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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Henry STRINGFELLOW, weaver of Burford

Will proved 1557

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1 Test[ame]nte Henrie Stryngffellow de Burforde
2 In the name of god amen the xxvth daye of Marche 1557 I henry
3 Stryngffellowe of burfford in the Con[n]tye of Oxon weyver
4 sicke in bodye not w[i]th standing of good and p[er]fecte memorye laud
5 and prayse be hymen to god do make & ordeyne this my last will
6 contenyng herin my testament in maner and forme followyng
7 that ys to saye I com[m]end my soleⁱⁿ to the handes of allmyghtye god
8 my onlye maker savioure & redeymer And my bodie to be
9 buried in Crystyne buryall where yt shall please god me
10 to departe, I[te]m I gyve & bequethe to ye mother Church of
11 Oxford iiij^d. I[te]m I give to the vicar of burford for my
12 forgotten tiothes viij^d It[e]m I give & bequethe to Rychard
13 Stryngffellowe my kynsman nowe dwelling w[i]th me all thos
14 my weving lomes as well brode as narrowe y^{t1} is to saye one
15 brode lome and ij narrowe lomes, thre sett of shaftes for the
16 brode lome ij payre of harnes ij sleyes² one payre of shutteles
17 for the brode lome, Also x harnesses & tow shuttyls for
18 ye narrowe lomes Also a warpyng bar a skarme³ & ij hekle⁴
19 bords & also a payre of ballands & weeghts to the same ballands
20 w[i]^l[h] all ye rest of my shoppe & shoppe gere what so ever it be
21 app[er]teining or belongyng to my said occupacion I[te]m I give and

¹ yt – that

² sleyes – slays, part of a loom that is pulled by hand among the threads

³ skarme – skarne/squirm – part of the warping complex on which the yarn was placed as it came from spinning.

⁴ hekle – heckell/heckle – implement for combing flax or hemp.

22 bequethe more to the same Rychard all my weryng aparell
23 that ys to witt two cottes, one Jacket ij dubletes one of Russett
24 and welted thother of whyte fustyan also ij payer of hosen iij Jer
25 kyns my best Cape & ij velvet neyght Cappes Also a byll and
26 a dagger, more I gyve and bequethe to the same Rychard
27 my Coffe that standith by my bedde syde wher I nowe lye
28 wyth all thynges what so ev[er] ys within the same coffe at the
29 daye of makyng herof It[e]m I gyve more to hym one quarter of
30 barley being in the howse at the daye of makyng herof and also
31 more I gyve and bequethe to him v bussheles of barleye parsell of
32 x bussheles of barley y^t John Rordes other wysse called Jone
33 barben of Signet owith me w[hi]^{ch} is dewe to be payde the
34 wike next before the feast of all sayntes next comyng after
35 ye date herof, Also more I give & bequethe to the said Richard
36 all y^t y^e one moite of or halfe of all the barleye y^t is & shall
37 growe increase & cum of in & uppon all thes my syxe acres &
38 a halfe of land ye^t at the daye of makyng herof is all reddy
39 sowne in the felds of burfford upton & signett in ye Countie
40 of Oxon aforesaid And I give & bequethe more to him a flock
41 bed a payre of shetes two Cov[er]inges and one bolster, I [illegible]
42 All w[hi]^{ch} p[ar]celles of thes my legacies to the said Rychard my kynsman
43 given & bequeathed in maner & forme aforsaid I will shalbe dely
44 vered by my executrix heareafter to be named in to ye handes
45 custodye and kyping of my overseers or sup[er]visors here after in
46 this my last will nomynated and appoynted w[i]thin one moneth next
47 after my deceasse w[i]t[h]owte any farther delaye and I will also
48 y^t ye said overseers or sup[er]visors and suche other honest & sufficient
49 p[er]son or p[er]sons as they or any of they[m] successively one after another shall
50 name appoynt or assygne shall have ye use & governing as well of
51 ye said Richard my kynsman for and duryng the time of his mynorytye
52 or noneage, as also the using and governyng of all & ev[er]y p[ar]te & p[ar]cell
53 of thes my legacies to him givene as a fore is saied, and y^t ye same
54 his legacies by theym or theyr assign[ns] be employed to the most p[er]fett
55 and advanntage of the said Richard as they to the uttermost of
56 ther wittes & discrecions shalbe thought most expediente & requisite,

57 And also I will y^t all & singuler thes my legacies to ye said Ric[hard] given &
58 bequeathed as before is said shalbe delivered by my said overseers or
59 theis assignes unto ye same Ric[hard] my kynsman at what time he shall
60 accomplishe the age of one and twentye yeres, or at the time of his
61 mariage upon this condicion following, that is to saie the same Rychard
62 during the time of his nonage & mynorytye, be in all thinges ordered
63 Rulyd and advised by the good councelles of my said overseers yf they
64 or enye of theym so long do lyve or by ye good counselles and advise of such
65 other p[ers]on or p[e]sons as they or eny of theym shall appoynte to have the gove
66 rning of the same Richard my kynsman during ye time a bovesaid,
67 provided all wayes and it is my verye will mynde & intende y^t yf it
68 shall fortune the said Richard my kynsman to deceasse before the
69 time he shall enioye the premisses to him given as before is saied
70 and before that time be not married or els that if the said Rychard
71 will or do refuse obstynantlye to be ordered & rewlyd by my said
72 overseers or suche other as they do appoynte to have ye governing
73 of him during his minoritye as before is saied, Then I will y^t all
74 & singuler ye premisses to him given & bequeathed in maner &
75 forme aforesaid and eny p[ar]te and p[ar]cell therof shall w[i]^t[h]in one
76 quarter of a yere next after deceasse or after his refusing
77 to be ordered as before is said be distributed equally amon
78 gest my kynsmen Richard dalby and John Gorden by and at the
79 oversight of my ^{said} overseers anye thing aforesaid not w[i]^t[h]standing
80 The rest of all my goodes & cattelles and dettes what so ev[er] they be
81 I wholly give and bequeathe to Isabell wyff whom I doo make
82 my sole executrix and she further to dispose thereof as good
83 shall move her, And of thexecucion of this my said last will
84 I make my overseers or sup[er]visors Edmund Silvester
85 thelder of burford aforsaid Richard dalby & John Jorden
86 of the same Towne And I give to ev[er]y of theym for their
87 paynes in this be halffe two busshells of barley apece
88 to be delivered by my said executryx w[i]^t[h]in one month
89 next after my deceasse w[i]^t[h]oute any further delaye Thes
90 being witnesses to this my last will and Testament
91 thaforsaid Edmunde Sylvester Rychard dalby John

92 Jorden Richard dallam William Hutt [?Nutt] Thomas Turner
93 and Henry perett w[i]^l[h] other the daye and yere above
94 fyrst written, dettes owyng the said henry at the daye
95 of makyng here of Inprimis Thomas Richardes of burford
96 in mony lend to him x ^s

[*Summary of Latin probate*]

Probate granted by Walter Wright

30th April 1557 to Isobel Stringfellow, executrix

Inventory – [*no sum*]

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