



BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Robert JOHNSON, shoemaker of Burford Will proved 1560 Oxfordshire Record Office, MSS Wills Oxon, Archdeaconry Register 183.329

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- 1 In the name of god amen the third daye of Julij Anno
- 2 d[omi]ni 1559. and in the first yere of the Regne of o^r sofforeind Ladie
- 3 Marye [sic, ie Elizabeth] by the grace of god England Fraunce et I Rob[er]te Johnson
- 4 of burford in the Cow[n]t of Oxon Showmaker Sicke of bodie but
- 5 hole of mynd and of good and p[er]fett memorie lawde and prayse
- 6 be to god do make ordayne this my present testame[n]t concerninge
- 7 herein my last will in maner and forme followenge. First I bequeth
- 8 my Soule to the handes of all myghtie god my maker savyor and
- 9 redemer and by the merittes of whowes glorious death and pa
- ssion my sure hope and faythe is to have remission of my synnes
- and as concernege the funerall of this wretched karcas I will
- 12 hit Shalbe buried in the p[ar]ishe churchyard of Burford aforesayd
- 13 It[e]m I will that all suche deptes and dewties w^{ch} I of right do owe or
- 14 constiener do owe to any p[er]son or parsons be well and trwly
- payde and contendyd by my executrixe hereafter to be namyd
- and so ordeyned for to be payde It[e]m I geve to the mother churche
- of Oxford ijd. It[e]m I will that here Shalbe disbursed and geven by my exe
- cutrixe to xij of the allmes people of this towne of Burford at
- the daye of my buriall xijd It[e]m I geve and bequeth to Will[ia]m
- 20 Johnson Symon Johnson and Burford Henry Johnson my sonnes
- 21 vis viijd apece to be delyv'd to them when they Shalbe of the
- 22 yeres of discretion to use hit to thes owne Com[m]odities¹ wolly
- 23 hit to be delyy'd to them and ev[er]y of them by and at the
- 24 discretion of my Sayd executrix yf they and ev[er]y of them
- 25 do lyve to have the use of the same themselffes. It[e]m I geve
- and bequethe to Rob[er]te my sonne yow[n]gest Sonne save one xxs in monye or
- elles so myche in howsehold stuffe as shall amow[n]tt to the value of so miche

- to be delyvd in maner and forme aforesayde It[e]m I geve and bequeth
- 29 to John my yowngest Sonne xxs in monie or elles so miche worthe in
- 30 howseholde Stuffe lykewyse to be delyv[er]d It[e]m I geve to Elsaby Johnson my
- 31 dawghter my cowbord² Standinge in my p[ar]lar wth all the vessell
- 32 that stand thereon at the daye of making hereof that is to wytt ij
- chargers³ one platter one pewter bason iiij Sawcers iiij ca[n]dellstickes
- whereof ij grete bollyd⁴ candellstickes and the other twoo of a lesser sortt
- 35 and one Salte⁵ of pewter allso one brasse pott a worte panne⁶ a flocke
- 36 bedde⁷ a bolster a pillowe apayre of Shetes and a cov[er]lett All wich
- p[ar]celles⁸ to my said dawghter geven I will shalbe delyv[er]d to her like
- as is before me[n]cioned And if hit shall happe[n] any of my said
- 39 children die before they have recevyd thes my Legacies to them
- 40 geven as before is said. that then I will that thoes parteis and
- 41 porc[i]ons of the Legacies of thoes my childre[n] soe beinge decessed
- shall remayne holye to my said executrixe any thinge aforesaid
- and deptes notwth standinge. The rest of all my goodes cattalles and deptes
- 44 before not gevyn nor bequethed wth the Indenture of Legacie
- of this my howse and all other my takyngs⁹ my deptes payd
- and my funerall expenses donne and p[er]formed I wholye geve and
- bequethe to Elsaby my wiffe whome I do ordayne and make
- 48 my sole executrix of this my present testame[n]t and last will
- 49 Provyded allway and hit is my very will mynd and intente
- 50 that yf the sayd Elsaby my wiffe after my decease do marrie
- againe then I will that all suche Legacies and gyftes as I
- 52 have heretofore gevon and bequethed to all and ev[er]y of my
- 53 chyldren a bove namyd (if they be the survivinge or lyvinge)
- 54 Shalbe delyv[er]d by my said wiffe into the custodie and keping
- of my ov[er]seers hereafter to be namyd one monethe next
- 56 before she be married wthout any further delaye and then
- 57 my Sayd ov[er]seers to have the use thereof and to delyv[er] the
- same to the my said children a cordinge to the tenor of this my
- present Last will any thinge a foresayd to the co[n]trarie notwth
- standinge and of the execution of this my last will I make
- and ordayne my sup[er]visors or ov[er]seers Thom[a]s Fawlor and
- 62 John Hannys of this towne of Burford aforesayd and

- I geve to ev[er]y of them for ther paynes taken in this behalfe
- 64 xxd apece to be delyv[er]d wthin one monethe after my decess
- 65 thes beinge wyttnes Water Mollyn Will[ia]m Harrys and
- 66 Cooles and Henry Parratt Dettes that I the sayd Rob[er]t Jo
- 57 Johnson do owe at the daye of makinge hereof In p[ri]mis
- 68 to Margaret Clarke wyddowe that dothe dwell wthin
- 69 me ther is owenge fortie Shillinges

[Summary of Latin]

Probate granted by Walter Wright at Oxford on 4 May 1560 to the executrix.

Inventory [no sum]

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¹ commodities

² cowberd - cupboard

³ charges

⁴ round ? from OE word bole

⁵ salte of pewter

⁶ worte panne

⁷ flocke bedde

⁸ parcelles

⁹ Takyngs