

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Thomas FAWLER of Burford**

**Will proved 1559**

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*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1                    Testame[n]tu[m] Thomas Fawler  
2                    p[ar]ish of Burford  
3    In the name of god ame[n] I Thom[a]s fauler of burford sicke of bod[ie]  
4    but p[er]fett of mynd do make my last will and testament in man[ner]  
5    and forme folowinge. that is to saye first I bequethe my soule  
6    to god and my bodie to be bured in the churche yard of bur-  
7    ford before the littell Chappell dore I geve to the mother  
8    churche iiij <sup>d</sup> I geve to the highe aulter of burford iiij <sup>d</sup> I geve  
9    to the maytenance of owre belles ij <sup>s</sup> I geve to Rob[er]t Jacob  
10   my best cote my second dublett my hose and my showes [and]  
11   my cappe I geve to my shister ij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> I geve to bennet a  
12   chest withe yeron and the best beades w[i]th Sylverstones  
13   and vignes and Crucifixes upo[n] theym and the boxe that  
14   belongithe to put hit in and a cresome crosse and the best masar<sup>1</sup>  
15   of Silver and giltte and my best gowne I give to Rob[er]te my  
16   sonne my second gowne and all my waxe mowles and waxe  
17   bordes and all my waxe wyghtes and Scales w[i]th the beme  
18   and all other whightes about my howse bothe of lead and  
19   brasse. It[e]m more I give to him the second masar of Sylver  
20   w[i]th a sylver spone It[e]m I geve to him xx <sup>s</sup> a yere during  
21   his lyffe and after to remayne agayne to bennett and his  
22   heires for ev[er] I geve to my iiij [daughters] iiij <sup>li</sup> of money apece to be  
23   payd at ther daye of maridge I geve to ev[er]y of them  
24   on Sylver spone apece and if any of theym die then  
25   ther partt to remaine to the other ij shysters and so to

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<sup>1</sup> Masar – drinking cup or bowl without foot

26 remaine from one to another if they die before they  
27 marry and the sayd some of money to be payd at the hand  
28 of bennet ther sayd brother and if they die all <sup>iiij</sup> before they  
29 marye then to remayne to bennet or his heires agayne It[e]m  
30 I give to Amye barnard my cosin at the daye of her mariage  
31 vj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> I geve to Thom[a]s Fawler my brothers sonne xx <sup>s</sup> to be  
32 payd to him when he is of wytt and discretion if he wilbe  
33 ruled by his frendes at ther settinge for his owne proffett  
34 hereafter to come And all other the rest of my goodes unbe-  
35 quethed moveable and unmoveable I geve and bequethe to  
36 bennett my sonne whome I make my full and sole executor  
37 yeldinge and payeing all foresayd dettes and legacies and to se  
38 me browght honestly to earthe and I make my ov[er]seers Roberd  
39 bruton and John Smythyerd and for ther paynes taken I geve  
40 iij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> by me bennet Fawler anno d[omi]ni 1558

[*Summary of Latin*]

Probate granted 5<sup>th</sup> April 1559 at Burford

By Walter Wryght

Inventory sum: x <sup>li</sup> iiij <sup>s</sup>

*Note line 40 – this should probably read ‘by me **Thomas** Fawler’ etc.*

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