



## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>WILLIAM COLLYNS</b>	<b>ID No.</b>	496	<b>Year</b>	1558
<b>Code</b>	ORO 183.64				
<b>1. Document details</b>		<b>b) Document dates</b>		<b>c) Transcription</b>	
<b>a) Person</b>					
Name	William COLLYNS	Will	18 August 1557	Name	Angela Dix
Occupation	Husbandman	Inventory		Date	March 2007
Date of death		Bond		Keywords	crops, family,livestock
Date of burial		Admon			farnstock
Parish	Upton, Burford	Proved	28 November 1558	Checked	A. Gittings, Jan 2008

<b>2. People mentioned in the documents</b>			
<b>a) Family</b>		<b>b) Executors</b>	Elizabeth his wife - unless she remarries. In that case sons Robert & John become joint executors
widow	Elizabeth Collyns		
children		<b>c) Witnesses</b>	Richard Dallam; Thomas Sutton; John Williams; John Hemming
Son	Robert Collyns		
Son	John Collyns	<b>d) Administrators</b>	
Daughter	Jone Williams		
Daughter	Elizabeth Collyns	<b>e) Overseers</b>	Richard Dallam; Thomas Sutton
Father[deceased]	John Collyns		
others		<b>f) Appraisers</b>	
Richard & Thomas Hitchman of Charlbury		<b>g) Others</b>	
Richard Collyns - ? Relationship			
Godchildren - not named			

<b>3. Details in the Will</b>			
<b>a) Requests to family</b>			
wife Elizabeth	Residue of estate; he wants one son - John or Robert - to live with their mother & work the farm. If one of them marries away he should get household goods, a cowe, calf, farm tools barley, wheat & £11 in money. See lines 75 - 110		
Robert Collyns	land, property and rents from same		
John Collyns	to have land, property and rents if Robert has no male heirs		
Joan Williams	2 stawles of bees and some sheep after his and his wife's death		
Elizabeth Collyns	household goods; 2 stawles of bees, 20 sheep, 1 cow, barley, wheat, 20s on day of marriage		
wife Elizabeth	residue of estate		
others		<b>b) Requests to the church</b>	-3s 4d for repair of bells
Richard Hitchman - 1 sheep			
Richard Collyns - 1 sheep		<b>c) Requests to the poor</b>	- 2d each to poor in almshouse + 2s p.a. quarterly (6d a quarter) as per his father's will
Richard Dallam	6s 8d; Thomas Sutton 6s 8d		
Godchildren	4d each		

<b>4. Details in the Inventory</b>		no surviving inventory				
<b>a) Rooms in main place</b>		<b>No:</b>				
<b>b) Other places mentioned</b>						
<b>c) Values</b>						
<b>Crops and land</b>	<b>Trade/shop goods</b>	<b>Clothes</b>	<b>Household</b>	<b>Animals</b>	<b>Cash etc</b>	<b>Total</b>
						£52
<b>d) Particular items of interest</b>						
I think we can safely assume that the will of Elizabeth Collins (ID 501) proved in 1583 is William's wife. She names her family as Robert, Elizabeth, John and John Williams (must be the husband of Joan who has died by 1581) This would explain why she only left Robert 20 sheep as he had inherited the farm from his father. He in turn had inherited from his father John Collins according to Gretton, and the documents indicate that John had died by 1539.						
In 1539 William was paying 67s 8d rental p.a. for land of over 1600 acres and property. He also had a house with garden and an acre of land in Burford for which he was paying 12d p.a. <span style="float: right;">Gretton pages 625+635</span>						
In 1547 he was fined 1s for being a common brewer. <span style="float: right;">Gretton page 660</span>						
In 1553 he was a Burgess of Burford. <span style="float: right;">Gretton page 411</span>						