

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Jonne FRYERS, widow of Burford**

**Will proved 1576**

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*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 In the name of God Amen the xxv<sup>th</sup> day of August 1574 I Jonne  
2 Fryers of burford in the County of Oxon wido being sicke in body but hole and of  
3 [perfect] remembraunce thankes be given [word deleted] to god doe ordeyne and make  
4 my last will and testament in maner & forme folowing First I bequethe  
5 my Sowle to allmightye god by whos mersy I trust to be saved, and my  
6 body to be buryed in the churche of burford <sup>aforesaid</sup> near unto my late husband Richarde  
hedges  
7 Item I geve to the Reparacion of the churche of burford <sup>aforesaid</sup> iiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> Item I geve and  
bequethe  
8 to the poor people in the toune of burford <sup>aforesaid</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to be distributed amonge them  
at my  
9 the time of my funerall or w[i]thin one moneth after at the discrec[i]on of my overseers  
10 It[em] I give and bequeth to the pore people of the vilage cawled lefilde tene shillings  
11 to be geven at the time afore appointed for Burford <sup>aforesaid</sup> and in the same Order It[em]  
12 I geve and bequethe to George Hedges my second sonne All that my halfe yard of Arrable  
13 land & halfe acar of medow together w[i]th all landes tenementes meadows seedinges  
14 pastures com[m]ons woods underwoods Rem[ainders] Rev[er]siones services and other  
hereditaments p[ro]fettes  
15 com[m]odities & advantages whatsoever unto the said halfe yard land of arrable land &  
halfe  
16 acar of mead to the same belonging sett lying & being in the lordshipe of westall hyll in  
17 fullbrook in the County of Oxon w[hi]ch lately was purchased of Benet Fawler the  
younger  
18 w[i]thall deeds evidences charters wrytings escriptes & munimentes only consarning the  
p[re]misses  
19 w[hi]ch p[re]misses aforesaid now is or of late was in the possession of John Franncklyn  
or of his  
20 Assignes <sup>to have & to hold to the said george his heirs & assigns for ev[er]</sup> Item I geve and bequeath  
21 to the same George all the <sup>Indenture of lease for the</sup> terme of yeres w[hi]ch I have to come of  
22 and in one platt of meadow lieing & being in the north side of one mead cawled Bury  
Orchard

23 and one halfe acar of medow lieing and being in the highe meade in Burford w[hi]ch was  
 24 graunted by the church wardens to the Inhabitanntes of the town of burford <sup>aforesaid</sup> Also I  
 25 geve to the same george one goblet of silver w[i]thowte a kever and ij silver <sup>spones w[i]th</sup>  
 knobs at ends And  
 26 the second best standing bedsted now standing in the great chamber And one Cowe or any  
 27 nage w[hi]ch worth xls or xls in money <sup>Also I give and bequeth to the same George ten wether shepe to be</sup>  
 delivered as aforesaid  
 28 All thes legacies Above Rec[i]ted to be delivered unto the same george  
 29 w[i]thin one yere next after my deasese Item I geve & bequeath to Thomas Fryers  
 30 my therd sonne one Ale cuppe of sil[ver] w[i]th a kever, & one litell salte of silver w[i]th  
 A  
 31 kever and too Silver sponnes w[i]th knobs [a]t the endes m[ar]ked with a k & f  
 32 and also ten shepe to be d[eliver]ed as [afore]said Also I give  
 33 to the same Thomas <sup>all</sup> suche Implementes of houshold stufte as shalbe at my house <sup>att</sup>  
 Kencott  
 34 att the time of my deasese, Or at a[n]y time w[i]thin Sixe days before my deasese the  
 35 cattell hay & corne there being or then g[ro]w[ing] Only excepted Also to the same Thomas  
 36 one Cowe one quarter of wheat, too quarters of Barly <sup>all thes legasies geven to the said Thomas</sup> to be  
 delivered to him at the end of too  
 37 yeres next after my deasese Item I geve & bequeath to Edmund Fryers my fourthe  
 38 sonne one Stone Cupe with a kever of s[ilver] and too silver spones w[i]th knobs at  
 endes Also to the  
 39 same Edmund one bedsted one fetherbed one bolster twenty wether shepe one Cowe iiij  
 bushell  
 40 of wheat viij bushell of barly And this to be delivered to him at the end of three yeres  
 41 next after my deasese Item I geve & bequeath to Robert Fryers my Fyft Sonne one  
 42 masser with a whrimbe of silver one litell salt <sup>of silver</sup> w[i]ththought a kever too Silver spones  
 with Images  
 43 at the endes Also to the same Robert ten wether sheepe and ten Chilver shepe  
 44 Also to the same Robert one bedsted A fether bed a bolster & one Cowe, one quarter  
 45 of wheat, too quarters of barlye & this to be delivered unto him at the end of fower  
 46 yeres next after my desease Item I geve & bequeath to Agnes my daughter one  
 47 goblett of Silver w[i]ththought a kever ij Silver spones w[i]ththought knobs Also to the same  
 48 Agnes iiij oz platters iiij oz potingers iiij sawcers of my best pewter the biggest brasse  
 pott  
 49 [illegible] A brasse pane used w[ith] spoute[?] one bras kettell of iij gallans one spruse  
 50 coffer with a lok & a key one Chayre being the best in the hawle one payer of  
 51 Fine hollon sheetes a towell of holland ij fine diap[er] napkins ij pillobers of hollon  
 52 one chaffing dishe of brase ij brase candellstickes One Cowe or hecfer of three yere  
 53 of age this to be paid to her at the Day of her mariage Ite[m] to the same agnes  
 54 one bord cloth or drincking cloth wrought w[i]th nedellwoorke All which legasis before  
 55 geven to any of my sayd fosaide children my very will and mynd is that yf any of

