

Oxfordshire

BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

William ROBERTES alias FYSSHER, baker of Burford

Will proved 1555

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1. **In the name of god amen** The xth daye of Marche in the
2 yere of our lorde God i553 and in the fyrste yere of the regne of o[ur] soferaigne
3 Ladie Marie by the grace of god of England France and Irelande Quene
4 defensor of the faith and of the church of Englande and allso of Irelande in Earth
5 the supream heede I Wyllyam Robertes al[ia]s Fyssher of Burford in the Countie
6 of Oxon baker sicke in bodie but of whole and p[er]fet mynde laude and prayse be
7 gyven to god doo make and ordeyne this my presente Testamente conteynynge
8 herein my laste wyll in maner and forme following Fyrste I bequeth my
9 sowle in to the handes of allmyghtie god my onely maker saviour and redemer
10 by whose blessed deathe and passion my assured faith, hope and truste is to
11 have forgyvenesse of my synnes and that my sowle shalbe placed amongst
12 the electe, chosen and righteous p[er]sons in the kyngdome of Heaven/ And as
13 towching the funerall of this my wretched carkas I wyll it shalbe buried
14 within the parisshe church yarde of Burford aforesaid It[e]m I wyll that
15 all suche dettes and dewties as I of right and conscience doo owe to enye
16 p[er]son or p[er]sons be well and trewly payed and contented by my executrix
17 here after to be named and so ordeyned for to be payed It[e]m I gyve and
18 bequeth unto Marie my wyffe after my deceasse all that my lande that
19 I bought of Lane sette lyinge and beyng in the Lordshippe off Fulbrooke
20 within the Countie of oxford aforesaid To have and to holde the same lande
21 with all and singuler the profettes commodities and advanntagies and all
22 and sing[u]ler thappurten[a]nces to the same Lande in anye wyse Belonginge or
23 apperteyninge unto the said Marie my wyffe for and duryng her lyffe
24 naturall/ And after the deceasse of the said Marie my wyffe I gyve
25 and bequeth the same Lande with all and sing[u]ler the premisses and
26 appurten[a]nces aforesaid hoolly unto John Robertes my brother by this my
27 presente Testamente and laste wyll To have and to holde all the said

28 landes w[ith] all profettes commodities and advanntagies and all and sing[u]ler
29 thappurten[a]nces to the same Lande belonginge or in any wyse apperteyninge
30 as afore is said unto the said John Robertes my brother and to the heires
31 of his bodie lawfully begotten for evermore/ And if it shall fortune
32 the said John Robertes my brother to deceasse fourth of this presente world
33 with owte heires of his bodye lawfully begotten as before is said Than I
34 gyve and bequeth by this my presente Testamente and laste wyll all and
35 sing[u]ler the landes aforesaid with their appurten[a]nces unto Anne Slye
36 my kynswoman/ To have and to holde all and sing[u]ler the Landes aforesaid
37 with all profettes commodities and advanntagies with all and sing[u]lar
38 their appurten[a]nces to the same lande in any wyse belonginge or app[er]teyning
39 as aforesaid unto the said Anne Slye and to her heires and assignes
40 for ever more and to the propre use and behooffe of the same Anne
41 and of her heires and assignes for ever more to be holden of the hedde
42 Lorde or Lordes of the fee by the service ther of right and of dew accustomed
43 It[e]m I gyve more unto the aforenamed John Robertes my said brother a
44 fetherbedde with all thinges to the same belonginge, allso my foxe furred
45 gowne my best dublet and my beste jacket to be delyvered to him w[ith]in
46 one moneth nexte after my deceasse withowte anye further delaye
47 It[e]m I gyve more unto the above named Anne Slye a fetherbed with
48 all thinges therunto belonginge lykwyse to be delyvered/ It[e]m I gyve more
49 to my said brother John Robertes my sworde and buckeler my bowe and
50 arrowes to be delyvered as before is said/ It[e]m I gyve to Alice Jorden
51 my s[er]v[a]nte a brasse potte, a pewter platter, and a sawcer lykewyse
52 to be delyvered/ It[e]m I gyve to Richarde Robertes my kynsman xx^s in
53 money to be delyvered to hym by and at the discretions of my said executrix
54 or overseers hereafter to be appoynted and named It[e]m I gyve to Ellys
55 my wyffes kynswoman a yerolinge of cowler black¹ and allso a brasse
56 potte to be delyvered to her within one moneth nexte aftery deceasse
57 as aforesaid It[e]m I gyve to Dionese Franckelyn of Westall Hyll my
58 crosse bowe lykewyse to be delyvered It[e]m I wyll that my said executrix and
59 overseers shall distribute and gyve unto the poore people of this Towne of
60 Burford aforesaid where they shall thinke moste nedefull syxe lawfull
61 carte lodes of that my wood that nowe is standynge on the lyste syde of my

¹ a yerolinge of cowler black – a black yearling

62 back yarde the w[hic]h wood so gyven to theym I wyll shalbe delyvered within
63 one yere nexte after my said deceasse withowte further delaye The reste of
64 all my goodes cattells and dettes before not gyven or bequeathed my dettes payd
65 and my funerall expences donne and p[er]formed and allso all those my legacies
66 before in this my presente wyll Testamene and Laste wyll mencioned dewly
67 and trewely payed and contented I wholly gyve and bequeth unto Marie
68 my wyffe whom I doo make and ordeyne my sole executrix of this my p[re]sente
69 Testamente and laste wyll and she to dispose therof for the wealth of my
70 sowle and all christen sowles as she shall thinke moste necessarie and
71 expediente/ And of [?]thexecution of the same my wyll and Testament I
72 make and ordeyne my supervisors John Hannes and Walter Rose off
73 Burford aforesaid and I gyve to eyther of them for their paynes takinge
74 in this behalffe ij^s the pece to be payed to theym within one moneth nexte
75 after my decease as afore is said/ And I utterly revoke and adnulle all and
76 everye other former Testaments, wylles, Legacies, bequestes, executors and
77 overseers before this tyme by me in anywyse made named wylled or
78 bequeathed, Recording thereunto Roberte Webster clerke vicar of Burford
79 Wyllyam Hewes alias Callcatt/ Dionese Francklyn/ Hugh Crowe and
80 Henry Perrott/ with other/ Dettes owing to me at the daye of makynge
81 hereof In primis Richarde Dalby ix^s It[e]m Nicolas Tayne ix^s It[e]m Wyllys
82 the mason of greate Barryngton ix^s It[e]m Sir Wyllyam the preiste of Burton vj^s
83 It[e]m John Carter off Fulbrooke for a colte that he bought of me xvj^s

Inventory xx^{li} xij^s iiiij^d [£20 12s 4d]

[Summary of Latin probate]

Probate date: 2 May 1555

Place Burford

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