



## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Robert BREWTON, senior, chandler of Burford Will proved 1567

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Testamentum of Robert Brewton senior de Burforde

- 1 In the name of god amen the seventh day of July in the yere [of]
- 2 owr Lorde god a thowsande fyve hundred threescore seven
- 3 and in the nynth yere of the reigne of o[ur] Soferayne Ladie
- 4 Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England Frannce
- 5 and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Robert Brewton
- 6 thelder of Burforde in the Countye of Oxforde Chandler
- 7 beyng aged, lame and impotente in body but of good and
- 8 parfecte mynde and remembrannce lawde and prayse be
- 9 gyven to god therfore doo make and ordeyne this my sole
- testamente conteyning herein my laste wyll in maner and
- 11 forme following, that is to saye FyrstI commend my soule
- in to the handes of allmyghtye god my onely maker saviour and
- redemer and my body to the earth to be buryed in the parishe
- churche yarde of Burforde aforesaid at the ende of the chancell
- there beyng. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Wyllyam Brewton
- my yongest sonne after my deceasse all that my Messuage or
- tenemente wherin at this daye I doo inhabite, [ ] and
- dwell upon in Burforde aforesaid w[ith]all the edificies [
- 19 easementes and buyldings in and upon the same and all and
- 20 synguler other th[e] appurten[a]nces to the same messuage belonging or
- in anye wyse apperteyning. To have and to hold the [said messuage]
- or tenemente with th[e] apperten[a]nces to the said Wyllyam my sonne and to
- 23 the heires of his body lawfully begotten to the propre use and behooffe
- of the same Wyllyam Brewton my sonne and to the heires of his bodye
- lawfully begotten for ever. And yf yt happen the said Wyllyam
- 26 my sonne to deceasse owte of this presente lyffe and havinge no

- 27 yssue of his body lawfully begotten. then I wyll that the said messuage
- with th[e] appurten[a]nces shall wholly remayne to Roberte Brewton
- my sonne and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten for ev[er]
- 30 And for lacke of suche yssue of his body lawfully begotten Then
- 31 I wyll that the said tenemente with th[e] appurten[a]nces shall
- 32 wholly remayne to Jone Brewton my dawghter and to the heires
- of her body lawfully begotten for ever And for lacke of yssue of her
- 34 body lawfully begotten Then I wyll that the said messuage with
- 35 th[e] appurten[a]nces shall wholly remayne to Agnes Brewton my
- dawghter and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten for ever
- 37 And for lacke of suche yssue to Margerye Brewton my dawghter
- and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten for ever And for
- 39 lack of suche yssue of her body lawfully begotten to Alice
- 40 Hughes my dawghter nowe the wyffe of Thomas Hughes als
- 41 Calcotte of Burforde aforesaid and to the heires of her bodye
- 42 lawfully begotten for ever. And for lacke of suche yssue of her
- body lawfully begotten Then I wyll that the said messuage or
- tenemente with th[e] appurten[a]nces shall wholly remayne to
- 45 Elizabeth Sylvester my dawghter nowe the wyffe of Edmunde
- 46 Sylvester the yonger of the said Towne of Burforde mercer
- and to her heires and assignes for ever To be holden of the
- cheiff lorde and lordes of the fee and fees therof by the rentes
- and s[er]vices therfore due and accustomed, Provided allwayes
- 50 and yt is my verie wyll mynde and intente that Agnes Brewton
- 51 nowe my wyffe shall (after my deceasse) have, holde, occupye, possesse
- and enioye the said messuage or tenemente withall and singuler th[e] appur-
- ten[a]nces for and duryng her wedowes estate And allso yf she happen
- 54 to marrye agayne after my deceasse yet neverthelesse yt is my
- 55 wyll that Shee the said Agnes shall have the said messuage with
- 56 th[e] appurten[a]nces for and duryng the minoritye or nonage of the
- said Wyllyam my sonne, or anye other of my said cheldren beyng within
- age, Shee makynge no sale or leasse therof but onely for the tyme
- of the minoritye or nonage of my said children And allso shee makyng
- on impechemente of waste of the same messuage nor of anye parte
- 61 therof duryng the said tyme nor shall make no sale therof nor