56 them shall fortune to dye before the times Apoynted for the delivery therof, that his  
 57 then same legasis so geven shall Remayne wholly to my eldest Sonne then  
 58 lyvinge Item I geve to Ales Reynold my daughter my biggest hoops of gowld not  
 59 graved in the Insyd w[hi]ch was cut of [my] finger It[em] I geve to Jonne Silvester my  
 other  
 60 hoope of gold graven in the Inside w[hi]ch was cut of my husbandes finger Item  
 61 I geve to margeret dalbye my [d]aughter one litell Ringe of gowld w[i]th a Red stone  
 62 Item I geve and bequeth to Ric[hard] hedgis my eldest Sonne my best silver  
 63 salt with a kever my best s[ilver] goblett with a kever, Sixe of the best silver  
 64 spones a gold ring w[i]th a white stone being a picture my best standing bedsted my  
 65 best fether bedfurnished w[i]th a kyverled All the Resydew of my goodes  
 66 unbequeathed moveable and unmoveable my dettes and legacies that was geven by  
 67 the last will & testament of Ric[hard] hedgis my first husbannd & the goodes geven  
 68 to my children by my selfe when I was a widow of the sayd Ric[hard] hedges, as  
 Apraised  
 69 by a scedull endented & sealed by the same; And the death & legasis of my  
 70 late husbannd Thomas Fryers being payd, I geve and bequeth to Richard  
 71 Hedges my eldest Sonne whom I make my hole Executor of this my  
 72 p[re]sent last will and testament Also I Ordeyne and A[point] my welbeloved  
 73 Sonne in Lawe Rychard Reynoldes and William Reynoldes his brother ~~to be overseers~~  
 74 Robert Silvester & Richard Dawlby the yonger to be my overseers of this my last  
 75 will and testament And I geve & bequeath to every one of them tene shillinges apece  
 76 for theyr paines in this behalfe desy[ring] them for godes sack to see this p[er]formed and  
 [truly]  
 77 executed According to this my last will & testament And in wittnes thereof in truth  
 78 this is my last will & testament I have Cawsed this to be wryten & have sette my  
 79 marke & my Seal the sayd day & yere first Above wrytten

Rycherd Reynoldes  
 william Reynoldes  
 Rychard hedges

Robert Silvester  
 Richard Dalby  
 John Hunt  
 Robert Westes  
 [? Margery *illeg.*]

[*illegible*]

[on reverse]

Item I geave unto ussely [*Ursula*] my maid my black gowne and my wostedd  
 kyrtle

Item I geave unto Elinor my maid my frise gowne that ~~nowe I weare~~ <sup>is a makinge at the Tallers</sup>

Item I geave unto m[ar]gery hathwey my maid my gowne that ~~nowe I weare~~  
~~is a makinge at the Tallers~~

Item I geave unto Alys Dey a gowne a petycote a pere [of hose]

& a peire of shooes & a smocke To henrie Oxhed  
One bushel of wheate, & one bushell of malt to John Chadwell of upton  
Item I give to everie of my servants xijd apece  
*[above 4 lines illegible in original, supplemented from Register copy]*

14<sup>th</sup> April

1580

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*[Summary of Latin probate clause on Register copy]*

Court Official : John Kennell

Date 14 April 1576

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