

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Robert ALFLETTE, smith of Burford**

**Will proved 1558**

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*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 Testame[n]tum Roberti Alflette  
2 p[ar]ishe de burneford  
3 In the name of god ame[n], the xxix daye of august in the ye[re]  
4 of owre lord god 1558. I Rob[e]rt halfflett of burford [in]  
5 the cow[n]te of oxon Smythe sicke of bodie but of good an[d]  
6 p[er]fet reme[m]brance lawd and prayse be geve[n] to god do[e]  
7 make and ordayne this my p[re]sent testame[n]t co[n]tayny[n]g [here]  
8 in my Last wyll in maner and forme folowyng, that [is]  
9 to saye fyrst I com[m]end my soule in to the hands of all[my]  
10 ghtie god my onlie maker saviour and redemer, and [as]  
11 [to]luchyng the funeralles of this my wretched corpes or bodie I will  
12 hit to be bured w[i]thin the p[ar]ishe churchyard of Burford aforesaid  
13 at the discretion of my executor hereafter to be named It[e]m I geve  
14 and bequethe to the mother churche of oxford to be prayd for ij<sup>d</sup>  
15 It[e]m I geve to the hyghe Aulter of burford for my tyethes neclec-  
16 ted and forgotten ij<sup>d</sup> It[e]m I geve to the reparac[i]ons and churche  
17 of burford iiij<sup>d</sup>, It[e]m I geve and bequeth to Thom[a]s Alflett and  
18 Symond Alflett my sonnes all and singuler my toles that I worke  
19 w[i]th shoppe geare and suche of my prop[er] goodes whatsoever now is  
20 at the daye of my deathe shalbe w[i]thin my shoppe cawled the  
21 mydle forge, to be devided betwyne them as folowythe, that is  
22 to saye Thom[a]s to have the best Andfelde<sup>1</sup> and the best paire of bello-  
23 wes the best vice, the best fore hammer and the best hand ham[m]er  
24 and the best of the one halfe of all my sayd toles and goodes in  
25 the said shoppe beyng as is said before, And Symond Alflett

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<sup>1</sup> Andfelde - anvil

26 my sonne to have the other halfe of my goodes and toles whatsoev[er]  
 27 is or shalbe in my said shoppe at my deceasse as is before said  
 28 and I wyll that my sonne Thom[a]s shall have and seise the said toles &  
 29 goodes in the said shoppe to his use and behoffe even at the daye of  
 30 my deathe w[i]thout any delaye, if the same may be co[n]vena[n]tlye  
 31 devided by my executors or overseers hereafter to be named, or elles  
 32 immediatly w[i]thin one wyke after my deceasse It[e]m I geve and  
 33 bequethe more unto the same Thom[a]s my sonne, all that my howse  
 34 lease of my dwelling howse in the hyghe strette of Burford afore  
 35 said w[i]th the framed table bord standyng in the hawle of the same  
 36 howse, the w[hi]ch lease I will the said Thom[a]s shall enioye to hym and  
 37 to his assignes, after my decease for all suche t[er]me of yeres as  
 38 then shalbe to come of and in the same lease expressed. It[e]m  
 39 [I] geve and bequethe more to the said Thom[a]s one of the bedstedes  
 40 in the gesten chamber w[i]th the bed bolster and coveryng of the  
 41 same to take chose at his plesure also onne payre of shetes one  
 42 blankett, my best cote and best dublett and my foxe furred  
 43 gowne w[hi]ch I com[m]e[n]ly weyre upo[n] the sondayes and one sylver  
 44 spowne w[hi]ch I wyll shalbe delyv[er]ed to hym w[i]thin one monethe  
 45 nexte after my deceasse if he then be lyvyng, It[e]m I geve and  
 46 bequethe to thabove named Symond Alfflett my sonne my  
 47 sommer gowne and second best cote and dublet and a payre of  
 48 shetes also a brasse pott and a kettell, all w[hi]ch legacies whatso  
 49 ev[er] is geven or bequethed before to the said Symond my sonne  
 50 I will shall remayne in the custodie and kepyng of marie [my]  
 51 wyffe till the said Symond be of sufficient yeres himselfe [to]  
 52 use the said p[ro]misses to his com[m]odite and proffett, if the said  
 53 Marie my wyfe do kepe her selfe sole and unmarried It[e]m I geve [&]  
 54 bequethe to Richard my sonne Alfflett the leace of my [howse]  
 55 in sainet Johnis ~~parishe~~<sup>strete</sup> in burford aforesaid, and he to [have]  
 56 and enioye the same lease to him and to his assignes after [my]  
 57 deceasse for all suche termes of yeres as they shalbe [to]  
 58 come of and in the same lease payeing the yerely [rate]  
 59 to and for the same howse to the Lord thereof vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>  
 60 of money yerely to be paid acordyng as in my leace [is]