- of anye parte or parcell therof by all the tyme aforesaid to
- anye parson or parsons any thing aforesaid to the contrarye
- 64 notwithstandinge And as towchinge the evidences dedes
- charters munimentes and other wrytinges whatsoever to [remayne]
- onely the said messuage or tenemente with th[e] appurten[a]nces or
- anye parte or parcell therof I wyll that the said Agnes my
- 68 wyffe shall have the Custodye and Keping of theym for and during all
- suche tyme as shee shall kepe her selffe sole and unmarryed [ ]
- 70 in anye wyse not to make anye gyfte or sale of theym nor of anye
- of theym. And yf shee the said Agnes my wyffe happen to be
- 72 disposed to marrye agayne after my deceasse then I wyll that
- 33 shee shall well and trewly without fraude deceate or collusion
- delyver or cause to be delyvered to the abovenamed Edmunde
- 75 Sylvester and Thomas Hughes my sonnes in Lawe their heires
- 76 executors administrators or assignes and every of theym [one month]
- 577 before shee be contracted to any parson, all and singuler the
- 78 evidences, dedes, charters, munimentes and other wrytinges
- 79 aforesaid to the intente that they the said Edmunde and Thomas
- 80 Hughes their heires executors administrators and assignes
- and ev[er]y of theym shall and may have the custodye and kepinge
- 82 of the same evidences and wrytinges to the use of all and
- 83 everye of my children above named and to the use and uses in
- maner and forme afore expressed and specified And that at
- 85 the delyverye of the said evidences, dedes, and wrytinges Shee
- 86 the said Agnes to take bonde sufficiente in wryting of the said
- 87 Edmunde and Thomas Hughes their heires, executors administrators
- and assignes and ev[er]y of theym that all and singuler the wrytinges
- 89 and evidences aforesaid shall and maye at all tyme and tymes
- 90 be foorth cum[m]yng to the use and uses before menconed and
- declared withowte frawde deceate or collusyon. It[e]m I gyve
- and bequeth to Roberte Brewton my eldest sonne after my
- 93 deceasse all that my Indenture of leasse w[hi]ch I nowe have
- of the farme in mylton in the Countye of Oxforde w[hi]ch I holde of
- 95 the College of Brasennose in Oxforde aforesaid To have and to
- 96 holde the said leasse and farme w[ith] all the membres rightes and

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appurten[a]nces of the same to the said Roberte my sonne after my
   deceasse and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten for and
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   duryng all suche termes of yeres as then shalbe for to come
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   of and in the said leasse and farme. he and they paying the rentes
   therfore due, and obs[er]ving and keping the coven[a]ntes contayned
   in the same leasse w[hi]ch on my parte and myne assignes are to be
   obs[er]ved p[er]formed and kept. And yf the said Roberte deceasse
104 with owte suche yssue then I wyll the said premisses shall
105 remayne to Wyllyam my sonne and to the heires of his body
106 lawfully begotten for and duryng the termes of yeres yet to
   come in the said leasse. And for lack of such yssue to Jone
   my dowghter and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten
   for the termes of yeres then to come in the premisses And for
   lacke of suche yssue to Agnes my dowghter and to the heires
   of her body lawfully begotten, for suche termes of yeres
   shalbe for to come in the said premisses And for lacke of suche
   yssue to Margerye my dowghter and to the heires of her body lawfully
   begotten for suche termes of yeres as then shalbe for to come in the
115 said leasse and premisses And for lacke of suche yssue to Alice
116 Hughes my dowghter and to the heires of her body lawfullye
117 begotten for suche termes of yeres as then shallbe for to come
118 of and in the premisses. And for lacke of suche yssue to Elizabeth
119 Sylvester my dowghter and to her executors and assignes for
   and duryng all the termes of yeres as then shalbe for to come
   of and in the said leasse and premisses. To be holden
   to all and everye of the partyes abovenamed upon the payme[n]t
of the rentes therfore due and p[er] forming the coven[a] ntes in the
said leasse contayned as is aforesaid. Provided allwayes and
125 yt is my verie wyll mynde and intente that the foresaid Agnes my
126 wyffe shall (after my deceasse) have, holde, occupye and enioye the
said Farme with th[e] appurten[a]nces for and duryng the hole termes
   of yeres then to come of and in the Indenture of leasse afore
said yf Shee so longe doo lyve and kepe her selffe sole and unmarryed
paying the rentes and doyng the coven[a]ntes accordyngly as is aforesaid
anye aforesaid notwithstanding But yf shee marrye agayne then
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the premisses to remayne to my children abovenamed in maner and forme as before is declared and expressed And the leasse therof 134 I wyll shall remayne in the custodye of my said wyffe duryng her 135 wedowes estate or otherwise to be delyvered to the Keping of the foresaid Edmunde Sylvester and Thomas Hughes my sonnes in Lawe in maner and forme as above is wrytten for evidences charters and other wrytinges. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Wyllyam Brewton my yongest sonne above named thirtie poundes of lawfull money 140 of Englande, one hundred of sheepe in their woolles and syxe sylver 141 spones to be delyvered to hym and to his use at suche tyme as he shall accomplysshe the age of one and twentye yeres. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Roberte Brewton my eldest sonne aforesaid twentye 144 poundes of lyke money & one hundred of weather shepe in their 145 woolles and syxe sylver spones to be delyvered to hym and to his use at the age of one and twentye yeres. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth 147 unto Margerye my dowghter twentye poundes of lawfull Englysshe money and syxe sylver spones to be delyvered to her at the daye of her mariage or w[ith]in one moneth nexte after 150 my deceasse. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Agnes Brewton my 151 dowghter Twentye poundes of lyke money and syxe sylver spones 152 to be delyvered to her at the daye of her mariage or at suche 153 tyme as shee shall accomplysshe the age of one and twentye 154 yeres. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Jone Brewton my dowghter 155 twentye poundes of lawfull money of Englande a payer of sylver beades of Fyftene sette and one harnesse girdle to be delyv[er]ed 157 to her at the daye of her mariage or at suche tyme as she shall 158 accomplysshe the age of one and twentye yeres Provided 159 allwayes and yt is my verie wyll mynde and intente that 160 yf anye of my said children shall happen to deceasse owte of 161 this present lyffe before the tyme they doo or shall receave their legacies to theym given and bequeathed as above is sayed and before that tyme be not marryed that then his or their parte of every suche childe so beyng 165 deceased owte of this present lyffe shall remayne to the 166 rest of theym that then shalbe surviving equally to be

