  
26 will that she shall have halfe the garden w[i]th the sayde Richard  
27 my kynseman & they ij to dyscharge the rent thereof equally  
28 betweyne them And also I wyll that the sayde Johan my wyffe  
29 shall discharge the chose lorde his rent of and for the sayde  
30 teneme[n]t that is to saye iiij<sup>d</sup> by the yere It[e]m I gyve to the  
31 sayde Johan my wyffe after my decease xx<sup>s</sup> in redye money  
32 to be delivered to hir w[i]thin on halfe yere next after my decease  
33 It[e]m I wyll that the sayde Richard shalle have & enioy myn  
34 yeres of the howse where in I now do dwell as well by my  
35 lyffe as after duryng the hole terme of the yeres expressed  
36 in my lease And also I gyve unto hym holly and fully  
37 all my shoppe, shoppe tolles<sup>2</sup>, shoppe tymber & all other p[ar]cells  
38 of myne owne goodes movable & unmovable of what quality  
39 so ever they be of & wheresoev[er] they may be founde upon  
40 this condicion folloyng that is to saye that he the sayde  
41 Richard shall com[m]e & inhabit in howsholde with me and further  
42 that he shall fynde me & the sayde Johan my wyffe during  
43 my lyffe naturall sufficiently of met & drynke good &  
44 holesome for mans bodye w[i]th all other thinges to us necessary  
45 or belongyng in as large and ample wyse as I have found  
46 myselfe here tofore. And that the expenses & charges  
47 thereof be borne of & uppon my goodes and also my wyffe duringe  
48 my lyffe naturall as before is sayd It[e]m I gyve to the sayde  
49 Richarde & to his eyres for ever all that my tenement that  
50 I bowtte of Will[ia]m Pynnocke afore sayde to the only  
51 use hereafter folloyng that is to say that he and his hayres  
52 & theyre assignes shall discharge the sayde teneme[n]t  
53 & every p[ar]cell thereof of all man[er] of rentes goinge owte of the  
54 same And I wyll that they shall bestowe yerely and forever  
55 for one annual obitte<sup>3</sup> & masse to be sayde w[i]th one p[ri]este and  
56 clerke in the trinite chapel the morrow after trynite sonday

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<sup>2</sup> tolles                      tools

<sup>3</sup> obit                        annual service of remembrance

57 vj<sup>d</sup> sterling of the annuall rent growing & commying of the  
58 sayde teneme[n]t And the sayde dirge & masse I will hit  
59 to be sayde for my father & my mothers solle for my sole  
60 for my frends solles & for all christen solles. And the  
61 Residew of the Rent that shall growe and com[m]e of & for  
62 the sayde teneme[n]t all man[ner] of rentes dew for the  
63 same payde the reparac[i]ons sufficiently done & kept  
64 I will the sayde Richard & his heyres shall distribute  
65 ev[er]y sonnday in the yere ij<sup>d</sup> or more yf the sayde  
66 rent shall so amount or extende to pore people where he or they  
67 shall thinke it most nedefull & expedyent provyded allwayes that yt  
68 is my very will that the sayd Richard & hys heyres & theyre  
69 Assignes shall have the preferme[n]t of & for setting in of [*illegible*]  
70 of suche teneme[n]tes there as shalbe at all tymes sufficient for the  
71 rent And that the sayd Richard and his heyres & theyre Assignes  
72 shall when they se the teneme[n]t in Ruin or decay Receave  
73 & deteyne in theyre handes one holle yeres rent for that they  
74 maye & shall se the Reparac[i]ons thereof well & sufficiently  
75 to be done when and as often as nede is And allso my  
76 obsequies & other my legacies the better done observed and kept  
77 It[e]m I will that Thomas Fallar and John Hewis  
78 shalbe coiu[n]ctly ioyned Feffors to & with the sayd  
79 Richarde to se my sayd teneme[n]t and the rentes  
80 thereof to be disposed and used Accordyng to the  
81 trewe effect & purpose of this my last wyll and  
82 testame[n]t It[e]m I gyve to the sayde Richard suche  
83 dettes as I have owyng me at the daye of  
84 makyng hereof that is to say of Robert More  
85 of Burford xx<sup>s</sup> the w[hi]ch I lent him in Redy money  
86 And of Wyllyam Whitforde of Coscombe xxij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>  
87 the which he owythe me for a bargayne of malt  
88 It[e]m I gyve to evry of the aulters of the Trynite  
89 and saynt Thomas the appostle one alter  
90 clothe a pece The Residew of my goodes not

91 bequethyd nor geven my legaces fulfylled and  
92 my dettes payde I geve them hole to the  
93 sayde Richarde after my decease whome I  
94 make & ordeyne my full executor to se this  
95 my last wyll p[er]formed and he to dyspose there  
96 of for my sowle and all chrysten sowles as he  
97 shall thynke most nedefull and necessary Also  
98 I wyll that yf Arthure Torner do serve owt  
99 his yeres conteyned in a payre of Indentures w[i]th Richard  
100 Wygpit my cosen that then the foresayd Arthure  
101 to have xx<sup>s</sup> starlynge & parte of all man(ner)  
102 tolles concernyng his occupation w[i]th the better  
103 thes berynge wytnes S[i>r Edmonde Tilar  
104 Curat of Burford Wyll[a]m Collyns of Upton Robert  
105 Awflot Smyth Richard Hunt Richard Hawkes with others

[*Summary of Latin probate*]

Probate granted by

Dr. Wryght 12 March

1544

to the executrix.

Inventory sum                      £13 3s 4d

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