

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

**Alice BOCHER alias Laurence, widow of Burford**

**Will proved 1556**

**Oxfordshire Record Office, MSS Wills Oxon, Archdeaconry Register 182.168**

*Numbering at left identifies line of original document*

1 In the name of god amen the xxvij daye of December in the yere of o[ur] lorde  
2 god i556 I Alice bocher al[ia]s laurence of burford in the Countie of oxford  
3 wedowe sicke in bodie but of good and p[er]fet remembrance laude and prayse  
4 be to god doo make and ordeyne this my present Testamente conteyninge  
5 herein my last wyll in maner and forme following Fyrst I commend my  
6 sowle in to the handes of allmyghtie god my onely maker saviour and redemer  
7 and my bodie to be buryed by my husbande lawrence bocher, in the parisshe  
8 churche yarde of burford aforesaid It[e]m I wyll that all suche dettes and  
9 dewties as I of right and conscience doo owe to anye p[er]son or p[er]sons shal[l]be  
10 trewly payed by my executors hereafter to be named and so ordeyned for  
11 to be payed It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to the mother church of oxforde  
12 iiij<sup>d</sup>. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to the high alter of burforde towards  
13 the ornamentes therof a table cloth of Diap[er] to be delyv[er]ed immediatly  
14 Upon my deceasse It[e]m I gyve to the same high alter for my foregotten  
15 tythes iiij<sup>d</sup>. It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Thomas bowcher my eldest sonne a Fetherbed  
16 the nether most that I doo lye upon at the daye of makyng herof Allso a whyte covering  
17 with as redd sorell<sup>1</sup> two paire of sheetes a paire of blanckettes a bolster a table  
18 cloth a towell w[ith] crewell woorke two platters a bell candlesticke a folding table  
19 standing in my nether p[ar]lour my seconde best woorte<sup>2</sup> panne a whyte bason a  
20 lytle cofer w[ith] a haspe broken at the lyppe conteyning a bushell and an halffe  
21 and two sawcers It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Rob[er]t hyett the shomaker a lytle  
flockbed  
22 w[ith] a [?]tewcase<sup>3</sup> a paire of sheetes a flockbolster a platter and one pottynger to  
23 be delyvered to hym w[ith]in one yere next after my deceasse yf he be then

<sup>1</sup> sorrell – usually applies to the colour of a horse[ a red roan with red, white and yellow hairs]

<sup>2</sup> woorte – infusion of malt prior to beer making

<sup>3</sup> tewcase – possibly meaning a leathercase; tew can mean leather or hide.

24 lyving and yf he be dead than it to remayne to my executors hereafter to  
25 be named as before is sayed It[e]m I gyve and bequeth to Thom[a]s bowcher y[e]  
26 sonne of my sonne Thomas aforesaid a flockbed and a paire of blankettes  
27 beyng in the geaston chamber next to the backsyde allso a nother whyte bason  
28 of playne woorke It[e]m I gyve to John bocher the sonne of the said Thom[a]s another  
29 whyte bason of gravey woorke<sup>4</sup> It[e]m I gyve to laurence bocher sonne of the  
30 same Thom[a]s one of my red petyco<sup>a</sup>tes to make hym a cote It[e]m I gyve  
31 to Jeremia bocher son[n]e of the same Thom[a]s a latten laver<sup>5</sup> It[e]m I gyve to  
Elizab[eth]  
32 bocher the dawghter of the same Thom[a]s a platter one karchew<sup>6</sup> & a partlett<sup>7</sup>  
33 It[e]m I gyve to Wyllyam bowcher sonne of the same Thom[a]s a platter off  
34 the older makynge/ All w[hi]ch p[ar]celles to the foresaid Thom[a]s bowcher my eldest  
35 sonne and to his children before gyven and bequeathed I wyll shalbe delyv[er]ed  
36 to theym and ev[er]y of theym and to their uses for ever by my said executors  
37 within one moneth next after my deceasse w[ith]owte further delaye fraude  
38 decept or covyne<sup>8</sup> It[e]m I wyll that my said executors hereafter to be  
39 named or the executors or assignes shall delyver or cause to be delyvered  
40 to one Jone Adams the dawghter of one Thomas Adams late of burford aforesaid  
41 deceased all suche p[ar]celles of stuffe as I have in my custodye and kepinge at the  
42 daye of the makynge hereof of the gyft and bequest of her said father that is  
43 to saye a folding table w[hi]ch she dyd lend to wyllyam hyll deceased  
44 standing in Roberte Starres house in burford aforesaid Allso a greate charger<sup>9</sup>  
45 of pewter a latten standing laver and a hanginge laver three potyngers of  
46 pewter a brasse pott a kettle and an ale pynt pott Allso a mattresse a  
47 bolster and a bearing sheete w[ith] a blacke seame through the myddest therof  
48 all w[hi]ch p[ar]celles I wyll shalbe delyvered to her at what tyme she her  
49 selfe shall requyre the said stuff And yf she be deceased then I wyll the  
50 said stuff to be equally devyded betwene my said executors It[e]m I gyve and  
51 bequeth to Margaret Greene my syster my best gowne and a smocke It[e]m I gyve

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<sup>4</sup> gravey work - ? [possibly engraved]

<sup>5</sup> latten laver- wash basin made of mixed metal resembling brass

<sup>6</sup> karchew- neckerchief

<sup>7</sup> partlet- ruff or collar

<sup>8</sup> covyne – fraudulent action

<sup>9</sup> charger – a large flat plate or dish

52 to Agnes p[er]kyns the wyff of Thom[a]s p[er]kyns of Westall hyll my blacke  
53 frocke lined w[i]th buckram and a redd petycote to be deliv[er]ed to her w[ith]in  
54 a moneth next after my deceasse yf she be then lyvinge It[e]m I gyve to mother  
55 Terle of burford my blacke frocke lyned w[i]th furre in the backe lykewyse  
56 to be delyvered The rest of all other my goodes, cattelles dettes what  
57 so ever they bee after my dettes beyng payed my funerall expences done  
58 and p[er]fourmed and these my legacies trewly discharged and payed  
59 I wholly gyve and bequeth unto Wylliam bowcher my sonne & Margery  
60 bowcher my dawghter equally to be devyded betwene theym by and at  
61 the oversyght of Sir Robert Webster clercke vicar of burford aforesaid  
62 Richard Wygpytt of the same Towne flechar and thabovenamed  
63 Thomas bocher my eldest sonne aforesaid w[hi]ch sayd three p[er]sons I ordeyne &  
64 make my sup[er]visors or ov[er]seers of this my said last wyll and Testament  
65 and I gyve to ev[er]y of theym for their paynes herein ~~taken~~ to be taken xij<sup>d</sup>  
66 apece Provided allwayes that the said margerye my daughter shall have  
67 holy unto herselffe and to her use for ever all my wearing ~~gar~~ apparell  
68 beyng woollen anye thinge aforesaid notwithstanding Those bearinge  
69 Wytnesse this to be my verie last wyll and Testament thabovenamed  
70 Sir Robert Webster Thomas bowcher Richard Wygpytt John Robertes  
71 and henry perrott of burford aforesaid with others M[emoran]d[um] that George  
72 Freeman of Camdon in the Countie of Gloucester clothyier owith me  
73 thabovenamed Alice bocher at the day of the making herof for  
74 yarne to hym solde and delyv[er]ed twentie shillinge.

Inventory

[no value given]

[Summary of Latin Probate]

Probate date: 15 January 1556

Executors: William and Margerie Bowcher

Place Oxford

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