61 expressed w[hi]ch is quarterly to be paid It[e]m I geve more [to]  
 62 the same Richard my best gowne my malt querne a paire  
 63 of shetes a bede w[i]th a coveryng a bolster and a bedste[d]  
 64 all w[hi]ch p[ro]mises to the said Richard geven I wyll shall [rema-]  
 65 yne in the custodie of my said wyffe untyll the sayd  
 66 wyfe Richard be of yeres sufficient to have the [use]  
 67 and permet [?] thereof hymselfe, if my sayd wyfe  
 68 kepe herselfe sole and unmarried as is before sayd  
 69 I geve and bequethe to agnes my dawghter a bedsted  
 70 a flocke bed and a payre of shetes a boster a coveryng  
 71 and a brasse pott a kettell ij platters a potyngere a [can]  
 72 dell stycke and a coffer and xx <sup>s</sup> of monye all w[hi]ch [p[or]cons]  
 73 to her geven I wyll shallbe dely[vere]d to her at the day [of]  
 74 her mariage. It[e]m I bequethe to Jane my dawghter [a]  
 75 rownd table in the gesten chamber, a joyned for[me]  
 76 a bedstede a flocke bead a payre of shetes a bolster  
 77 and a coveryng a brasse pott a kettell ij platters  
 78 ij podyngeres ij candellstickes a Sylver spone a cof[er]  
 79 and xx <sup>s</sup> of money to be dely[vere]d at the day [of]  
 80 her mariage It[e]m whereas I have taken to hyer [of]  
 81 John hammys of Burford one pece of arable land  
 82 in burford field nere to Upton for t[er]me of vij ye[res]  
 83 yet to come fro[m] and after the feast of S[ai]nt mich[ael]  
 84 tharcangell nexte comyng after the date hereof  
 85 wyche vij yeres the said John I have fully payd [all]  
 86 his rent due for all the same vij yeres, & my w[ill is]  
 87 that marie my wyfe shall have and enioye the same for  
 88 [and] dweryng all the said yeres yet to come as before is  
 89 [said] if she so long do lyve and if my wyfe do die before  
 90 [the] said yeres be expyred, then I wyll that Symo[n] my  
 91 sonne shall have and holde the same Land for the yeres then  
 92 [to] come of and in the same, provyded allwayes and hit is  
 93 my very wyll mynd and intent that marie my wyffe  
 94 [shall] have and enioye aswell bothe my teaname[n]tes wiche  
 95 [I] have taken by ~~lease a~~ by leace aforesaid for and

