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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Alyce SOMNER alias MILLAR, widow of Burford

Will 1557

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1 Testame[n]tum Alicie Sommer sive Alicie Millar de Burford
2 In the name of god amen the xiiijth of Januarii in
3 the yere of o[ur] lord god 1557 I Alyce Sommer other
4 wyse called Alyce Myllar of burford in the comiti of
5 oxford wyddow late the wyfe of Roberd Somner of the
6 same now decessed and th[e]administratrixe of all the goodes
7 and cattell of the sayd Roberd my lat husband bey[n]g
8 sumwhat dyseased and sicke in bodye but hole of
9 mynd and in good and p[er]fect reme[m]braunce laud
10 and prayse be to allmyghty god do make and ordeyne
11 this my p[re]sent testame[n]t co[n]teynynge herein my last
12 wyll in man[er] and forme folowinge that is to saye first
13 I com[m]end my soule to allmyghty god my maker and
14 redeemer and my bodye to be buryd in the p[ar]ishe
15 churche or churchyard where hyt shall please god
16 me to depart It[e]m I wyll that suche dettes as I of
17 ryght or of co[n]science do owe unto any p[er]son or p[er]sons
18 be well and truly payd and co[n]tente by my executors
19 hereafter to be named & so ordeyned to be payde
20 It[e]m I geve to the repations of the belles of the p[ar]ishe
21 churche where I shall depart xij^d and to the reyng
22 ers of the same at the daye of my funerall other xij^d
23 It[e]m I wyll there shalbe distributed and geven in
24 almes by my sayd executors and ov[er]seers hereafter
25 to be apoynted to the poure people at the sayd
26 daye of my funerall iijj dussin of whyte bred
27 It[e]m I geve & bequethe Horman Somn[er] my sonne my

28 second best Ieron bound cart, a flock bedd cased
29 with tuke¹ ij payre of shetes a bolster ij pyllowes ij
30 pyllowe beyres and a cov[er]let w[h]ich I bought that is of tapystrie worke
31 Also more I geve to hym iiij peces of pewter of all sortes, a meat
32 clothe a towell a brasse pott of the byggest sort that I have a
33 cupbord w[hi]ch standyth in the nether p[ar]lor of the p[ar]sonage of bur
34 ford and ij ale vesselles cauled banelles, and also I geve and
35 bequethe more unto hym xxvj^s viij^d of money over and above
36 the sum[m]e to hym geven of my late husbandes goodes acordyng to suche
37 order as the Ryght reverend father in god Roberd by the p[ro]vision
38 of god now byshope of oxford aforesayd or the Ryght worshypfull
39 Doctor wryght now archdeaco[n] then dyd take to and w[i]th my well
40 belovyd neygbur Richard wygpyt at burford aforesayd flatcher at
41 suche tyme as he was w[i]th them or ether of them for the obbayng off
42 myne autorite to minister the goodes of my said husbande w[hi]ch sum[m]e
43 so geven by hym to them and also suche other sum[m]es of money as
44 by them also was apointed to the rest of all my chyldren hereaft[er]
45 to be named is regestered in the court bokes at oxford a
46 foresayd as in the same boke more playnely hit maye and dothe
47 apere all w[hi]ch p[ar]celles and som[m]e of moneye by me the said Alyce ge
48 ven and bequethed to the sayd harmo[n] my sonne as is before sayd
49 I wyll shall remayne in the custodye and kepyng of my sayd exe
50 cutors and ov[er]seers or thear assignes untill my sayd sonne be of
51 the full age of xx^{ti} yeres and then theye and eny of them or
52 ther assignes to make delyv[er]y thereof and of ev[er]y part and p[ar]celles
53 thereof to my sayd sonne or to his assignes to his use and behouffe
54 for ev[er] if he be then suviven and lyven. It[e]m I geve and bequeth
55 to christofer my sonne ij keyen or elles xx^s of money for them the same
56 to be at his chose and libertie, whether he wyll take the keyen
57 or the money, Also a flockebead w[i]th hangyns of paynted clothes a
58 bolster ij payre of shetes a whytt cov[er]lett a meat clothe iiij peeces
59 of pewter of all sortes a ca[n]delstyke of lattyn a brasse pott of
60 the lest sort that I have a Cawdren a forest byll the leest