- devyded amongest theym anye thinge aforesaid notw[ith]standing
- 168 It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to the poore people inhabitinge
- 169 within the Towne of Burforde twentye shillinges off
- 170 money to be disbursed amonge theym at the day of my
- 171 buryall It[e]m I gyve to my s[er]vante Thomas Fattman
- 172 tenne shillinges of money over and besydes his wages due
- at his coming Foorth of his Prentyshippe And to ev[er]y
- of my godchildren that shalbe alyve at the daye of my
- buryall I gyve fourpence apece. And allso I ordeyne
- and make by this my laste wyll and Testamente my
- 177 sonnes in Lawe Edmunde Sylvester and Thomas Hughes
- 178 my trewe and lawfull attorneyes and deputes iontlye
- and severally to foresee diligently that the children of Thomas
- 180 Parsons late of Shilton deceased have their Full
- 181 legacies and Stockes of money catalles and beastes and all
- other thinges whatsoever I am charged w[ith] by the laste
- 183 wyll or testamente of the said Thomas Parsons their
- 184 Father deceassed, And Further to doo therin all thinges
- whatsoever concerning the premisses as throughly wholy
- and frely as I my selffe myght or showlde doo yf I in myne
- 187 owne parson were presente The rest of all other my
- 188 goodes catalles and dettes whatsoever they be not before gyven
- 189 or bequeathed after my dettes beyng payed my funerall
- 190 expences donne and p[er]formed and p[er]formed and thes my
- 191 legacies Fulfylled and payed I wholy gyve and bequeth
- 192 to Agnes Brewton my wyffe whom I doo make my sole and
- onely executryxe of this my said laste wyll and Testamente
- 194 And shee to dispose further therof as god shall move her And
- 195 of this my said laste wyll and Testamente I make and ordeyne
- 196 my sup[er]visors the abovenamed Edmunde Sylvester and
- 197 Thomas Hughes my sonnes in Lawe desyering theym for the
- mercye of god to see the same duely, trewly and [iustly performed]
- in all thinges accordinge to the tennure effecte and trew
- 200 intente and meaning of the same And I gyve to theym
- 201 for their paynes therin to be taken tenne shillinges apece

In Wytnesse wherof I the foresaid Roberte Brewton have
to this my laste wyll and Testamente wrytten my name
with myne owne hande the daye and yeres Fyrst above
wrytten These bering wytnesse Thomas Boucher John
Geaste Thomas Hoper and me Henry Perrotte the wryter
hereof

[Summary of Latin Probate]

Probate granted by John Kennall at Woodstock 30 October 1567 to Agnes Brewton executrix Inventory sum: £248 11s 8d

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