96 [du]ryng so long tyme as she dothe kepe herselfe sole  
97 [and] unmaried as also the framed table bord and bead  
98 stede and bead w[i]th thappurten[an]ses gevyng to Thom[a]s my  
99 sonne as is before said shall remayne w[i]th my said wyfe duryng  
100 her wyddo estate any thyng aforesaid notw[i]thstandyng, but if  
101 the said Thom[a]s my sonne in the meane time do marrie, then  
102 my wyll my wyffe shall make delyv[er]y of the bedsted and bead  
103 with thappurtennces to the said Thom[a]s at the tyme of hys said  
104 [m]arriage w[i]thout any further delaye, Provided always and hit is  
105 my verie wyll that marie my wyffe shall have the use and go-  
106 [ve]rnyng as well of thes my chyldren here folowyng that is  
107 [to say] Symond ~~Alfflett~~ Alfflett, Richard Alfflett, agnes alfflet  
108 [and] Jane alfflett aforesaid as also of all thre legacies what  
109 soever by me before to them and ev[er]y of them is geven and  
110 [be]quethed for and dueryng the minorite and nonage of them  
111 [and] ev[er]y of them if my sayd wyfe do kepe herselfe sole and  
112 [un]maried as before is said, but if she happen to marie a-  
113 [ga]yne after my decesse, then I wyll that my said wyfe and  
114 [the] p[ar]tie whome she dothe intend to marie w[i]th and ev[er]y of them  
115 [joi]ntly and severally ther executors administrators and assignes  
116 [and] ev[er]y of them shall stand bownd in fortie markes of Law  
117 [full] money of england by there dede obligatorie sufficient  
118 in the Lawe to my overseers hereafter to be named and  
119 [or]deyned and to ther executors and ther assignes for thes  
120 [?] legacies ~~for~~ to ev[er]y of thes my children geven well and truly  
121 [to] be p[er]formed acordyng to the tenor and effect of this my  
122 [prese]nt last wyll and testame[n]t and if my said wyfe and the  
123 [par]tie w[i]th whome she dothe intend to marie do or wyll refuse  
124 [to] enter suche bond The[n] I wyll that my said overseers shall se  
125 that my said wyfe shall make distribuc[i]on of the legacies to ev[ery] of  
126 my said chyldren and to ther use and behoffe before she co[n]tr[act]  
127 or espowse herselfe any thyng aforesaid not w[i]thstandyng  
128 provided also that if any of my chyldren aforesaid shall fortune  
129 to decesse forthe of this worlde before the tyme they shall  
130 receave any of thes my legacies to the[m] geven and bequethed [in]

131 forme aforesaid and before that tyme be not maryed, then my  
132 wyll that all that p[ar]te or porc[i]ons of that p[ar]tie or p[ar]ties so  
133 beyng deceassed shall remayne to the rest of my said  
134 chyl dren then beyng surviving equally to be devided amon[gest]  
135 them, and so co[n]sequently the longest lyver<sup>of them</sup> to have and eni[oy]  
136 ev[er]y of the porc[i]ons what so ev[er] before to them is geven any [thyng]  
137 aforesaid notw[i]thstanding, The rest of all other my goodes [chattells]  
138 and dettes what so ever before not geven or bequethed [and]  
139 my dettes beyng payd my funerall expenses donne and d[is]-  
140 charged I holy geve and bequethe the foresaid marie [my]  
141 wyfe whome I do make and ordeyne ordayne my sole [and]  
142 only executrix of this my Last wyll and testame[n]t  
143 she further to dyspose therof as god shall move her and  
144 the execution hereof I make and ordeyne my sup[er]visors  
145 my brother Thom[a]s Alflett and John Dallam desyeryng [them]  
146 for the m[er]cy of god and the dyscharge of ther co[n]sciencs  
147 thes my legacies truly to be p[er]formed acordyng to this [my]  
148 Last wyll and testame[n]t, and for their paynes taken [in this]  
149 Be halfe I ge[ve] and bequeth to ev[er]y one of them xx<sup>d</sup> a p[er]ce  
150 In wyttnes whereof this to be my verie true wyll and tes[tament]  
151 I the said Robert Alflett have here under set my mar[ke]  
152 and myne owne hand in the p[re]sence of Sir John [ blank ]  
153 of burneford John Dallam and henrie perret of  
154 burneford w[i]th others It[e]m I geve and bequeth to marge[rie]  
155 Deves my dawghter att my decease xx<sup>s</sup> in money or  
156 goodes suche as my wyfe shall seme good the value of  
157 xxx<sup>s</sup> to be dely[vere]d to her at the day of maryage [of]  
158 my wyfe if she happe[n] to marie agayne or at the daye [of]  
159 the death of my sayd wyfe if she do not marrie agay[ne]

[Summmary of Latin]

Probate granted by Walter Wryght

6<sup>th</sup> of [month illegible] 1558 to the executrix

No inventory sum shown

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