¹ tuke ticking fabric

61 coffer I have ij kevers ij ale banelles and viij^s of money ov[er] and
62 above the sum[m]e of money to hym geve[n] of my husbands goodes as
63 afore I sayd, All w[hi]ch p[ro]misses to hym by me geven I wll shall
64 be delyv[er]ed to hym in man[ner] and forme before mentioned, It[e]m I
65 geve and bequethe to Elzabethe my dawghter a cove or elles x^s to
66 be as hyr chose whether she wyll have also a trussy[n]g² beadsted
67 w[i]th the second best fether bead a bolster a payre of blankettes
68 ij payre of shetes the onne a fyne payre the other of my owne spy
69 nnyng ij pyllowes and ij of the best pyllowbeyres that ar wro[u]ght
70 upo[n] with leleworke³ w[i]th the tester and hangynges of the same
71 bead of red and greene, and a lyttell cirkell of ioyned worke
72 standyng at the same beadsyde a cov[er]let of redde of my owne maky[n]g
73 a dyaper meate clothe a towell wro[u]ght w[i]th blew worke ij dyaper
74 napkyns and too other of my owne spynny[n]ge Also a lytell coffer
75 and my weryng apparell as well lynnyn and wollen w[hi]ch I shall
76 leave at the daye of my deathe, It[e]m more I geve to
77 to her too spynnyng tournes onne for lynnyn and th[e] other
78 for wollen also iiij peces of pewter of all sortes my best
79 sault of pewter a chaffyn dyshe the second best ca[n]delst
80 ycke a cawdaren of the medell sort a lyttell brasse
81 pott a tabull bord a payre of vesselles and a forme
82 standy[n]g in the nether p[ar]lor aforesayd and viij^s iiiij^d of
83 moneye ov[er] and above^{the} sum[m]e of money to her geven of my
84 sayd husbandes goodes as before is specifede all wich
85 p[ro]mysses to her by me geve[n] as before is declared I
86 wyll shalbe delyv[er]ed to her as the day of her maryage
87 or ells when she co[m]ithe to the full age of xx^{ti} yeres at the
88 furthest w[i]thowt anye further delaye and in the meane tyme
89 the same to remayne in the custodie of my sayd executors
90 and ov[er]seers and if hyt fortune that any of my sayd chy
91 ldren do discesse before they acco[m]plyshe there sayd
92 ages and before that tyme be not maryed that the[n]

² trussyng bedstead portable bed that can be trussed up for travelling

³ leleworke

93 I wyll and do bequethe her parte or his parte of the[m]
94 so beyng dyseassed to the other of them survyvyng to be
95 delyv[er]ed to them when they shall acco[m]plishe ther sayd
96 ages or ells be maried as is aforesayd More I geve
97 to the sayd Elyzabethe my dawghter ij ale barelles ij
98 kyevers a lesse and a more a verges⁴ barell and a payle
99 to be delyv[er]ed as before is sayd The rest of all my
100 goodes cattells and debtes after my dettes payd my
101 funerall expenses p[er]formed and thes my legacies co[n]tey
102 ned in this may p[re]sent testame[n]t fullfilled I holy
103 geve and bequethe to Thom[a]s Somn[er] and Edward
104 my sonnes only excepted the best standy[n]g beadstede
105 w[i]th the best fether bedd that I have w[i]th appurten[a]nces
106 to the same bedd belo[n]gy[n]g and not before geven wych
107 I wyll the sayd Thom[a]s shall have solely unto hymselfe
108 and the residue to be devided betwyne hym and his
109 sayd brother Edward by and at the dyscretion of
110 my ov[er]seers or there assignes as afore is sayd, wyche sayd
111 Thom[a]s Somn[er] and Edward my sonnes aforesayd I make and
112 ordeyne my hole executors of this my p[re]sent testame[n]t
113 if they or any of them do lyve untill I be decessed
114 and if they bothe decesse before me, then I wyll
115 that the rest of my sayd chyldren that then shalbe
116 surviven shalbe my sayd executors they to have all that
117 partye or portion of my sayd goodes that then shalbe left after
118 my deceese amongst them equally to be devyded any thyng a
119 foresayd to the co[n]trarye notw[i]thstandy[n]ge, provided allways and
120 hit is my very wyll mynd and intent that if hyt shall fortune
121 me the sayd alyce to decesse all and ev[er]y of my sayd chyldren
122 bey[n]g decessed lykewyse and before that tyme be not maryed
123 or elles before they have acco[m]plished ther ages as before sayd
124 as god defend then I wyll that my ov[er]seers hereafter
125 to be named or apointed or ther executors or assignes shall

⁴ verges verjuice – acid juice of crab apples used in cooking

126 imploye some part of my sayd goodes and cattelles to the
127 amending of noyous hyghe wayes nygh to the towne of Burford
128 aforesayd, If I decesse there or elles where as by them
129 shalbe thowght well and co[n]venient and some parte of my sayd
130 goodes and cattells I wyll shalbe dystributed to some of the
131 pourest of the kyne of me and my late husbandes as by
132 ther dyscretion shalbe thowght good and some to the poure
133 and the nede people of the towne where hyt shall
134 please god me to decesse any thyng or thynges before me
135 ?[said] notw[i]thstandyng And of the execution of this my sayd
136 testame[n]t I make and ordeyne John Blomer of Burthropp
137 in the comite of Gloc[ester] ye[o]ma[n] Thom[a]s Alfflet of Burford aforesayd
138 in the comitie aforesayd husbandma[n] and henry Somn[er] my
139 brother in lawe my sup[er]visors and ov[er]seers of the same my testa
140 ment and I geve to Thom[a]s Alfflet for his paynes in this
141 behalfe half a quart[er] of barley and ij bushell of wheate &
142 to John Blomer I geve iij^s iij^d in money, And to my
143 brother in lawe henry Somn[er] aforesayd half a qu[ar]t[er] of barley
144 and ij bushelles of wheate, and a payre of sheetes, All w[hi]ch
145 p[ro]misses to the[m] geven I wyll shalbe delyv[er]ed by my
146 executors w[i]thin onne hole yere next after my decesse
147 w[i]thout any further delay, And I verealy revoke and
148 adnolle all and other form[er] testame[n]tes wylles legacies
149 bequestes executors and ov[er]seers by me in any wyse befor
150 this tyme named made wylled and bequethed, Thes bey[n]g
151 wytnesses Roberd Webstere clarke vicar of burford a
152 foresayd, Richard Wygpytt Thom[a]s Bocher and henry
153 Perrott of the same w[i]th others

No inventory total, no probate clause.

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