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BURFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Robert BROWNE, mercer of Burford

Will proved 1557

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1 **In the name** of god amen the vth daye of aprill in the yeare of oure
2 lorde god 1557 I Roberte browne of burford in ye countie of oxon
3 ~~[illegible word crossed out]~~ mercer beinge sike of body but hole of mynde & of good and
p[er]fecte
4 memorye laude & pryse be unto allmyghtye god do make & ordayne
5 this my laste will & presente testamente in manner & forme folow=
6 inge Firste I bequeth my soule into y[e] handes of allmyghtye god my
7 creator & redemar & my bodye to be buried w[ith]in the church
8 yarde of burforde aforsayed as by y[e] discrecion of my executors &
9 Overseares shalbe thoughte most miete & co[n]venyente It[e]m I
10 bequethe unto y[e] motherchurch of this dyases iiij^d and to ye hye
11 aulter of burforde for my tythes neclygently forgotten v^s It[e]m
12 I bequethe to ales byshoppe my second beste fetherbede my seco[n]de
13 coverlet & a payer of shetes It[e]m I bequethe to elyzabethe flower
14 Wydowe my best brase pot & my coborde standinge w[ith]in my hall
15 At the makinge herof It[e]m I geve unto katheryne her daughter
16 a pewter platter & a ca[n]dlstike It[e]m I geve unto Roberte Johnson
17 my godson[n]e my best brasse ketell & my beste brandiron It[e]m I geve
18 & bequeth unto John geste of burforde mercer and to his assyignes all
19 that my Ryghte tytle use & intereste of the terme of the yeares that
20 I hould by lease of my cloase of edmonde silvestere the elder of bur=
21 forde untill suche tyme as y[e] yars be fullye expired w[hi]ch in y[e] sayde
22 lease is expressed In as large & ample manner as I my selfe helde
23 the same payinge & discharginge all suche re[n]tes & dewtys as y[e] sayd
24 lease co[m]prysed It[e]m I geve & bequethe unto Robert brewton of bur=
25 forde chandelere & to his assyignes my lease or indentur of my
26 cloase at Upton Dueringe all the years w[hi]ch I hould of mr edmo[n]de

27 harmonie esquier the years beginninge at y[e] feste of saint my=
 28 chaell the archangell next folowinge the date herof And the sayd
 29 Robert brewton to houlde the same cloase in as large & ample
 30 man[n]er as I ought to do by v[ir]tue of the same lease payinge all
 31 such rentes & other dutys as in y[e] same lease is specyfied It[e]m
 32 I bequeth towards the raperatio[n]s of y[e] beles w[ith]in ye p[ar]ish church
 33 of burforde ij^s It[e]m I bequethe to Johne ayskote my kynsman
 34 iij^s iij^d And allso to ryc[hard] ayskote my kynsman iij^s iij^d It[e]m I
 35 geve & bequeth unto Joa[n]ne hodes y[e] daughter of Rycharde hodes my
 36 goddaughter my querne or mault mill which at the date hereof is
 37 standinge in y[e] house that I do nowe inhabit & dwell in It[e]m I will
 38 iff the sayd Jon[n]e my goddaughter do departe from this lyffe be
 39 for she shall have Juste occation to occupye the same mill or als
 40 not of lawfull age to dispose the same mill as she shall think good
 41 & con[v]eniente Then I will the sayed mill to remayne allwayes &
 42 be w[ith]in y[e] howse wherin it nowe dothe stande at y[e] date & makinge
 43 herof It[e]m I geve & bequethe Thom[a]s nycols my boy xx^s of lawful
 44 mony of england to be delyverede to heme at such tyme as the discre=
 45 cions of my executors & oversears shall thinke ~~good~~ con[v]enient
 46 The rest of all my goodes & cateles what & whersoever they be w[ith]in
 47 this realm of england my detes & legacies truerly co[n]tentede & payed
 48 my funerall expenses beinge godly done I will to be praysede and
 49 sowlde to the most advantage by the discretione of my sayd ex-
 50 ecutors & oversears and to be distrybutede ~~among~~ to the pore
 51 people of burforde for my soules helthi or otherwise to euse
 52 the same accordinge to ther discretione as they shall think
 53 moste miete & conveniente to the pleasure of gode So yt ye
 54 somme be destrybutede w[i]thin iij monethes after my descease and
 55 I do ordeyne & ~~illegible word crossed out~~ constitute executors of this my last will Robert
 56 brewton & Ryc[hard] chorlye of burford & I geve unto y[e] sayd Robert
 57 brewton for his payns takinge my best horse And allso I geve
 58 unto ye sayd Ryc[hard] aforsayde iij^s iij^d for his paynes takinge And
 59 allso my will is yt roberte webstere clerke & Vyc[ar] of burford &
 60 John haynes be supervysores & oversears of this my laste will
 61 & I geve unto the sayede John haynes xx^s for his paynes

62 takinge in the fulfillinge of this my laste will thes men bea=
63 ringe Witnesse Roberte Webster clarke & Vyc[ar] of burforde
64 Thom[a]s faller Johne geste w[ith] other me[n] And thes be the hole
65 sum of all y[e] dettes yt I ye sayde roberte browne Do owe to any
66 man or woman lyvinge Inprimis to alexander astone v^s iiij^d
67 It[e]m to Jo[n]ne Joniys ali[as] tucker ij^s It[e]m to edm[u]nd sylvester
68 viij^d It[e]m to Thomas pryckvance viij^d It[e]m for my rente vj^d .

Inventory

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[Summary of Latin Probate]

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Place Burford

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